



2015 BIG WEST CROSS COUNTRY

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Big West At A Glance

Only one Big West cross country club is in action this week as teams prepare for major meets around the country next weekend.

Hawai'i returns to action on the islands for the Chaminade Invitational in O'ahu. The 'Bows will participate in the 5K race at Kapioani Park.

- Hawai'i had an excellent showing at the Capital Cross Challenge last week, finishing sixth in the 10 team field. Junior Ali Cross had a career-best showing in the 5K, finishing the course in 17:44.7. Cross' showing was good for 18th in the field and was the fastest 5K showing by a UH athlete since Ashley Aitken in 2010.

- UC Santa Barbara's men's team traveled to South Bend, Ind., for the Notre Dame Invitational, an event run as a team race only with no individual runners accepted.

The Gauchos finished 17th in the loaded field, finishing ahead of nationally-ranked Arizona State. UCSB was led by senior Shyan Vaziri who completed the five-mile course in 24:46.0, good for 58th in the field of 167 competitors.

- Cal State Fullerton also headed to America's heartland last week as the Titans competed in the Rim Rock Classic in Lawrence, Kan.

The CSF men picked up a sixth place finish in the 8K, led by junior Jose Penalzoza's 35th place showing in 25:12.6. The Titan women finished the 6K in seventh place led by senior Emily Taylor. She finished in 20th place after running the course in 22:12.9.

- Several Big West clubs are listed among the top teams in the region. On the men's side, Cal Poly leads the way with an 10th place ranking, while Long Beach State comes in at No. 12 and UC Santa Barbara at No. 13. The women's regional rankings has Cal Poly as the highest ranked Big West team at ninth, with UC Davis at 13th.

- After thirty-plus years as a coach, including the last dozen with the Highlanders, UC Riverside Director of Cross Country and Track & Field Irv Ray, announced that he is retiring from intercollegiate coaching. Associate Head Coach Nate Browne, who has been with the program since 2003, will take over the program on an interim basis.

Ray was instrumental in UCR's ascension to the top of the Big West as the year prior to Ray's arrival on the Riverside campus, the women's cross country team finished ninth in the conference and the men's team finished eighth. Five years later, the women's team hoisted the 2008 Big West Conference Championship trophy, and the men came within two points of a second place finish. That 2008 women's title was capped by Ray being named the Big West Coach of the Year.

Big West Athletes Of The Week

MEN				WOMEN			
Date	Athlete	School	Year	Date	Athlete	School	Year
9/8	Bryan Guijarro	UC Santa Barbara	Sr.	9/8	Sydney Szabo	Cal Poly	So.
9/15	Cody Jordan	UC Riverside	Sr.	9/15	Christine Hoffman	UC Davis	Sr.
9/22	Jose Penalzoza	Cal State Fullerton	Jr.	9/22	Camille Campos	Hawai'i	Fr.
9/29	Swarnjit Boyal	Cal Poly	Jr.	9/29	Peyton Bilo	Cal Poly	Fr.
10/6	Shyan Vaziri	UC Santa Barbara	Sr.	10/6	Ali Cross	Hawai'i	Jr.
10/13				10/13			
10/20				10/20			
10/27				10/27			

In The Polls

USTFCCCA National Poll

(as of October 6, 2015)

Men	Women
1. Colorado (12)	1. New Mexico (12)
2. Syracuse	2. Colorado
3. Oregon	3. Providence
4. Stanford	4. Oregon
5. Iona	5. Michigan
6. Oklahoma State	6. Boise State
7. Virginia	7. Georgetown
8. Michigan	8. Iowa State
9. Brigham Young	9. Stanford
10. Georgetown	10. Washington
11. Wisconsin	11. Arkansas
12. Villanova	12. NC State
13. Arkansas	13. Michigan State
13. UTEP	14. Wisconsin
15. Michigan State	15. Syracuse
16. Indiana	16. Penn State
17. Louisville	17. Virginia
17. NC State	18. Notre Dame
19. Mississippi	19. North Carolina
20. UCLA	20. West Virginia
21. Oklahoma	21. Vanderbilt
22. California	22. Brigham Young
23. Colorado State	23. William & Mary
24. Furman	23. Minnesota
25. Southern Utah	25. Princeton
26. Iowa State	26. Villanova
27. Princeton	27. Texas
28. Columbia	28. Oklahoma State
29. Air Force	29. Cornell
30. Texas	30. Alabama

USTFCCCA - West Region

(as of October 5, 2015)

Men	Women
1. Oregon	1. Oregon
2. Stanford	2. Washington
3. California	3. Stanford
4. UCLA	4. Boise State
5. Boise State	5. California
6. Washington	6. Arizona State
7. San Francisco	7. Gonzaga
8. Portland	8. Eastern Washington
9. Washington State	9. Cal Poly
10. Cal Poly	10. Portland
11. Gonzaga	11. Arizona
12. Long Beach State	12. San Francisco
13. UC Santa Barbara	13. UC Davis
14. Arizona State	14. Washington State
15. Saint Mary's	15. UCLA



Big West Conference Cross Country

2015 Big West Cross Country Composite Schedule (as of 9/2/15)

Tuesday, September 1

CSUN at Pepperdine Invitational (Malibu, Calif.)

Friday, September 4

UC Riverside at Nature's Bakery Nevada Twilight Classic (Sparks, Nev.)

Saturday, September 5

Cal Poly at Lagoon Meet (Goleta, Calif.)

Cal State Fullerton at Mark Covert Classic (Brea, Calif.)

CSUN at San Francisco Invitational (San Francisco, Calif.)

Hawai'i at Big Wave Invitational (O'ahu, Hawai'i)

Long Beach State at adidas/UCI Invitational (Irvine, Calif.)

UC Davis at Aggie Open (Davis, Calif.)

UC Irvine at adidas/UCI Invitational (Irvine, Calif.)

UC Santa Barbara at Lagoon Meet (Goleta, Calif.)

Friday, September 11

Cal Poly at Fresno State Invitational (Fresno, Calif.)

Saturday, September 12

CSUN at UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

Hawai'i at Hawai'i Pacific Invitational (O'ahu, Hawai'i)

Long Beach State at UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

UC Davis at UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

UC Riverside at UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

UC Santa Barbara at UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

Saturday, September 19

Cal State Fullerton at Mustang Challenge (Santa Clarita, Calif.)

Hawai'i at Sundodger Invitational (Seattle, Wash.)

UC Irvine at Mustang Challenge (Santa Clarita, Calif.)

Saturday, September 26

Cal Poly at Stanford Invitational (Palo Alto, Calif.)

CSUN at Stanford Invitational (Palo Alto, Calif.)

Hawai'i at BYU-Hawai'i Invitational

Long Beach State at Roy Griak Invitational (Falcon Heights, Minn.)

Long Beach State at Coyote Classic (San Bernardino, Calif.)

UC Irvine at Stanford Invitational (Stanford, Calif.)

UC Davis at Stanford Invitational (Palo Alto, Calif.)

UC Riverside at Stanford Invitational (Palo Alto, Calif.)

UC Santa Barbara at Stanford Invitational (Palo Alto, Calif.)

Saturday, October 3

Cal State Fullerton at Pomona-Pitzer Invitational (Claremont, Calif.)

Cal State Fullerton at Rim Rock Farm Classic (Lawrence, Kan.)

Hawai'i at Sacramento Capital Cross Challenge (Sacramento, Calif.)

UC Davis at Sacramento Capital Cross Challenge (Sacramento, Calif.)

Saturday, October 10

Hawai'i at Chaminade Invitational

Saturday, October 17

Cal Poly at Cal Poly Invitational (San Luis Obispo, Calif.)

Cal Poly at Pre-National Invitational (Louisville, Ky.)

Cal State Fullerton at Highlander Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

CSUN at Highlander Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

Hawai'i at Bronco Invitational (Boise, Idaho)

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Friday, October 23

Cal State Fullerton at Titan Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)

UC Santa Barbara at Titan Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)

Saturday, October 31

Big West Conference Championship (Riverside, Calif.)

Saturday, November 7

UC Davis at Doc Adams Open (Davis, Calif.)

Friday, November 13

NCAA West Regional Championship (Seattle, Wash.)

Saturday, November 21

NCAA Championship (Louisville, Ky.)