



2016 BIG WEST CROSS COUNTRY

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Big West At A Glance

The starters gun will be raised around the Big West this weekend, the first time this season that every cross country club in the league will be in action. All the conference teams will be looking to #StartBig as they eye the finish line in Kahuku, Hawaii on October 29.

Two teams will get a jump on the weekend as Long Beach State and UC Irvine take the trip to the shores of Malibu for the Pepperdine Invitational Thursday at Alumni Park. The women's event will be a 4K, while the men will contest a 5K course. LBSU's races will be the first under new cross country head coach Shawn Winget.

Friday has one club on the docket as UC Riverside travels to Sparks, Nev., for the Nature's Bakery Nevada Twilight Classic. The event, which is in its 10th year, is held in the evening at Shadow Mountain Park and will feature a women's 4K and men's 5K for the collegiate races.

Saturday is the busiest day of the weekend as the remaining six clubs are in action, with four of them hosting meets.

Starting in Orange County, Cal State Fullerton hosts the 31st annual Mark Covert Classic at Carbon Canyon Regional Park in Brea. The Titans expect a large and competitive field for the 5K women's race and 8K men's competition as they look to improve upon last year's second place men's finish and fourth place women's finish.

Working our way north we come to Santa Barbara which hosts the annual season-opening UCSB Lagoon Open, a dual meet against rival Cal Poly. The meet will feature the 2016 champions as the UCSB men and Mustang women take the first step toward defending their crowns. The course will wind its way through the UCSB campus and feature a women's 5K and men's 8K.

The final stop on the California host train will be UC Davis as the club welcomes competitors for the Aggie Open. Recently the meet has become a dual against causeway rival Sacramento State with UCD coming out on top every year since 2008 except for a second place men's finish in 2012. The women will compete in a 4K, while the men will embark on a 6K.

CSUN will be in action this weekend as well as the Matadors head to the Bay Area for the San Francisco Invitational. CSUN also ran in the event last year, finishing fifth on the women's side and sixth in the men's race. This year's edition will once again face a women's 5K and men's 8K.

Hawaii will be the final host of the weekend, welcoming all comers for the Big Wave Invitational. This weekend's race holds extra significance as the season will end on the same course as UH hosts the 2016 Big West Cross Country Championships at Kahuku Golf Course on the North Shore of O'ahu. The league championship will be return to the Aloha State for the first time since 1992, while UH hosts its first conference meet since the WAC Championship of 2011.

The Rainbow Wahine already have a leg up on the competition as they competed in the BYU-Invitational last weekend, becoming the first Big West club to compete in the 2016 campaign.

The 'Bows had an impressive showing at the meet, winning the event with 21 points thanks to four top five finishes. Sophomore Camille Campos finished first overall in the 5K with a time of 18:00.0, 67 seconds ahead of her teammate senior Alli Cross who was second in 19:07. Freshman Maddie Fuhrman (4th - 19:27.0) and sophomore Tristan Setzer (5th - 19:39.0) wrapped up the impressive showing for UH.

In The Polls

USTFCCCA National Poll

(2016 Preseason)

Men

1. Syracuse
2. Oregon
3. Northern Arizona
4. Stanford
5. Colorado
6. Arkansas
7. Georgetown
8. Washington
9. Eastern Kentucky
10. Wisconsin
11. Oklahoma State
12. Iona
13. Brigham Young
13. UTEP
15. Virginia
16. Boise State
17. Indiana
18. Michigan
19. Oklahoma
20. Furman
21. Providence
22. Mississippi
23. Portland
24. Louisville
25. Colorado State
26. Southern Utah
27. Tulsa
28. Penn
29. Michigan State
- 30 NC State

Women

1. New Mexico
2. Colorado
3. Providence
4. Oregon
5. NC State
6. Boise State
7. Stanford
8. Oklahoma State
9. Michigan
10. Michigan State
11. Washington
11. Arkansas
13. Penn State
14. Notre Dame
15. Syracuse
16. Virginia
17. Iowa State
18. Mississippi State
19. Georgetown
20. San Francisco
21. Kansas
22. Weber State
23. Princeton
24. Penn
25. Harvard
26. Minnesota
27. Brigham Young
28. Vanderbilt
29. Yale
30. William & Mary

USTFCCCA - West Region

(2016 Preseason)

Men

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

Women

1. Oregon
2. Boise State
3. Stanford
4. Washington
5. San Francisco
6. Portland
7. California
8. Gonzaga
- 9. Cal Poly**
10. Arizona State
11. UCLA
12. Washington State
13. Arizona
- 14. UC Davis**
15. Loyola Marymount

Big West Athletes Of The Week

MEN

Date	Athlete	School	Year
9/5			
9/12			
9/19			
9/26			
10/3			
10/10			
10/17			
10/24			

WOMEN

Date	Athlete	School	Year
9/5			
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10/24			

Big West Conference Cross Country

2016 Big West Cross Country Composite Schedule (as of 8/22/16)

Saturday, August 27

Hawai'i at BYU-Hawai'i Invitational (La'ie, Hawai'i)

Thursday, September 1

Long Beach State at Pepperdine Invitational (Malibu, Calif.)

UC Irvine at Pepperdine Invitational (Malibu, Calif.)

Friday, September 2

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

Saturday, September 3

Cal Poly at UCSB Lagoon Open (Goleta, Calif.)

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

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

Hawai'i at Big Wave Invitational (Honolulu, Hawai'i)

UC Davis at Aggie Open (Davis, Calif.)

UC Santa Barbara at UCSB Lagoon Open (Santa Barbara, Calif.)

Friday, September 9

UC Davis at San Francisco Invitational (San Francisco, Calif.)

Saturday, September 10

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

Saturday, September 17

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

Cal State Fullerton at USD Invite (San Diego, Calif.)

CSUN at Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

UC Irvine at Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

UC Riverside at Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

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

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

Saturday, September 24

Cal Poly at Roy Griak Invitational (Falcon Heights, Minn.)

Hawai'i at Hawai'i Pacific Invitational (Kahuku, Hawai'i)

Saturday, October 1

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

Cal State Fullerton at West Region Preview (Sacramento, Calif.)

CSUN at West Regional Preview (Sacramento, Calif.)

Long Beach State at Mustang Challenge (Santa Clarita, Calif.)

UC Davis at Stanford Invitational (San Luis Obispo, Calif.)

UC Davis at West Region Preview (Sacramento, Calif.)

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

UC Riverside at West Regional Preview (Sacramento, Calif.)

UC Santa Barbara at Stanford Invitational (San Luis Obispo, Calif.)

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

Thursday, October 8

Hawai'i at Chaminade Invitational (Honolulu, Hawai'i)

Saturday, October 15

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

Cal Poly at Pre-Nationals Invitational (Terre Haute, Ind.)

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

CSUN at Highlander Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

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

UC Davis at Bronco Invitational (Sunnyvale, Calif.)

UC Davis at Pre-Nationals Invitational (Terre Haute, Ind.)

UC Irvine at Highlander Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

UC Riverside at Highlander Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

Hawai'i at Bronco Invitational (Sunnyvale, Calif.)

UC Santa Barbara at Pre-Nationals Invitational (Terre Haute, Ind.)

Friday, October 21

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

Long Beach State at Titan Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)

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

Saturday, October 29

Big West Championship (Kahuku, Hawai'i)

Saturday, November 5

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

Friday, November 11

NCAA West Regional Championship (Sacramento, Calif.)

Saturday, November 19

NCAA Championship (Terre Haute, Ind.)

