WOMEN’S CROSS-COUNTRY
2017 Year in Review

TEAM FACTS:
Head Coach: Brent Fougner (20th Season)
Assistant Coach: Hilary Stellingwerf, Yuichi Takahashi
Team Captains: Andie Wood
2016 Key returnees: Chloe Hegland, Chloe Hewitt, Andie Wood
2016 Key departures: Rachel Francois


RANKINGS / HISTORY:
2017 U SPORTS ranking: 4th (124 points)
2017 Canada West Ranking: 1st
2016 U SPORTS ranking: 9th
2016 Canada West ranking: 3rd
Last U SPORTS title: 2001
Last Canada West title: 2017

2017 AWARD WINNERS:
U SPORTS Second Team All-Canadians: Alison Hooper
Canada West First Team All-Stars: Alison Hooper, Chloe Hegland, Emma Edmonds
Canada West Second Team All-Stars: Chloe Hewitt, Emma Bibault
Canada West Coach of the Year: Brent Fougner

2016-17 ACADEMIC ALL-CANADIANS:
Laurel Booker
Elena Savidge

Charles Bowles Invitational (Sep. 30, 2017)
• TEAM: 1st place finish
• Alison Hooper (1st), Emma Edmonds (7th), Chloe Hewitt (8th), Andie Wood (11th), Laurel Booker (15th)

Vikes Invitational (Oct. 14, 2017)
• TEAM: 2nd place finish
• Alison Hooper (3rd), Emma Edmonds (6th), Chloe Hegland (9th), Andie Wood (11th), Chloe Hewitt (12th)

• TEAM: 1st place finish
- Alison Hooper (12th), Emma Edmonds (13th), Chloe Hegland (18th), Emma Bibault (25th), Chloe Hewitt (27th)

**U SPORTS National Championships (Nov. 12, 2017)**
• TEAM: 4th place finish (U SPORTS) 1st place finish (CanWest)
• Alison Hooper (13th U, 4th CW), Chloe Hegland (15th U, 6th CW), Emma Edmonds (28th U, 7th CW), Chloe Hewitt (29th U, 8th CW), Emma Bibault (39th U, 11th CW)

**U SPORTS TOP 10 WEEKLY POLLS**
- 09/19/17 – UVic #8
- 09/26/17 – UVic #8
- 10/03/17 – UVic #7
- 10/10/17 – UVic #9
- 10/17/17 – UVic #8
- 10/24/17 – UVic #8
- 10/31/17 – UVic #7

**SEASON RECAP:**

In his 20th season at the helm of the UVic Vikes women's cross country team, head coach Brent Fougner led the way for one of their best seasons in recent years.

A roster that contained a mixture of familiar and new faces saw past Vikes standouts: fourth-year Chloe Hegland, second-year Chloe Hewitt, fourth-year Emma Bibault and third-year Andie Wood joined by transfers Alison Hooper and Emma Edmonds as well as rookie Georgia Ginther.

Hosting the U SPORTS Cross Country National Championships on their home course at Beacon Hill Park, the team had four runners finish in the top 30 in the nation to finish fourth in overall and also claim their first Canada West championship since 2012.

Hooper earned a spot as both a U SPORTS Second Team All-Canadian and a Canada West First Team All-Star as the Canadian National Triathlon Team member was the top runner on the team after a three-year hiatus from the Vikes. Hegland finished hot on Hooper’s heels in 15th place. Edmonds in 28th, Hewitt in 29th and Bibault in 39th rounded out the Vikes scorers at nationals.

Ranked in the U SPORTS Top Ten throughout the entire season, head coach Brent Fougner’s side served notice to the rest of the country that they were a team to be reckoned with right from the start of their 2017 schedule.

Winning the Charles Bowles Invitational in Salem, ORE. Hooper (1st), Edmonds (7th) and Hewitt (8th) all finished in the top ten as the Vikes proved their mettle against tough NCAA Division 2 and NAIA competition.
Returning to Victoria, the team then hosted the UVic Invitational where they finished in second place overall behind the Trinity Western Spartans, perennial Canada West title contenders.

In their final meet before nationals, the Vikes returned the favour to the Spartans by taking down the four-time defending Canada West champions at the B.C. Provincial Championships. Hooper (12th), Edmonds (13th), Hegland (18th) and Bibault (25th) all finished in the top 25 at the meet to send the Vikes into nationals with momentum on their side.

2017 ROSTER:

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