

2012 Ohio Valley Conference Cross Country Report

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adidas® OVC RUNNERS OF THE WEEK

MALE RUNNER OF THE WEEK

Matt Brick • Jacksonville State
 Sr. • Pell City, Ala.

Brick finished third out of 93 runners at the UWF Gulf Coast Stampede in Pensacola, Fla. on Saturday. The senior posted an 8K time of 26:29.10 and helped the Gamecocks to a fourth place finish overall in the field of nine teams.

Others Nominated: Tyson Stoverin, Southeast Missouri; Adrian McDaniel, Tennessee State.

FEMALE RUNNER OF THE WEEK

Kailey Jensen • Jacksonville State
 Sr. • Schererville, Ind.

Jensen claimed second place in a field of 105 runners at the University of West Florida Gulf Coast Stampede in Pensacola, Fla. on Saturday. The senior turned in a 5K time of 19:00.30 to lead the Gamecocks team for the third-straight meet. The time was eight seconds behind the individual winner. Jensen's performance helped the Gamecocks to a second place finish out of 12 teams.

Others Nominated: Samantha Thierry, Southeast Missouri; Breanna Adams, Tennessee State.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Notre Dame Classic (South Bend, Ind.)

Eastern Kentucky (men)
 Murray State

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Greater Louisville Classic (Louisville, Ky.)

Austin Peay
 Belmont
 Eastern Illinois
 Eastern Kentucky
 Morehead State
 SIUE
 Tennessee Tech

Sean Earl Lakefront Invitational (Chicago, Ill.)

Southeast Missouri

Rhodes Invitational (Memphis, Tenn.)

UT Martin

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

BETHUNE-COOKMAN BEACH INVITATIONAL - DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. (SEPTEMBER 21)

Tennessee State Men		Tennessee State Women	
5K - NTS		5K - 2nd of 4	
2.	Adrian McDaniel 19:31.40	7.	Breanna Adams 23:37.84
3.	Jonathan Owens 19:59.90	8.	Oteia Prince 24:37.49
4.	Jamill Jackson 20:02.24	9.	Latia Carmey 24:53.37
5.	Jalon McCutcheon 20:06.21	11.	Michelle Bradley 25:06.18
8.	Theodore Nicholson 20:52.08	12.	Charita Harris 25:14.87

UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA GULF COAST STAMPEDE - PENSACOLA, FLA. (SEPTEMBER 22)

Jacksonville State Men		Jacksonville State Women	
8K - 4th of 9		5K - 2nd of 12	
3.	Matt Brick 26:29.10	2.	Kailey Jensen 19:00.30
5.	Nick Hager 26:42.60	4.	Ryan Green 19:14.70
14.	Mickey Sanders 27:07.10	6.	Kevyn Tracy 19:24.20
41.	Jordan Cummins 28:29.50	19.	Whitley Towns 20:08.50
48.	Andrew Green 28:51.40	77.	Emerald Padgett 23:17.20

SALUKI INVITATIONAL - CARBONDALE, ILL. (SEPTEMBER 22)

Southeast Missouri Men		Southeast Missouri Women	
8K - NTS		5K - NTS	
31.	Tyson Stoverin 29:24	44.	Samantha Thierry 22:36
40.	Sean Brown 30:38		

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WEEKLY NOTES: The OVC will release its Cross Country Athletes of the Week each Tuesday afternoon throughout the season. The full weekly report will be released each Tuesday throughout the season by 5 p.m. CT. The report is available via e-mail, and is posted on the league's Web site in text and PDF versions.

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Saturday, October 27
Oxford Lake Park (Oxford, Ala.)
Hosted by Jacksonville State University

TEAM NOTES

Preseason Predictions: Prior to the beginning of the season, OVC cross country coaches made their predictions for the 2012 season. On the men's side Eastern Kentucky was picked as the favorites (121 points, 11 first-place votes) and was followed by Eastern Illinois (103), Southeast Missouri (99), Belmont (93, 1 first-place vote), SIUE (73), Morehead State (72), Jacksonville State (57), UT Martin (51), Tennessee Tech (41), Austin Peay (39), Murray State (26) and Tennessee State (17). Eastern Illinois was picked as the women's preseason favorite (116 points, 7 first-place votes) and was followed by Eastern Kentucky (110, 3 first-place votes), Belmont (96, 2 first-place votes), Southeast Missouri (89), Murray State (85), Morehead State (68), Jacksonville State (58), SIUE (57), Austin Peay (45), UT Martin (32), Tennessee Tech (25) and Tennessee State (11). This year marks the first time the OVC has had 12 schools competing in its cross country championship, as Belmont and SIUE will compete in the event for the first time.

USTFCCCA Rankings: In the latest set of U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) national rankings (Sept. 24-25), the Eastern Kentucky men are ranked 25th nationally, up one spot from last week's poll. In the regional rankings the Eastern Kentucky men are No. 2 in the Southeast Region while the EKV women remained 10th. The Belmont men are No. 13 in the South Region while the Bruins women's team is No. 10. The Southeast Missouri State men's team is currently 15th in the Midwest Region. The next set of USTFCCCA polls will be released on Oct. 1.

Austin Peay: Austin Peay did not compete last week. The APSU squads are back on the course on Saturday at the Greater Louisville Classic.

Belmont: Belmont was not in action this week. The Bruins will return to the course on Saturday at the Greater Louisville Classic. BU will be one of seven OVC teams at the event.

Eastern Illinois: Eastern Illinois was idle last week. The Panthers squads next compete on Saturday at the Greater Louisville Classic.

Eastern Kentucky: Eastern Kentucky was not in action last week. The Colonels nationally-ranked men's "A" team will compete at the Notre Dame Classic on Friday, while the men's "B" squad and the regionally-ranked women's team will run at the Greater Louisville Classic on Saturday.

Jacksonville State: Jacksonville State was one of just three OVC schools in action last week as the Gamecocks traveled to Pensacola, Fla. to compete in the University of West Florida Gulf Coast Stampede. The JSU men were fourth in a field of nine teams while the women's squad took second out of 12 squads. Kailey Jensen led the women's team and was named adidas® OVC Runner of the Week after placing second in the field of 105 competitors. Jensen covered the 5K field in 19:00.30. Overall the women's team placed three runners in the top six overall. Senior Matt Brick was named adidas® OVC Male Runner of the Week after placing third out of 93 runners. Brick ran the 8K course in 26:29.10. Teammate Nick Hager also finished in the top five, placing fifth with a time of 26:42.60. Jacksonville State will not compete this week but returns to action in two weeks when the program hosts the JSU Foothills Invitational. The meet, held at the Oxford Lake and Recreation Center, will serve as a preview for the OVC Championship which will be held at the course on Oct. 27.

Morehead State: Morehead State did not compete last weekend but is back on the course on Saturday at the Greater Louisville Classic.

Murray State: Murray State was off from competition last week but the Racers return to action on Friday at the Notre Dame Classic. MSU is one of two OVC teams (the EKV men will also run) who will be at the meet.

Southeast Missouri: In preparation for the Sean Earl Lakefront Invitational in Chicago on Saturday, Southeast Missouri ran just three individuals at the Saluki Invitational this past weekend. Those competitors included Tyson Stoverink (31st) and Sean Brown (40th) on the men's side and Samantha Thierry (44th) on the women's side.

SIUE: SIUE was off last week but is back to competition at the Greater Louisville Classic on Saturday.

Tennessee State: Tennessee State traveled to Daytona Beach and competed in the Bethune-Cookman Classic on the same weekend its football team was in town to play Bethune-Cookman. The women's team finished second out of four squads while the men's team competed in the dual scored meet, besting both host Bethune-Cookman and Ed Waters. Adrian McDaniel led the Flying Tigers with a 5K time of 19:31.40 which was second overall. The Tigerbelle were paced by Breanna Adams who was seventh overall with a 5K time of 23:37.84. TSU is one of just two OVC teams who will not be in action this week; the teams will be back on the course in two weeks at the Tennessee Tech Invitational.

Tennessee Tech: Tennessee Tech was not in action last week but the Golden Eagles will run at the Greater Louisville Classic on Saturday. Tech will be one of seven OVC teams at the meet.

UT Martin: UT Martin did not run last week but will travel to the Rhodes Invitational in Memphis on Saturday.

2012 MEN'S TOP TIMES

8K

24:41.72	Ben Toroitich, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 15
24:44.00	Bryce Basting, Eastern Illinois	Sept. 14
24:46.98	Thijs Nijhuis, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 15
24:49.21	Wade Meddles, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 15
24:54.00	Pablo Ramirez, Eastern Illinois	Sept. 14
24:56.18	Ole Hesselberg, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 15
24:57.58	Amos Kosgey, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 15
25:02.00	Yosi Goasdoue, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 15
25:06.06	Erwin Leysen, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 15
25:08.47	Zach Elliott, Morehead State	Sept. 15

4 Miles (6.4K)

20:43.95	Soufiane Bouchikhi, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 1
20:43.99	Thijs Nijhuis, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 1
20:44.03	Ben Toroitich, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 1
20:48.41	Amos Kosgey, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 1
21:04.33	Zach Elliott, Morehead State	Sept. 1
21:13.84	Ole Hesselberg, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 1
21:15.72	Erwin Leysen, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 1
21:16.87	Sean Vandermosten, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 1
21:18.18	Musa Kimuli, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 1
21:24.85	Wade Meddles, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 1

6K

19:28.4	Brent Collins, Southeast Missouri	Sept. 1
19:39.4	Alex Zisser, Southeast Missouri	Sept. 1
19:39.8	Nate Shipley, Southeast Missouri	Sept. 1
19:53.5	Craig Munie, Southeast Missouri	Sept. 1
20:02.7	Tyler Mullen, Southeast Missouri	Sept. 1
20:30.0	Ryan Anderson, Southeast Missouri	Sept. 1
20:31.1	Colton Strotheide, Southeast Missouri	Sept. 1
20:38.5	Tyler Holmes, Southeast Missouri	Sept. 1
20:47.7	Shane Brown, Southeast Missouri	Sept. 1
21:33.6	Max Weiser, Southeast Missouri	Sept. 1

5K

15:50.60	David Everett, Belmont	Aug. 31
15:51.90	Brandon Mahaney, Belmont	Aug. 31
15:56.30	Zack Beavin, Belmont	Aug. 31
16:08.20	Josh Helton, Belmont	Aug. 31
16:21.20	Kris Howard, Belmont	Aug. 31
16:21	Mickey Sanders, Jacksonville State	Sept. 1
16:23	Matt Brick, Jacksonville State	Sept. 1
16:24	Nick Hager, Jacksonville State	Sept. 1
16:29.50	Kyle Sullinger, Belmont	Aug. 31
16:36.30	Eamonn Kichuk, Belmont	Aug. 31

2012 WOMEN'S TOP TIMES

6K

21:34.52	Maria Elbon, Belmont	Sept. 15
21:37.62	Meri Rantanen, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 15
21:40.68	Julia van Velthoven, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 15
21:49.16	Ann Eason, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 15
21:55.18	Viivi Rantanen, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 15
22:24.83	Abbie Ashbee-Simmonds, Murray State	Sept. 15
22:43.98	Ashley Botham, Belmont	Sept. 15
22:45.40	Hannah Wittman, Belmont	Sept. 15
22:48.88	Carolyn Tanui, Murray State	Sept. 15
22:54.15	Hannah Miller, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 15

5K

17:58.93	Rebekah Lawson, Southeast Missouri	Sept. 14
18:11.74	Meri Rantanen, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 1
18:13.00	Olivia Klaus, Eastern Illinois	Sept. 14
18:17.00	Britney Whitehead, Eastern Illinois	Sept. 14
18:29.30	Stephanie Peisker, Eastern Illinois	Sept. 7
18:35.65	Viivi Rantanen, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 1
18:40.23	Julia van Velthoven, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 1
18:51.46	Gloria Westlake, Southeast Missouri	Sept. 14
18:56.00	Erika Ramos, Eastern Illinois	Sept. 7
18:56.04	Ann Eason, Eastern Kentucky	Sept. 1

4K

14:32.40	Maria Elbon, Belmont	Aug. 31
14:36.2	Rebekah Lawson, Southeast Missouri	Sept. 1
15:14.50	Ashley Botham, Belmont	Aug. 31
15:23.90	Hannah Wittman, Belmont	Aug. 31
15:24.1	Gloria Westlake, Southeast Missouri	Sept. 1
15:30.00	Courtney Bishop, Belmont	Aug. 31
15:39.4	Jenny Govero, Southeast Missouri	Sept. 1
15:45.40	Maggie Harahan, Belmont	Aug. 31
15:56.0	Lindsey Seabaugh, Southeast Missouri	Sept. 1
15:58.40	Nicole Thinnies, Belmont	Aug. 31

2 Miles (3.2K)

12:05	Kailey Jensen, Jacksonville State	Sept. 1
12:14	Ryan Green, Jacksonville State	Sept. 1
12:22.97	Xiamar Richards, Austin Peay	Sept. 7
12:25.47	Chantelle Grey, Austin Peay	Sept. 7
12:27.03	Kendra Kirksey, Austin Peay	Sept. 7
12:29.64	Kathryn Skaggs, UT Martin	Sept. 7
12:32	Whitley Towns, Jacksonville State	Sept. 1
12:49.87	Amanda Wardlaw, UT Martin	Sept. 7
12:50	Taylor Uebersetzig, Jacksonville State	Sept. 1
13:09.31	Kaycee Grimes, UT Martin	Sept. 7

2012 adidas® OVC RUNNERS OF THE WEEK

Male

Sept. 4	Soufiane Bouchikhi, Eastern Kentucky
Sept. 11	Pablo Ramirez, Eastern Illinois
Sept. 18	Bryce Basting, EIU & Ben Toroitich, EKU
Sept. 25	Matt Brick, Jacksonville State
Oct. 2	
Oct. 9	
Oct. 16	
Oct. 23	

Female

Meri Rantanen, Eastern Kentucky
Olivia Klaus, Eastern Illinois
Mia Elbon, Belmont & Rebekah Lawson, Southeast Missouri
Kailey Jensen, Jacksonville State