

2013 Ohio Valley Conference Cross Country Championships



*Hosted by Morehead State University
Morehead, Ky. • Nov. 2 • Eagle Trace Golf Course*





Welcome

Greetings OVC friends and family,

On behalf of the member institutions of the Ohio Valley Conference it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 2013 OVC Cross Country Championships. During this championship you will be privileged to witness the best of intercollegiate athletics as our fine OVC student-athletes demonstrate their keen intellectual understanding of the sport, their exemplary athletic skills and their commitment to sportsmanship.

Please join me in commending our participants, whose hard work in the classroom and on the playing fields has resulted in their participation in this event. Let us all be committed to ensuring our student-athletes have a wonderful championships experience by cheering and demonstrating exemplary sportsmanship. Also join me in thanking Morehead State for demonstrating a commitment to excellence that is representative of the OVC.



To our fans, please know we are glad you could be part of such an important event in the lives of our student-athletes for this is an experience they will cherish for the rest of their lives. We thank you for your support of OVC athletics.

As for our participating student-athletes, run hard, represent yourself and your institution with class and enjoy the experience!

Sincerely,
Beth DeBauche, Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner

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Morehead State University is proud to welcome you to Eastern Kentucky and our beautiful campus in the midst of the Daniel Boone National Forest for the 2013 Ohio Valley Conference Cross Country Championship. I expect your experience here will be a memorable one. If this is your first visit to Morehead, be sure to check out all we have to offer visitors. If you are returning, welcome back. If our staff can answer any questions you might have or assist you in any way, please don't hesitate to ask.

Good luck to all the participating teams. They've all worked hard and deserve to be here competing for a championship. I expect that no matter the outcome, we will have exciting races.

Sincerely,
Brian Hutchinson, Morehead State University Director of Athletics

Credits

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Austin Peay

Head Coach: Doug Molnar | **Assistant Coach:** Valerie Brown

Women's Roster

Name	Year	Hometown
Kim Dominguez	R-Sr.	Whittier, Calif.
Alexis Eldridge	So.	Clarksville, Tenn.
Jessica Gray	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn.
Chantelle Grey	R-Sr.	Missoula, Mont.
Molly Jordan	Fr.	Grove City, Ohio
Kendra Kirksey	Sr.	Huber Heights, Ohio
Unjala Lester	Fr.	Arlington, Tenn.
Xiamar Richards	Sr.	Clarksville, Tenn.

Men's Roster

Name	Year	Hometown
Hunter Guthrie	Fr.	Missoula, Mont.
Daniel Hamm	Fr.	Brentwood, Tenn.
Kyle Harmon	Fr.	Clarksville, Tenn.
Alex Haycraft	Fr.	Clarksville, Tenn.
Tyler Kepley	Sr.	Westmoreland, Tenn.
Cory Nwaiji	So.	Atlanta, Ga.
Thomas Owen	Fr.	Clarksville, Tenn.
Martin Rejman	Fr.	Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic
Nathan Sparks	Fr.	Alamo, Tenn.
Elijah Wilson	Fr.	Lebanon, Tenn.

Belmont



Head Coach: Jeff Langdon | **Assistant Coaches:** Cameron Harvey, Joe Frye and Ashley Casavant

Women's Roster

Name	Year	Hometown
Hannah Denton	Fr.	Burns, Tenn.
Molly Foster	Fr.	Johnson City, Tenn.
Maggie Harahan	So.	Greensboro, N.C.
Olivia Hippensteel	Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Athena Kulb	Fr.	Bloomington, Ill.
Whitney Ndoigo	So.	Kabarak, Kenya
Nicole Thinnes	So.	Carmel, Ind.
Mara White	Fr.	Pataskala, Ohio
Hannah Wittman	So.	Lindenhurst, Ill.
Jessie Wynn	So.	Peoria, Ill.

Men's Roster

Name	Year	Hometown
Kirk Bado	Fr.	Shawnee, Kan.
Marcus Bridger-Wilkinson	So.	Newbury, England
David Everett	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.
Kurtis Gibson	Jr.	Highbridge, England
Kris Howard	So.	Spring Hill, Tenn.
Eamonn Kichuk	So.	Unionville, Ontario
Erick Kigen	Jr.	Eldoret, Kenya
Brandon Mahaney	Sr.	Lafayette, Tenn.
Matt Miller	Sr.	LaPorte, Ind.
Alex Mimlitz	Fr.	Elmhurst, Ill.
Brent Scott	So.	Naples, Fla.
John Sharpe	Jr.	Oak Ridge, Tenn.
Kyle Sullinger	Sr.	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio



Eastern Illinois

Head Coach: Erin Howarth | **Assistant Coach:** Brad Butler

Women's Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Emily Brelsfoard	Fr.	Normal, Ill.
Katelyn Duckett	So.	Shelbyville, Ill.
Gaby Duenas-Delaney	R-Sr.	Hoffman Estates, Ill.
Rachel Garippo	Fr.	Roselle, Ill.
Ruth Garippo	Fr.	Roselle, Ill.
Christina Gastfield	R-So.	Arlington Heights, Ill.
Ivy Handley	Fr.	Decatur, Ill.
Kelsey Hardimon	R-So.	Monticello, Ill.
Julie James	Fr.	Gridley, Ill.
Quincy Knolhoff	So.	Centralia, Ill.
Jennifer Luna	So.	Olney, Ill.
Laura Magnuson	Jr.	Eureka, Ill.
Amanda Patterson	R-Fr.	Streamwood, Ill.
Emily Pedziwiatr	R-Sr.	Tinley Park, Ill.
Victoria Quarton	So.	Litchfield, Ill.
Kristen Rohrer	R-Fr.	Petersburg, Ill.
Cassy Shaffer	Fr.	Mattoon, Ill.
Chelsea Sondgeroth	Jr.	Dixon, Ill.
Amy Yeoman	So.	Petersburg, Ill.

Men's Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Tyler Anderson	So.	Schaumburg, Ill.
Ryan Ballard	Sr.	Rockton, Ill.
Bryce Basting	Jr.	Carlock, Ill.
Matt Black	R-Sr.	Highland Park, Ill.
Joe Calio	R-So.	Mattoon, Ill.
Danny Delaney	Sr.	Carlinville, Ill.
Victor Delatorre	Jr.	Lake Zurich, Ill.
Taylor Fatheree	Fr.	Effingham, Ill.
Max Gassmann	Jr.	Olney, Ill.
Mike Hesslau	R-Sr.	Downers Grove, Ill.
Derrick Johnson	So.	Wyanet, Ill.
Jeff Lester	R-So.	Downers Grove, Ill.
Brian Mateas	R-Sr.	Winfield, Ill.
Riley McInerney	Fr.	Charleston, Ill.
Paxson Menard	Fr.	Poplar Grove, Ill.
Lucas Nudelman	Fr.	Highland Park, Ill.
Mark Pedziwiatr	R-Fr.	New Lenox, Ill.
Pablo Ramirez	R-Sr.	Schaumburg, Ill.
Brock Ramos	R-So.	Hoopeston, Ill.
Greg Rogers	Fr.	Granite City, Ill.
William Roth	R-Sr.	Cary, Ill.
Bruyn Yunk	R-So.	Belvidere, Ill.

Eastern Kentucky



Head Coach: Rick Erdman | **Assistant Coaches:** Cory Erdman, Megan LaVoie and Chris Rengifo

Women's Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Una Britton	R-Sr.	Wicklow, Ireland
Cecile Chevillard	So.	Paris, France
Ann Eason	Jr.	Lexington, Ky.
Natalie Field	Sr.	Marion, Ohio
Julie Mathisen	So.	Askim, Norway
Hannah Miller	Sr.	Bolivar, Pa.
Erica Reaser	Jr.	Dayton, Me.
Anna Reddin	Jr.	Sligo, Ireland
Savannah Roberts	So.	San Diego, Calif.
Shannon Rutherford	Jr.	Huntington, W.Va.
Ashley Svec	So.	Union, Ky.
Erica Weststrom	Jr.	Haggyvik, Sweden
Madison Zeitz	Fr.	Windsor, N.Y.

Men's Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Soufiane Bouchikhi	Sr.	Antwerp, Belgium
Kyle Burton	Jr.	Columbus, Ind.
Ole Hesselbjerg	Jr.	Charlottenlund, Denmark
Amos Kosgey	So.	Eldoret, Kenya
Erwin Leysen	Sr.	Wommelgem, Belgium
Ambrose Maritim	Fr.	Eldoret, Kenya
Wade Meddles	Sr.	Gardnerville, Nev.
Peter Migun	Jr.	Knoxville, Tenn.
Thijs Nijhuis	Jr.	Sparkaer, Viborg, Denmark
Chafik Oussemgane	So.	Paris, France
Adams Ronnoh	Sr.	Eldoret, Kenya
Mads Taersboel	So.	Slagelse, Denmark
Ben Toroitich	Jr.	Marakwet, Kenya
Ben Turner	So.	Hebron, Ky.
Sean Vandermosten	Jr.	Burlington, Ky.
Jerome Williams	Fr.	Richmond, Ky.



Jacksonville State

Head Coach: Steve Ray | **Assistant Coach:** Asha Gibson

Women's Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Ryan Green	Jr.	Oxford, Ala.
Briana Jackson	Fr.	Grovetown, Ga.
Ju-ells McLeod	Fr.	McDonough, Ga.
Hannah Pelham	Fr.	Sevierville, Tenn.
Ericka Stam	Sr.	Keller, Texas
Whitley Towns	Jr.	Boaz, Ala.
Kevyn Tracy	Sr.	Austell, Ga.

Men's Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Alexander Beverly	Fr.	Augusta, Ga.
Jordan Cummins	Jr.	Dry Ridge, Ky.
Andrew Green	Jr.	Section, Ala.
Nicholas Hager	Jr.	Rowlett, Texas
Paul Lueck	Jr.	Douglasville, Ga.
Stephen Payne	Fr.	Calgary, Alberta
Ben Pryor	Fr.	Jacksonville, Ala.
Mickey Sanders	Jr.	Marquette, Mich.

Morehead State



Head Coach: Brent Ericksen | **Assistant Coach:** Dennis McCaffrey

Women's Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Jasmyn Andrews	So.	Central Point, Ore.
Hannah Bailey	Fr.	Beavercreek, Ohio
Katie Bamberger	Fr.	Edgewood, Ky.
Mackenzie Butler	Fr.	Newark, Ohio
Skyler Green	Fr.	Edgewood, Ky.
Morgan Lira	So.	San Jose, Calif.
Karina Manz	Fr.	Hardt, Germany
Lindsay Marcum	Jr.	Springboro, Ohio
Taylor Montgomery	Fr.	Glasgow, Ky.
Alex Morris	So.	Lake Elsinore, Calif.
Hannah Mullins	Fr.	LaGrange, Ky.
Haley Mullins	Fr.	LaGrange, Ky.
Erica Parks	So.	Kentwood, Mich.
Alyssa Shifflett	Fr.	Shepherdsville, Ky.
Lauren Tarovisky	So.	Wheeling Park, W.Va.
Krystal Williams	Jr.	Cortland, Ohio
Parker Winters	Sr.	Ripley, W.Va.

Men's Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Desmond Bell	Jr.	Akron, Ohio
Evan Childers	So.	Buffalo, W.Va.
Clay Dixon	So.	Winchester, Ky.
Zachariah Elliott	R-Sr.	Central Point, Ore.
Orlando Frazier	Fr.	Marietta, Ga.
Landon Meserve	Fr.	Owensboro, Ky.
Gary Monroe	Jr.	Ironton, Ohio
Jesse Moreno	So.	Riverside, Ohio
Wes Morris	So.	Utica, Ky.
Chase Ratliff	Sr.	Pikeville, Ky.
Jeremy Ruppert	Fr.	Franklin, Ohio
Jordan Whitehair	Fr.	St. Mary's, W.Va.



Murray State

Head Coach: Jenny Severns | **Assistant Coaches:** Adam Kiesler and Sam Kranz

Women's Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Abby Baker	So.	Godfrey, Ill.
Brittany Bohn	Jr.	Mahomet, Ill.
Breanna Conklin	Fr.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Sara Davis	Jr.	Louisville, Ky.
Emily Evans	Fr.	St. Charles, Mo.
Emma Gilmore	R-Fr.	Locks Heath, England
Alicyn Hester	R-Fr.	Yorkville, Ill.
Katie Johnson	So.	Hoffman Estates, Ill.
Leah Krause	So.	St. Charles, Mo.
Rebecca Morris	So.	Fort Wright, Ky.
Abbie Oliver	Jr.	Connah's Quay, Wales
Heatherly Paschall	So.	Murray, Ky.
Natalie Pattin	R-So	Florissant, Mo.
Nikki Payne	Fr.	Princeton, Ky.
Kimmy Siebert	So.	St. Louis, Mo.
Carolyne Tanui	Sr.	Eldoret, Kenya
Jacquelyn Thate	So.	Darien, Ill.
Tia Weston	Fr.	Fairdale, Ala.
Reaven Wilson	Fr.	Louisville, Ky.

Men's Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
James Chute	So.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Cole Cisneros	So.	Carmel, Ind.
Brian Coleman	So.	Carmel, Ind.
Will Elledge	So.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Clayton Hall	So.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Mitch Harris	Fr.	Chandler, Ind.
Jarred Koerner	So.	Champaign, Ill.
Lucas Prather	So.	Mahomet, Ill.
Evan Staviski	Fr.	Owingsville, Ky.
Neil Yockey	Fr.	Shelbyville, Ill.

Southeast Missouri



Head Coach: Ryan Lane

Women's Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Alison Barker	So.	St. Peters, Mo.
Nichole Beffa	Jr.	Festus, Mo.
Laura Chavez	So.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Mary Dohogne	Jr.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Madeline Gaul	Fr.	Swansea, Ill.
Jenny Govero	Jr.	Fenton, Mo.
Melanie Lacey	Jr.	Scott City, Mo.
Rebekah Lawson	Jr.	Fenton, Mo.
Megan Parks	Fr.	Bonne Terre, Mo.
Alyssa Rebecca	So.	Wildwood, Mo.
Lindsey Seabaugh	So.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Madalyn Stichnot	Sr.	Lexington, Ky.
Angela Sumner	Fr.	Wildwood, Mo.
Maria Trowbridge	So.	Meshoppen, Pa.
Gloria Westlake	Jr.	St. Peters, Mo.

Men's Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Ryan Anderson	Jr.	Springfield, Ill.
Sean Brown	So.	Festus, Mo.
Shane Brown	So.	Festus, Mo.
Andrew Gordon	Fr.	Kirksville, Mo.
Tyler Holmes	Jr.	Arnold, Mo.
Charles Johnson	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.
Kameron Long	So.	Memphis, Tenn.
Marc Maton	Fr.	Chatham, Ill.
Craig Munie	Jr.	O'Fallon, Ill.
Cole Ross	Fr.	Marble City, Mo.
Adam Shivers	So.	High Ridge, Mo.
Tyson Stoverink	Sr.	Jackson, Mo.
Colten Strotheide	Jr.	Breese, Ill.
Curt Wood	So.	Fenton, Mo.
Hayden Young	Fr.	Paxton, Ill.



SIU Edwardsville

Head Coach: Eileen McCallister | **Assistant Coach:** Kayla Brown

Women's Roster

Name	Year	Hometown
Haley Briggs	So.	Argenta, Ill.
Claire Brown	Sr.	Petersburg, Ill.
Emily Conlon	Jr.	Ballwin, Mo.
Renee Goodenough	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.
Kirby Hale	So.	Springfield, Ill.
Erin Kennedy	Fr.	Wilmington, Ill.
Conradette King	So.	Jefferson City, Mo.
Francesca Sikorski	Fr.	Joliet, Ill.
Katie Trettenero	Jr.	Staunton, Ill.

Men's Roster

Name	Year	Hometown
Jessy Glaub	Fr.	Bloomington, Ill.
Noah Isbell	Fr.	Elmwood, Ill.
Clint Kliem	So.	Elgin, Ill.
Nathan Mefford	Fr.	Pekin, Ill.
Keith Meyer	Fr.	Bloomington, Ill.
Nick Moore	So.	Springfield, Ill.
Evan Morgeson	So.	Imperial, Mo.
Luke Padesky	Jr.	Moline, Ill.
Scott Woodard	So.	Philo, Ill.

Tennessee State



Head Coach: Chandra Cheeseborough-Guice | **Assistant Coach:** Elizabeth Allen

Women's Roster

Name	Year	Hometown
Breanna Adams	Sr.	Washington, D.C.
Michelle Bradley	So.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Naffene Briscoe	Sr.	Kingston, Jamaica
Asianna Cannon	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
LaToya Harze	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.
Ashontae Jackson	Jr.	Gordonville, Va.
Jasmine Owens	So.	Antioch, Tenn.
Oteia Prince	So.	Antioch, Tenn.
India Smith	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
Diera Taylor	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio

Men's Roster

Name	Year	Hometown
Jason Griffin	So.	Gallatin, Tenn.
Jakeenan Guthrie	So.	Nashville, Tenn.
Osafa Hippolyte	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn.
Jalon McCutcheon	So.	Nashville, Tenn.
Adrian McDaniel	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn.
Jahleel Michael	Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Theodore Nicholson	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.
Quamel Prince	Fr.	Antioch, Tenn.
Emmanuel Thornton	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn.



Tennessee Tech

Head Coach: Tony Cox

Women's Roster

Name	Year	Hometown
Claire Cashin	Fr.	Snellville, Ga.
Rebecca Cline	Sr.	Spring Hill, Tenn.
Yeshi Dohrmann	Sr.	Tulahoma, Tenn.
Landry Loving	So.	Johnson City, Tenn.
Amelia McCoy	Sr.	Crossville, Tenn.
Elizabeth Mitchell	Jr.	Manchester, Tenn.
Meghan O'Donoghue	Sr.	Talbott, Tenn.
Sarah Wilson	So.	Maryville, Tenn.
Peri Winborne	Sr.	Knoxville, Tenn.

Men's Roster

Name	Year	Hometown
Matthew Bishop	Sr.	Morristown, Tenn.
John Greene	Sr.	Friendsville, Tenn.
Brennan Huber	Fr.	Greenbrier, Tenn.
Sam Lariviere	Fr.	Oak Ridge, Tenn.
Jordan Roth	Fr.	Gray, Tenn.
Sterling Smith	Jr.	Knoxville, Tenn.
Nathan Snow	Sr.	Collierville, Tenn.
Daniel Williamson	Fr.	Union City, Tenn.

UT Martin



Head Coach: Gordon Sanders | **Assistant Coach:** Tallon Scott

Women's Roster

Name	Year	Hometown
Hayley Doty	So.	White House, Tenn.
Abby Frantom	So.	Morristown, Tenn.
Kaycee Grimes	So.	Clarksville, Tenn.
Marne Helbing	Fr.	Gilbert, Ariz.
Grace Lucas	Jr.	Clarksville, Tenn.
Heather Mullis	Fr.	Frisco, Texas
Olivia Owens	Fr.	Columbia, Tenn.
Emily Pett	Fr.	Thompson Station, Tenn.
Alexandra Stover	So.	Sparta, Tenn.
Hannah Wolters	Sr.	Culleoka, Tenn.

Men's Roster

Name	Year	Hometown
Joey DeSantis	Fr.	Frisco, Texas
Josh Diltz	Fr.	Albuquerque, N. M.
Mark Graubner	Fr.	Nolensville, Tenn.
Aaron Hall	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn.
Alazar Haile	So.	Memphis, Tenn.
Dalton Hudlow	Fr.	Bluff City, Tenn.
Colin Johnson	Jr.	Clarksville, Tenn.
Justin Morgan	So.	Cookeville, Tenn.
Zach Phifer	So.	Big Sandy, Tenn.
Vance Pounders	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn.
Josiah Roberts	Jr.	Greenville, Tenn.
David Wells	Fr.	Brentwood, Tenn.

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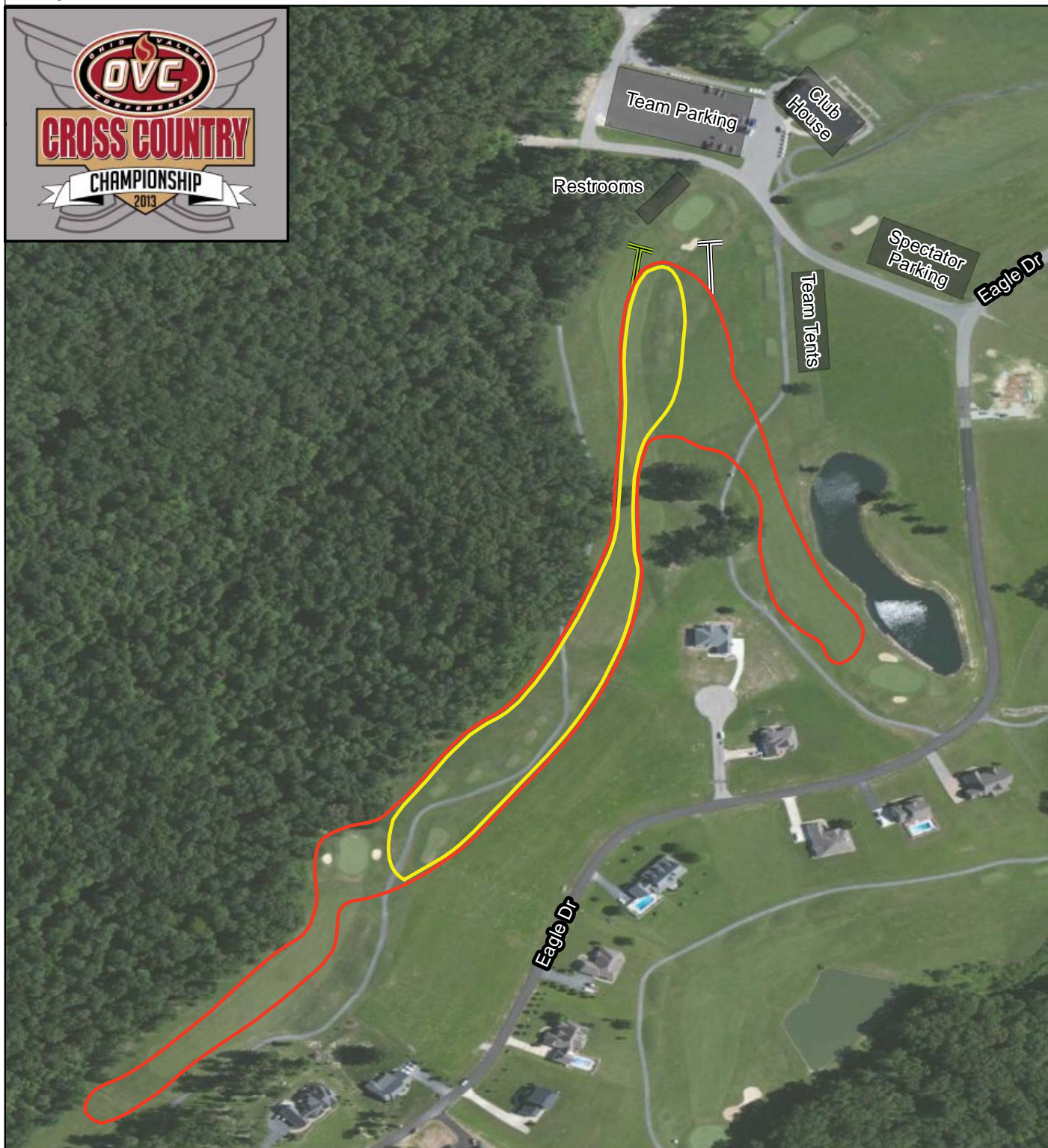


Course Map

November 2, 2013

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Eagle Trace Golf Course



Start
Finish
2K Loop
1K Loop

Men's Route = Four 2K Loops

Women's Route = One 1K Loop & Two 2K Loops



The Ohio Valley Conference

Now in its 66th year, the Ohio Valley Conference continues to build on the success that has made it the nation's eighth-oldest NCAA Division I conference.

In May 2011 the Conference expanded for the second time in four years, adding Belmont University which began competition in the 2012-13 academic year. The addition of Belmont gave the OVC 12 members, the most the league has had at one time in its illustrious history. The move added a second team in the city of Nashville and was the first addition to the league since Southern Illinois University Edwardsville joined in 2008. Subsequently, the league has shown its stability over the past decade, seeing only one member institution depart over the past 13 years.

The 2009-10 school year saw a change in leadership as Beth De-Bauche was named the seventh full-time Commissioner in league history on July 28, 2009. She is currently one of just six females to be the head of a Division I conference, and one of just nine to lead a Division I conference all-time. The last three commissioners of the OVC have moved onto jobs as the commissioner of the Big Ten, Big 12 and the Mid-American Conferences.

The OVC's proud history dates back to 1948, but seeds for the new league were actually planted in 1941. It was then that Roy Stewart, the athletics director at Murray State, Charles "Turkey" Hughes, the athletics director at Eastern Kentucky, and Kelly Thompson, the public relations director at Western Kentucky, first broached the idea of forming a new conference. Discussions were put on hold by World War II, but reemerged Feb. 27-28, 1948 at the Kentucky Hotel in Louisville as the three original institutions combined with Morehead State, Louisville and Evansville to form the OVC.

The league also had another historical moment in November 2008 when the NCAA awarded Nashville the 2014 NCAA Women's Division I Final Four. The OVC will serve as the host of the prestigious event, which is one of the biggest sporting events the city of Nashville can host. The event will be held April 6 & 8 at Bridgestone Arena in downtown Nashville.

Over its 65 years, OVC teams have garnered national championships and bowl games in football, along with national team or individual titles in the sports of rifle, cross country, track and golf.

The OVC has also produced several Olympic athletes, including Murray State's Morgan Hicks, who was a member of the 2004 United States Olympic Rifle Team and Morehead State's Brian Shimer who competed in five Winter Olympics in bobsled (winning a bronze medal in 2002) and coached the 2010 United States bobsled team to its first gold medal since 1948.

In addition, some of the greatest players in professional sports were educated at OVC institutions. The list includes former greats such as football's Phil Simms (Morehead State), basketball's Clem Haskins (Western Kentucky) and Bubba Wells (Austin Peay) and two-sport star Steve Hamilton (Morehead State) to present-day standouts like basketball player Trenton Hassell (Austin Peay), football player Tony Romo (Eastern Illinois) and baseball players A.J. Ellis (Austin Peay) and Jon Rauch (Morehead State). Hamilton is the only athlete to ever play in the NCAA Basketball Championship, a Major League Baseball World Series (New York Yankees) and a NBA Championship Series (Los Angeles Lakers).



Through the early years of the league, administrators wrestled with fan behavior due to the close proximity of the Conference members and the intense rivalries which developed. Just as it did decades ago, the OVC took the leadership role on what has become a national issue. In 1995, the OVC implemented a first-of-its-kind "Sportsmanship Statement," a policy which promotes principles of fair play, ethical conduct and respect for one's opponent. The statement has become a model for others to follow across the nation, and has answered the challenge of the NCAA Presidents Commission to improve sportsmanship in collegiate athletics.

Additionally, the OVC annually presents the Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award, in honor of the former Morehead State student-athlete, coach and athletics director, to a junior or senior student-athlete with significant athletic contributions who best exemplifies the characteristics of sportsmanship and citizenship. Most recently, the Conference has also implemented the OVC Institutional and Team Sportsmanship Awards, which are presented to one institution and 18 sport-specific teams voted by their peers to have best exhibited the standards of sportsmanship and ethical conduct as outlined by the OVC and NCAA.

The vision of leadership demonstrated by the Founding Fathers in 1948 remains alive today as the Ohio Valley Conference prepares for the future. One example is in regard to the current trend in collegiate athletics administration for increased involvement of university presidents in setting policies and making rules. The presidents of OVC institutions, however, have always governed the Conference, long before presidential governance became a national theme.

The Ohio Valley Conference sponsors the following sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, tennis and track for men, and basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track and volleyball for women. In addition, the OVC also sponsors the combined men's and women's sport of rifle.