



2017 BIG WEST CROSS COUNTRY

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Big West At A Glance

The league's cross country clubs will take the first steps toward nationals on Friday as the NCAA West Region meet is in the spotlight.

Eight of the nine Big West schools will head to the Pacific Northwest as the University of Washington will host the meet at Jefferson Park Golf Course in Seattle. This is the third year that the course has held the West Region championship. The conference clubs will join 32 other schools vying for a chance to advance to the NCAA Championships on November 18.

The event will feature a women's 6K and a men's 10K, slated to begin at 10:30 am and 11:30 am, respectively. The top two teams will gain automatic qualification to the NCAA meet, while others will fall into a pool of 13 at-large berths along with clubs from the eight other regions across the country. The top four individual finishers not already on a top-two scoring team will automatically advance from every region provided they finished in the top 25 at each respective meet, to be joined by two more final individual entrants selected on an at-large basis by an NCAA subcommittee. In all, 38 individuals in each gender will be chosen to compete in the NCAA Championships. The complete fields for the national championship will be announced on Saturday morning on NCAA.com.

The country's eight other regionals will be contested in Logan, Utah (Mountain), College Station, Texas (South Central), Buffalo, N.Y. (Northeast), Tuscaloosa, Ala. (South), Charlottesville, Va. (Southeast), Terre Haute, Ind. (Great Lakes), Ames, Iowa (Midwest) and Bethlehem, Pa. (Mid-Atlantic).

Full information on the meet is available [HERE](#), including entry lists, box draws, a live feed and results.

AROUND THE BIG WEST

- A repeat champion and a return to glory were the story in Riverside as the Cal Poly men and the UC Santa Barbara women won the 2017 Big West Cross Country titles.

The Mustangs won their second straight title and fifth in seven seasons. The squad posted 29 points on the way to the title, the third time in the last four Championship runs that the squad posted fewer than 30 points. The men's 8K individual race was a bit of a surprise as UC Davis' Thomas Madden was the victor in 24:13.7. He is the first Aggie to win the men's race since Jon Peterson in 2010.

On the women's side, the Gauchos' 45 points delivered the first title for the program since 2010. They barely outlasted Cal Poly for the title as the Mustangs amassed 47 points. UCSB's Jenna Hinkle was the top overall finisher in the women's 6K, winning the race in 20:17.1. Her time was nearly 10 seconds faster than the second place finisher.

- The Central Coast schools was well represented in the cross country major awards as five of the six winners came from either Cal Poly or UC Santa Barbara.

The men's awards saw Yousef Baddour of UC Santa Barbara win the Freshman of the Year, while Cal Poly's Mark Conover claimed Coach of the Year accolades. UC Davis' Thomas Madden broke the Central Coast stranglehold as he claimed the Athlete of the Year honor. The women's awards were led by UC Santa Barbara's Jenna Hinkle who claimed the Athlete of the Year award. Freshman of the Year belongs to Cal Poly's Sierra Brill, while Pete Dolan of UCSB won the Coach of the Year.

Big West Athletes Of The Week

MEN				WOMEN			
Date	Athlete	School	Year	Date	Athlete	School	Year
9/4	Swarnjit Boyal	Cal Poly	Sr.	9/4	Mikayla Florez	Long Beach State	Jr.
9/11	Peter Cotsirilios	Cal Poly	Jr.	9/11	Bryanna Fuller	Cal Poly	So.
9/18	Thomas Madden	UC Davis	Gr.	9/18	Jenna Hinkle	UC Santa Barbara	Sr.
9/25	George Martinez	Long Beach State	Sr.	9/25	Mikayla Florez	Long Beach State	Jr.
10/2	Swarnjit Boyal	Cal Poly	Sr.	10/2	Jenna Hinkle	UC Santa Barbara	Sr.
10/16	Izzak Mireles	UC Irvine	Sr.	10/16	Jenna Hinkle	UC Santa Barbara	Sr.

In The Polls

USTFCCCA National Poll

(Week 6 - October 31)

Men	Women
1. Northern Arizona (8)	1. Colorado (8)
2. Brigham Young (4)	2. New Mexico (3)
3. Syracuse	3. Oregon (1)
4. Stanford	4. San Francisco
5. Colorado	5. NC State
6. Portland	6. Arkansas
7. Furman	7. Stanford
8. Colorado State	8. Michigan
9. Virginia Tech	9. Villanova
10. UCLA	10. Providence
10. Michigan	10. Boise State
12. Southern Utah	12. Furman
13. Oregon	13. Minnesota
14. Iowa State	14. Georgia
15. Michigan State	15. Utah State
16. Air Force	16. Washington
17. Arkansas	17. Wisconsin
17. Texas	18. Brigham Young
19. Oklahoma State	19. Penn State
20. Washington	20. Iowa State
21. Middle Tennessee	21. Michigan State
22. Iona	22. Ole Miss
23. NC State	23. Eastern Kentucky
23. Utah State	24. Columbia
25. Wisconsin	25. Ohio State
26. Boise State	26. California
27. Washington State	27. Georgetown
28. Alabama	27. Eastern Michigan
29. Ole Miss	29. Northern Arizona
30. Illinois	30. Dartmouth

USTFCCCA - West Region

(Week 6 - October 30)

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

Big West Conference Cross Country

2017 Big West Cross Country Composite Schedule (as of 10/11/17)

Friday, September 1

CSUN at Pepperdine Invitational (Malibu, Calif.)
Long Beach State at Pepperdine Invitational (Malibu, Calif.)
UC Irvine at Pepperdine Invitational (Malibu, Calif.)
UC Riverside at Nature's Bakery Nevada Twilight Classic (Sparks, Nev.)

Saturday, September 2

Cal Poly at UCSB Lagoon Open (Goleta, Calif.)
Cal State Fullerton at Mark Covert Classic (Brea, Calif.)
UC Davis at Aggie Open (Davis, Calif.)
UC Santa Barbara at UCSB Lagoon Open (Goleta, Calif.)
Hawai'i at Big Wave Invitational (Kahuku, O'ahu)

Saturday, September 9

Cal Poly at Fresno Cross Country Invitational (Fresno, Calif.)
Hawai'i at UH Hilo Invitational (Hilo, Hawai'i)

Saturday, September 16

Cal State Fullerton at UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)
CSUN at UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)
Long Beach State UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)
UC Davis at UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)
UC Irvine at UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)
UC Riverside at UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)
UC Santa Barbara at UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)
Hawai'i at Sundogder Invitational (Seattle, Wash.)

Saturday, September 23

Long Beach State at UNLV Invitational (Las Vegas, Nev.)

Friday, September 29

Cal Poly at Bill Dellinger Invitational (Eugene, Ore.)
UC Riverside at Joe Plane Invitational (South Bend, Ind.)
UC Santa Barbara at Bill Dellinger Invitational (Eugene, Ore.)

Saturday, September 30

Cal State Fullerton at Capitol Cross Challenge (Sacramento, Calif.)
CSUN at Capitol Cross Challenge (Sacramento, Calif.)
UC Davis at Capitol Cross Challenge (Sacramento, Calif.)
UC Irvine at TMU XC Invitational (Santa Clarita, Calif.)
Hawai'i at Charles Bowles Invitational (Salem, Ore.)

Saturday, October 7

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

Friday, October 13

Cal Poly at Nuttycombe Wisconsin Invitational (Madison, Wisc.)

Saturday, October 14

Cal Poly at Santa Clara Bronco Invitational (Sunnyvale, Calif.)
Cal State Fullerton at Santa Clara Bronco Invitational (Sunnyvale, Calif.)
CSUN at Highlander Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)
Long Beach State at Highlander Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)
UC Davis at Santa Clara Bronco Invitational (Sunnyvale, Calif.)
UC Irvine at Highlander Classic (Riverside, Calif.)
UC Riverside at Highlander Classic (Riverside, Calif.)
UC Santa Barbara at Santa Clara Bronco Invitational (Sunnyvale, Calif.)
Hawai'i at Santa Clara Bronco Invitational (Sunnyvale, Calif.)

Friday, October 20

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 28

Big West Conference Championship (Riverside, Calif.)

Saturday, November 4

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

Friday, November 10

NCAA West Regional (Seattle, Wash.)

Saturday, November 18

NCAA Championship (Louisville, Kent.)

