



2017 BIG WEST CROSS COUNTRY

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Big West At A Glance

A surprise champion and a Central Coast sweep highlighted another outstanding cross country season for Big West schools.

- 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 men's 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.

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.

- The men's 8K individual race winner at the Big West Championship 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. Madden, a graduate transfer from the University of Virginia, was running in only his second race for UCD and parlayed the crown into strong showings at the West Region Championship and NCAA Championship.

- UC Santa Barbara senior Jenna Hinkle had an exception season for the Gauchos, highlighted by a 17:41.8 effort in the 5K at the UCSB Gaucho Invitational, a 19:59 in the 6K at the UCR Invitational and a 19:17.9 at the Bill Dellinger Invitational. That all led to a Big West 6K Championship winning time of 20:17.1, a year after she finished second at the league meet. Hinkle's Athlete of the Year honor is the first for the Gaucho program since Amanda Moreno won the crown in 2010. That same year is also the last time a women's Gaucho runner won the 6K at the league meet (Moreno).

- Cal Poly's Swarnjit Boyal and Madden punched their tickets to the NCAA Championships after strong showings at the NCAA West Regional meet.

Boyal finished 10th in the men's 10K, crossing the finish line in 29:47.2. Madden finished in 16th in 29:52.2. Both earned at-large bids to the NCAAs, claiming two of the four available spots from the West Regional. The senior duo competed well in the national meet, as Madden was the higher finisher of the two, finishing 72nd overall in 30:27.5 over the 10K course. Boyal wrapped up the race in 211th, crossing the finish in 31:48.7.

- Mikayla Florez picked up a bit of history for Long Beach State as the junior captured first place in the 4K at the Pepperdine Invitational in 14:41.96. She is the first LBSU women's runner to win a meet since Rosa Del Toro claimed the Aztec Invitational title in 2010.

- Cal State Fullerton had a solid cross country campaign, highlighted by a sweep of the Mark Covert Classic, third place by the men at the UCR Invitational, fourth by the men at the Capital Cross Challenge and top two showings at the Highlander Invitational. At the league meet, the Titan women finished in third which was their best showing at the Big West Championship since 1992. The men's squad finished also finished third which was their second straight top three showing at the conference meet.

- 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.

In The Polls

USTFCCCA National Poll

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Men	Women
1. Northern Arizona	1. New Mexico
2. Portland	2. San Francisco
3. Brigham Young	3. Colorado
4. Stanford	4. Stanford
5. Arkansas	5. Oregon
6. Oregon	6. Boise State
7. Iowa State	7. Furman
8. Colorado	8. NC State
9. Colorado State	9. Michigan
10. Michigan	10. Wisconsin
11. Southern Utah	11. Brigham Young
12. Iona	12. Villanova
13. Syracuse	13. Arkansas
14. Alabama	14. Utah State
15. Air Force	15. Michigan State
16. Virginia	16. Providence
17. NC State	17. Georgia
18. Ole Miss	18. Penn State
19. Boise State	19. Minnesota
20. Virginia Tech	20. Iowa State
21. UCLA	21. Washington
22. Washington	22. California
23. Middle Tennessee	23. Eastern Kentucky
24. Washington State	24. Indiana
25. Michigan State	25. Ole Miss
26. Furman	26. Syracuse
27. Utah State	27. Eastern Michigan
28. Princeton	28. Columbia
29. Oklahoma State	29. Dartmouth
30. Texas	30. Oklahoma State

USTFCCCA - West Region

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

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 Cotsirilos	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.

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 Sundodger 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.)

