

2018 BIG WEST CROSS COUNTRY



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Big West At A Glance

The first step towards the national championship is this weekend as Big West clubs gear up for the NCAA West Region meet.

This year's edition of the West Regional will be held in California's capital city Sacramento, hosted by Sacramento State and the Sacramento Sports Commission at the Haggin Oaks Golf Complex. The championship races will feature a women's 6K and a men's 10K, with the women slated to go first at 11:00 a.m. PT and the men to follow an hour later.

The NCAA Championships will take the top two, seven-person teams via automatic qualification from each of the nine regions, for a total of 18 teams. Thirteen additional teams are to be selected at-large. Thirty-eight individuals will be selected to participate in each Championship through an automatic qualifier and at-large selection process. The selections will be made Saturday morning.

For the third consecutive year, FloTrack will be the home for live and on-demand viewing of the NCAA Regional meets and NCAA Championships. To view the Championships, click [HERE](#).

All Big West cross country clubs are slated to compete in the regional, as clubs are allotted a maximum of 12 entrants into each race. The complete entries can be found [HERE](#).

AROUND THE BIG WEST

• Cal Poly reigned supreme at the Big West Cross Country Championships, sweeping the team titles for the fifth time in program history. The 2018 Championships, hosted by Cal State Fullerton, marked a return to Carbon Canyon Regional Park in Brea, a site which had not held the league meet since 1997.

The Mustang men won the title thanks to a dominant 32-point showing, putting up 37 more points than second place UC Santa Barbara. Leading the way for the club was Jake Ritter, the overall 8K champion with a time of 24:27.5. Ritter led a contingent that placed fifth, seventh, ninth and 10th for the championship. The title marks the third consecutive, sixth in the last eight seasons and conference record 16th overall. Cal Poly is the lone program to have won double-digit titles in Championship history.

The women's race was highly anticipated and didn't disappoint as the Mustangs edged homestanding CSF 33-39. Cal Poly's Miranda Daschian earned first place in a course record 21:23.1 over the 5K, with the Titans' Samantha Huerta coming in second at 21:26.5. The Mustangs earned third and fourth in Katie Izzo (21:26.7) and Peyton Bilo (21:41.5), but Fullerton's Trinity Ruelas (21:50.4), Lucina Vincent (21:59.4) and Sandra Flores (22:03.3) finished sixth, eighth and ninth to pull the Titans close. The Mustang title was then clinched by Sierra Brill (22:16.1) and Maddie MacDonald (22:18.2) in 12th and 13th.

Cal Poly's title is the fifth in the last seven seasons for the program. Previous to this current run of success, the Mustangs had not won the title since the 2001 campaign. That was the second of back-to-back championships for the program.

• After sweeping the Big West Cross Country Championships, the Mustangs of Cal Poly earned some more history as the program earned four of the six major awards.

Cal Poly had Mark Conover win the Men's Coach of the Year honor, while Priscilla Bayley came away with the Women's Coach of the Year award. Their top runners came away with hardware as Jake Ritter claimed Men's Athlete of the Year and Miranda Daschian the Women's Athlete of the Year. It marks the sixth time in conference history that a school swept the Coach of the Year and Athlete of the Year awards in the same season (1985, '86, '87, 2013, '16). The Freshman of the Year awards were distributed among three schools as Tyler Spencer of Long Beach State claimed the Men's Freshman of the Year and the Women's Freshman of the Year was split among Cal State Fullerton's Lucina Vincent and UC Davis' Eva Goodisson.

BIG WEST CELEBRATING 50/35

The 2018-19 season marks the 50th anniversary for men's sports in the Big West Conference, and the 35th for women's. All season long, the Big West Conference will celebrate the history of all conference sports. Join us as we pay homage to the student-athletes, coaches, staffs, communities and fans who have helped pave the way.

• Vince O'Boyle ran one of the most successful programs in Big West history, the UC Irvine women's cross country team. O'Boyle was at the helm of the program from 1982-2013, shepherding the program from independent to Big West power. He won 12 league titles, 12 Coach of the Year honors and coached 12 Athlete of the Year recipients. All of those achievements are the most by a coach in Big West history.

• UC Irvine established the first dynasty in women's cross country history, winning the first five titles and nine of the first 10. The 1984 Anteater squad is also the only team in Big West women's cross country Championship history to post a perfect score of 15. In all, UCI won 11 of the first 20 titles in league history.

Big West Athletes Of The Week

MEN				WOMEN			
Date	Athlete	School	Year	Date	Athlete	School	Year
9/3	Nick Randazzo	UCSB	So.	9/3	Miranda Daschian	CP	Jr.
9/17	Michael Merchan	CSUN	Sr.	9/17	Katie Camarena	UCSB	Jr.
	Nick Randazzo	UCSB	So.	9/24	Eva Goodisson	UCD	Fr.
9/24	Jordy Ceja	UCD	Sr.	10/1	Miranda Daschian	CP	Jr.
10/1	Justin Robison	CP	So.	10/15	Samantha Huerta	CSF	Jr.
10/15	Michael Merchan	CSUN	Sr.				

USTFCCCA - West Region

(Week 5)

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

Big West Conference Cross Country

2018 Big West Cross Country Composite Schedule (as of 10/17/18)

Saturday, September 1

Cal Poly at Mark Covert Classic (Brea, Calif.)
Cal State Fullerton at Mark Covert Classic (Brea, Calif.)
CSUN at Mark Covert Classic (Brea, Calif.)
Long Beach State at Mark Covert Classic (Brea, Calif.)
UC Davis at Mark Covert Classic (Brea, Calif.)
UC Irvine at Mark Covert Classic (Brea, Calif.)
UC Riverside at Mark Covert Classic (Brea, Calif.)
UC Santa Barbara at Mark Covert Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)
Hawai'i at Big Wave Invitational (Kahuku, O'ahu)

Saturday, September 15

Cal Poly at UCSB Lagoon Open (Goleta, Calif.)
Cal State Fullerton at UCSB Lagoon Open (Goleta, Calif.)
CSUN at UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)
Long Beach State 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 UCSB Lagoon Open (Goleta, Calif.)
Hawai'i at UC Riverside Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

Friday, September 21

UC Davis at Bill Dellinger Invitational (Eugene, Ore.)

Saturday, September 21

UC Riverside at UNLV Invitational (Las Vegas, Nev.)

Friday, September 28

UC Riverside at Joe Plane Invitational (South Bend, Ind.)

Saturday, September 29

Cal Poly at Stanford Invitational (Palo Alto, Calif.)
Cal State Fullerton at Mustang Challenge (Santa Clarita, Calif.)
Cal State Fullerton at Roy Griak Invite (St. Paul, Minn.)
CSUN at Capital Cross Challenge (Sacramento, Calif.)
UC Davis at Capitol Cross Challenge (Sacramento, Calif.)
UC Irvine at Capitol Cross Challenge (Sacramento, Calif.)
UC Santa Barbara at Stanford Invitational (Palo Alto, Calif.)
Hawai'i at Capital Cross Challenge (Sacramento, Calif.)

Saturday, October 6

Hawai'i at Hawai'i Pacific Invitational (Kahukum O'ahu)

Saturday, October 13

Cal Poly at Wisconsin Pre-Nationals (Madison, Wis.)
Cal Poly at Bronco Invitational (Santa Clara, Calif.)
Cal State Fullerton at Highlander Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)

CSUN at Highlander Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)
Long Beach State at Highlander Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)
UC Davis at Bronco Invitational (Santa Clara, Calif.)
UC Irvine at Highlander Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)
UC Riverside at Highlander Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)
UC Santa Barbara at Bronco Invitational (Santa Clara, Calif.)

Friday, October 19

Cal State Fullerton at Titan Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)
Long Beach State at Titan Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)
UC Riverside at Titan Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)
UC Santa Barbara at Titan Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)

Saturday, October 20

Hawai'i at Chaminade Invitational (Honolulu, O'ahu)

Saturday, October 27

Big West Conference Championship (Brea, Calif.)

Saturday, November 3

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

Friday, November 9

NCAA West Regional Championships (Sacramento, Calif.)

Saturday, November 17

NCAA Championships (Madison, Wis.)

