

2018 BIG WEST CROSS COUNTRY



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Big West At A Glance

A busy weekend of competition greets Big West cross country clubs as the countdown to the Conference Championships hits four weeks.

Big West clubs will find competition from the heart of the Golden State all the way to the plains of the Midwest as the days tick down to the league meet. The competition starts Friday as UC Riverside heads to South Bend, Ind., for the Notre Dame-hosted Joe Plane Invitational. The meet, which is in its 63rd year, will have a bevy of runners as 37 women's teams and 31 men's teams are slated to compete. Burke Golf Course will be the site of competition for men's 8K races and women's 5K races.

After a year hiatus, the Stanford Invitational has made its way back on the racing calendar. Cal Poly and UC Santa Barbara will head north for the event, the 44th time that the Cardinal has hosted the meet. The showcase will be run on Stanford Golf Course and will feature an 8K for the men and a 6K for the women.

The Capital Cross Challenge will have the largest number of Big West teams in attendance as CSUN, UC Davis, UC Irvine and Hawai'i will head to Sacramento for the event. Haggin Oaks Golf Course will be the site for the event, a venue that has previously hosted the NCAA West Regional Meet and will host the NCAA Championships in 2019. The competition attracts some of the top talent around for a men's 8K and a women's 5K.

Cal State Fullerton will run double duty on Saturday, splitting its squads for competition in California and Minnesota. The Titans will compete in the Roy Griak Invitational in St. Paul, Minn., and the Mustang Challenge in Santa Clarita, Calif.

AROUND THE BIG WEST

- UC Davis returned to the trails last weekend after a three-week hiatus, competing in the Bill Dellinger Invitational. The women finished third in the field led by sophomore Eva Goodisson. She finished the 6K race in 20:48.1, good for 11th place in the 46-runner field. The men's squad finished in fourth but picked up a top 10 finisher in junior Jordy Ceja. He crossed the finish line in eighth in 25:14.5, finishing in a pack of runners from nationally-ranked Oregon and regionally-ranked Portland.
- UC Riverside was also in competition last weekend, taking a quick trip to Las Vegas, Nev., for the UNLV Invitational. Juniors James Sever (27:05.9) and Arman Irani (27:07.9) led the way in the men's 8K for the Highlanders, finishing sixth and seventh, respectively, within two seconds of each other. Freshman Vanessa Walton was the high finisher for the UCR women, crossing the line in 17th at 20:35.7.
- The updated regional rankings have a Central Coast representation for the Big West as Cal Poly and UC Santa Barbara appear on the lists. The Mustangs have the 12th ranked men and 13th ranked women, while UCSB checks in at 14th on the men's side.

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.

• On November 5, 1983 history was made as the PCAA (later to become the Big West) held the first women's cross country championship in Conference history. Not only was it the first for the sport, but it was the first women's championship held in the PCAA. UC Irvine won the inaugural event on the campus of UC Santa Barbara, securing 18 points on the way to the crown. The Anteaters bested the homestanding Gauchos and UNLV for a piece of history, led by Lisa Gonzales' 17:49.3 showing over the 5K course.

• You'd have to go just a bit further back to find the first men's cross country championship in PCAA history, an event that was held in the fall of 1969. Charter member Long Beach State hosted that first championship, a seven-team event that featured the Beach, San Diego State, Cal State Los Angeles, San Jose State, UC Santa Barbara, Fresno State and Pacific. LBSU won the first crown, putting up 37 points to easily outdistance second-place SDSU. Bob Macias of Long Beach State won the individual race in thrilling fashion, posting a 30:51.0 over the 10K course, narrowly edging the Aztecs' Chuck Windsor by one second.

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			
10/1				10/15			
10/15				10/22			
10/22							

USTFCCCA - West Region

(Week 3)

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

Big West Conference Cross Country

2018 Big West Cross Country Composite Schedule (as of 9/26/18)

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.)
Hawai'i 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.)

