



2009 Schedule Time/Result (M;W) Date Event at Troy Trojan Invitational (Montgomery, Ala.) Sept. 5 Sept. 18 Crimson Classic 3rd/2nd. (Tuscaloosa, Ala.) Wisconsin adidas Invitational II a.m./II:45 a.m. Oct. 3 [Madison, Wisc.] at NCAA Pre-Nationals (Terre Haute, Ind.) Oct. 17 TBA at SEC Championship (Starkville, Miss.) TBA Oct 31 at NCAA South Regional (Tuscaloosa, Ala.) Nov. 14 TBA at NCAA Championships (Terre Haute, Ind.) TBA Nov. 23

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Letterwinners Returning/Lost Men Women	8/2 5/2
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At the Starting Line

➤ The 2009 Auburn cross country squads continue their 2009 campaign by traveling to Madison, Wisc., to take part in the third annual Wisconsin adidas Invitational on Oct. 3.

The Invitational will feature several elite cross country programs and unattached/open/club athletes. Collegiate teams scheduled to participate include: Arkansas, Auburn, Brigham Young, Duke, Georgetown, Illinois, Iowa, Lamar, Marquette, Michigan, Nebraska, Syracuse, Texas A&M, UW-La Crosse and Wisconsin.

THIS WEEH IN TIGER CROSS COUNTRY

Event: Wisconsin adidas Invitational

Date: Fri., Oct. 3

Location: Madison, Wisc.

Time: Men: 11 a.m.

Women:11:45 a.m.

Course: Thomas Zimmer Championship

Course at University Ridge Women: 5 kilometers Men: 8 kilometers

Knight Named SEC Cross Country Athlete of the Week

▶ Junior Holly Hnight was named the SEC Cross Country Athlete of the Week, the league announced Sept. 22. Hnight placed second out of 92 runners at the Crimson Classic with a conference-leading 5k time of 17:16:90. Knight finished 3.5 seconds behind the race winner and 20 seconds before the race's third-place finisher in Alabama's Helsey Johnson. With the second-place finish, Hnight has now finished first and second in both of her races this season after winning the two-mile Troy Trojan Invitational to open the season with a two-mile time of 10:55:46.

Tigers In National Rankings

▶ The Auburn cross country teams will enter meet three of the season with regional and national rankings, the United States Track and Field/Cross Country Coaches Association announced earlier this week.

The men will enter this weekend's Wisconsin adidas Invite in Madison with a No. 20 national ranking, as well as a No. 6 south region ranking behind SEC foes Alabama, Florida and Tennessee. The women enter the race with a No.4 ranking in the south region, trailing Florida State as well as SEC opponents Florida and Alabama.

Women Second, Men Third at Crimson Classic

▶ In the Crimson Classic hosted by Alabama, the men were led by Ben Cheruiyot for the second time on the young season, as the junior placed second with a time of 24:29.50. Also finishing in the top-10 were All-American Felix Hiboiywo and Jean-Pierre Weerts. The 2008 NCAA South Region champ finished with a time of 24:55 and placed fifth in his first race of the season, while Weerts was the 10th place collegiate finisher with a time of 25:36:40. Fellow senior Scott Novack placed 18th with a time of 26:04.50.

Also in action for the Tigers were sophomore Jeff Sanders who took 41st after clocking a time of 26:56. Freshman Hasey Hayes, who joined the team this past week, ran a 31:2770 to place 90th overall.

Alabama took top billings on the men's side with 34 team points, while Tennessee placed second with 55 points. The Tigers earned 76 points, while Belmont finished a distant fourth with 153 points.

All-American Holly Knight took second in the race for the women, clocking a 17:16.90 in the 5K race. Knight was followed by Laurel Pritchard with a 17:58.10 and placed eighth, while Steph Barnes placed 10th with a time of 18:04.70 for the Tigers' third top-10 finish.

Also in action were juniors Allison Smith who took 26th with a time of 19:03.50, Cathryn Albright (19:10.20, 29th) and freshman Grace Pritchard who placed 35th with a time of 19:25.40.

AUBURN WOMEN'S PROABABLES	AUBURN MEN'S PROBABLES
1. Holly Knight	1. Felix Kiboiywo
2. Steph Barnes	2. Ben Cheruiyot
3. Laurel Pritchard	3. Jean-Pierre Weerts
4. Grace Pritchard	4. Scott Novack
5. Cathryn Albright	5. Charles Mitchell
6. Alison Smith	6. Jeff Sanders





NCAA South Region Women's Rankings

Released: 9/28

- 1. Florida State
- 2. Florida
- 3. Alabama
- 4. Auburn
- 5. Tennessee
- 6. Georgia
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- 7. Vanderbilt8. UAB
- 9. Georgia Tech
- 10. South Florida
- 11 Jacksonville
- 12. Middle Tennessee St.
- 13 Samford
- 14 UCF
- 15. Belmont

Week 1: 4th

NCAA South Region Men's Rankings

Released: 9/28

- 1. Alabama
- 2. Florida State
- 3. Florida
- 4. South Alabama
- 5. Tennessee
- 6. **Auburn**
- 7. Mississippi State
- 8. Georgia
- 9. Middle Tennessee
- 10. Georgia Tech
- 11. Belmont
- 12. Kennesaw St,
- 13. East Tennessee St.
- 14. Ole Miss
- 15. Chattanooga

Week 1: 2nd

NCAA National Rankings

Released: 9/29

- 1. Oregon
- 2. Oklahoma St.
- 3. Stanford
- 4. Wisconsin
- 5. NAU
- 6. Colorado
- 7 Iona
- 8. Portland
- 9. Alabama
- 10. Georgetown

20. Auburn

Week 1: 13th

The women held their own against top-national competition, placing second as a team with 75 team points, behind Alabama who won the event with 43 points. Rounding out the top five was Tennessee with 88 points, Georgia Tech with 115 points, and Samford with 137.

Men, Women Open Season With Team, Individual Titles at Troy Trojan

- ▶ Both the men and women opened the season with team victories in the meet hosted by Troy University, as the women scored 19 team points to outlast the host institution, Troy, by 37 points. On the men's side, the Tigers finished 20 points ahead of the Trojans to take the team victory.
- ▶ Juniors Holly Hnight and Ben Cheruiyot earned individual wins for the Tigers, respectively. Hnight, who attained All-American status a year ago, crossed the line in the two-mile women's race with a time of 10:55.46. The time was good enough to narrowly outlast teammate Steph Barnes, who finished two seconds later with a time of 10:57.46 in her first race at Auburn.

For the men, Cheruiyot turned in a time of 15:24.29 in his first cross country race since capturing the 2007 NJCAA cross country title while at Rend Lake Community College. Junior Jean-Pierre Weerts took second place in the race with a time of 15:35.75.

Men Return Eight Letterwinners, Women Bring Back Five

- ▶ Highlighting the returnees on the men's side are All-American and 2008 NCAA South Regional Champion, senior Felix Hiboiywo, as well as classmate and fellow All-American Elkanah Hibet. Three other runners, seniors Scott Novack, Jean-Pierre Weerts, and junior Joby Peake who ran at last years NCAA Championships, return in hopes of making another trip to nationals. Joining the fold is Ben Cheruiyot, a former NJCAA champion, who could prove to be the latest standout from Rend Lake Community College that Auburn has established.
- ▶ The women return 2008 NCAA South Regional Champion and All-American Holly Hnight, who has her sights set on another All-American season, as well as defeding her regional championship from a year ago. Each of Auburn's No. 2 runners from last season in senior Laurel Pritchard and junior Amber Riley also return. Pritchard, a program staple for the past three seasons, returns for her senior season after finishing as AU's No. 2 runner in four meets a year ago, and seeks to improve on her 33rd place finish at the South Regional. Riley, who also was the No. 2 runner last season in four meets, placed 28th at South Regionals in 2008. New to the fold for the women is graduate student Stephanie Barnes of Clevedon, England, as well as Grace Pritchard, an AAU National Champion and USATF All-American, making this season a family affair for the Pritchard family.

Men Ranked No. 2: Women No. 4 in SEC Preseason Poll

▶ Auburn's men's and women's cross country teams were picked to finish second and fourth, respectively, in the announcement of the 2009 SEC Cross Country Coaches Poll by the league office. The men received a pair of first place votes, and return seven letterwinners along with All-American and 2008 South Region Champion, senior Felix Hiboiywo. The Tigers earned 23 points for the second place preseason ranking. The ranking comes on the heels of a second place finish at last year's SEC Championship.

On the women's side, Auburn returns 2008 All-American and South Region Champion, junior Holly Hnight. As a team, the women ranked fourth with 45 points after finishing fifth at last season's SEC Championship. In all, the women return five letterwinners from a year ago.

2009 SEC Cross Country Coaches' Poll SEC Champion Men: Alabama (9), Auburn (2) Women: Florida (8), Arkansas (4) MFN LUOMEN 1. Alabama (9) 11 1. Florida (8) 15 2. Auburn (2) 23 2. Arkansas (4) 18 3. Tennessee 38 3. Arkansas 26 4. Florida 37 4. Auburn 45 5. Tennessee 51 5. Georgia 56 6. Mississippi State 58 6. Kentucky 63 7. Kentucky 62 7. Alabama 67 8. Georgia 64 8. Vanderbilt 75 9. LSU 86 9. Mississippi State 88 10. South Carolina 101 10. Ole Miss 89





2008 Season Review

The 2008 campaign was truly a special one for the Auburn cross country team, as the men earned a program-best three All-American nods, while matching the program's best-ever finish at the NCAA Championships with a fifth-place finish. No to be outdone, the women earned their first All-American honor since the 2005 season, and improved their performances from the previous season with fifth-place finishes at both the SEC Championships as well as the NCAA Southeast Regionals.

The men were led by the trio of All-American honors, paced by freshman Girma Mecheso's 16th-place showing at the NCAA Championships, the highest finish for an Auburn harrier since 1984. Joining Mecheso as All-American's on the men's side were juniors Elkanah Kibet and Felix Kiboiywo, who placed 23rd and 28th, respectively. Rounding out the team's scorers at the National Championships were a pair of juniors in Jean-Pierre Weerts, who came in 97th, and Scott Novack who placed 110th.

Overall, the men captured team titles at the Powerade Invitational as well as the squad's host meet, the annual Tiger Invitational. Second-place finishes at the SEC Championship as well as the NCAA South Regional, along with a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Championships after entering the race-ranked 12th nationally add to the squads outstanding 2008 accolades.

The men's trip to the NCAA Championships marked the squads first appearance at the meet in 23 years, with the last trip coming in 1985. The men qualified for the meet after Hiboiywo, Hibet and Mesecho took the top-three spots at the NCAA South Regional meet, with Hiboiywo defending his Regional title from 2007 with a time of 30:45.91. All seven runners entered by the Tigers finished in the top-50 at the regional meet.

On the women's side, Holly Knight captured the first All-American honor of her cross country career after placing 11th at the NCAA Championships, and became the first Auburn woman in program history to win the NCAA South Regional title. She was the first Auburn female to qualify for the Championship since Angela Homan in 2005.

"Coming away with Four All-Americans, we couldn't have asked for anything more," said then-Head Coach Peter Watson. "For the guys we felt like we finished where we should have. The NCAA Championships was a fantastic meet, and Holly hung right in there with the pack. She was impressive as a sophomore running in her first NCAA Championships."

As a team, the Tigers earned four top-five finishes on the season, led by fifth-place finishes at both the SEC and South Regional Championships.

Also playing a key role on the women's side was junior Laurel Pritchard, who was Auburn's No. 2 runner in three of the Tigers' six races, and registered a quartet of top-35 finishes overall. Not far behind Pritchard was junior Sabrina Fischer and sophomore Amber Riley. Fischer earned a trio of top-35 finishes while Riley was Auburn's No. 2 runner at the Pre-National Meet as well as the NCAA Southeast Regional Meet.





Women's Individual Results

Cathryn	Albright,	Jr.
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Date	Event	Finish	Time
9/5	Troy Trojan	7th	11:57.28
9/18	Crimson Classi	ic 32nd	19:10.20

Stephanie Barnes, Grad.

Date	Event	Finish	Time
9/5	Troy Trojan	2nd	10:57:46
9/18	Crimson Classic	10th	10:04.70

Holly Knight Jr

Date	Event	Finish	Time
9/5	Troy Trojan	lst	10:55.46
9/18	Crimson Classic	2nd	17:16.90

Grace Pritchard, Fr.

Date	Event	Finish	Time
9/5	Troy Trojan	17th	12:56.51
9/18	Crimson Classic	38th	19:25.40

Laurel Pritchard, Sr.

Date	Event	Finish	Time
9/5	Troy Trojan	3rd	11:26.09
9/18	Crimson Classic	8th	17:58.10

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Date	Event	Finish	Time

Allison Smith, Jr.

Date	Event	Finish	Time
9/5	Troy Trojan	6th	11:56.13
9/18	Crimson Classic	28th	19:01.30

Women's Meet-By-Meet Results

<u>Date</u>	Event	Location	Team Finish
9/5	Troy Trojan Invitational	Troy, Ala.	lst/7 teams
9/18	Crimson Classic	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	2nd/15 teams
10/3	Wisconsin Badger Invitational	Madison, Wisc.	
10/17	NCAA Pre-Nationals	Terre Haute, Ind.	
10/31	SEC Championship	Oxford, Miss.	
11/14	NCAA South Regional	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	
11/23	NCAA Championship	Terre Haute, Ind.	

Team Results

Troy Trojan Invitational (2 miles) Final Team Standings (points)

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1.	Auburn (19)
2.	Troy (56)
3.	Alabama State (58)
4.	Spring Hill (113)

5. Albany (127) 5. Huntingdon (127)

7. Tuskeegee [204]

Team Results

1. Alabama 2. Auburn

Tennessee

Samford

6. Chattanooga

8. LSU

9. Belmont

10. Alabama St.

II. Jackson St

13. Huntingdon 14. Alabama A&M

15. Stillman

12. North Alabama

Georgia Tech

Kennesaw St.

Crimson Classic (5 kilometers) Final Team Standings (points)

Top 10 Finishers

Troy Trojan Invitational (2 miles)		
Name		
1. Holly Knight, Auburn		

2. Steph Barnes, Auburn

3. Laurel Pritchard, Auburn	11:26.09
4. Hesia Derllus, Alabama St.	11:46.80
5. Sylvia Chirchir, Troy	11:51.77
6. Allison Smith, Auburn	11:56.13

Time

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10:57:46

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12:24.07

12:28.88

7. **Cathryn Albright, Auburn** 11:57:28 8. Raheema Hodges, Alabama St.

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Top 10 Finishers

9. Kelly Harrington, Troy

10 Kate Imwalle, Spring Hill

Crimson Classic (5 kilometers)

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2. Steph Barnes	10:57:46	
3. Laurel Pritchard	11:26.09	
6. Allison Smith	11:56.13	
7. Cathryn Albright	11:57.28	
17. Grace Pritchard	12:56.51	

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8.Laurel Pritchard	17:58.10	
10. Steph Barnes	18:04.70	
28.Allison Smith	19:01.30	
32. Cathryn Albright	19:10.20	
38.Grace Pritchard	19:25:40	





Men's Individual Results Ben Cheruiyot, Jr. Bate Event Finish 9/5 Troy Trojan Ist 9/18 Crimson Classic 2nd 15:24.29 24:29.50 Mark Fleming, Sr. Event KaseyHayes, Fr.DateEventFinish9/18Crimson Classic90th Elkanah Kibet, Sr. Finish <u>Time</u> Felix Kiboiywo, Sr. Event Finish Crimson Classic 5th Charles Mitchell, Jr. Date Event Finish 9/5 Troy Trojan 24th Scott Novack, Sr. Event Finish Troy Trojan 3rd Crimson Classic 18th Time 15:52.88 26:04.50 Joby Peake, Jr. <u>Date</u> <u>Event</u> Finish Time Jeff Sanders, So. Event Finish Troy Trojan 6th Crimson Classic 41st Time 16:20.37 Jean-Pierre Weerts, Sr.

<u>Date</u> 9/5 9/18

Event Troy Trojan

Crimson Classic 10th

Men's Meet-By-Meet Results

<u>Date</u>	Event	Location	Team Finish
9/5	Troy Trojan Invitational	Troy, Ala.	lst/7 teams
9/18	Crimson Classic	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	3rd/16 teams
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11/23	NCAA Championship	Terre Haute, Ind.	

Team Results

Troy Trojan Invitational (5 kilometers)
<u>Final Team Standings (points)</u>
1. Auburn (36)

3. Alabama State (59) 4. Spring Hill (125)

2.Troy (56)

4. Albany (125)

6. Huntingdon (161)

7. Tuskeegee (177)

Top 10 Finishers

Troy Trojan Invitational (5 kilometers) Name 1. Ben Cherviyot, Auburn 15:24.29 2. Jean-Pierre Weerts, Auburn 15:35.75 3. Michael Green, UNA 15:38.71 4. Scott Novack, Auburn 15:52.88 5.Denzel Ramirez, Trou 15:57.81 6. Robert Gunn, Alabama St. 16:06.12 7. Jeff Sanders, Auburn 16:20.37 8. Shuaib Winters, UNA 16:22.08 9. Jeremy Moujoodi, Troy 16:23.83

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Top Auburn Finishers

Troy Trojan Invitational (5 kilometers)
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1. Ben Cheruiyot 15.24.29
2. Jean-Pierre Weerts 15.35.75
4. Scott Novack 15.52.88
6. Jeff Sanders 16.20.37
24. Charles Mitchell 18.54.67

Team Results

Time 15:35.75

25:36.40

Crimson Classic (8 kilometers)		
Final Team Standings (points)		
1. Alabama	34	
2. Tennessee	55	
3. Auburn	76	
4. Belmont	153	
5. Georgia Tech	161	
6. E. Tenn.	164	
7. Kennesaw	165	
8. Chattanooga	196	
9. Miss. Valley St.	258	
10. Alabama St.	282	
II. LSU	283	
12. Troy	311	
13. Samford	315	
14. North Alabama	356	
15. Huntingdon	462	

490

16. Stillman

Top 10 Finishers

10. Jeptah Kenel, Alabama St.

Crimson Classic (8 kilometers)	
Name	<u>Time</u>
1. David Tyson, Alabama	24:25.90
2 Ben Cheruiyot, Auburn	24:29.50
3. Fred Somoei, Alabama	24:34.50
4. Moses Kiptoo, Alabama	24:38.80
5.Felix Kiboiywo, Auburn	24:55.00
6. Andrew Kirwa, Alabama	24:59.20
7. Peter Sigilai, Tennessee	25:22.80
8. Emmaunel Kirwa, Chattanooga	25-26 7N
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9. Mike Brodsky, Tennessee	25:34.90

Top Auburn Finishers

Crimson Classic (8 Hilometers)

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2. Ben Cheruiyot 24:29:50
5. Felix Hiboiywo 24:55
10. Jean-Pierre Weerts 25:36:40
18. Scott Novach 26:04:50
41. Jeff Sanders 26:56
30. Hasey Hayes 31:2770







MARK CARROLL Head Cross Country Coach First Season

Considered one of Ireland's greatest all-time athletes, first-year Head Coach Mark Carroll joined the Auburn track and field, and cross country program on August 7,

Carroll has most recently held the post of US Athlete Manager for Athletics Ireland, where he guided a trio of top Irish runners in Gareth Turnbull, Mark Christie and Liam Reale, while also training several other Irish runners stateside.

Throughout his world-class career, Carroll has competed in a variety of events, but has specialized mainly in the 3,000 and 5,000 meters. As a 19-year old, he earned the first major title of his career, capturing the 1991 European Junior Title in the 5H in Thessalonika, Greece.

Nine years later in 2000, he earned the title of European Indoor Champion in the 3K.

In Budapest in 1998, he took third in the European Track & Field Championships to earn a bronze medal. In 1999, the Cork, Ireland, native was ranked No.1 in the world indoor mile ranking list with a time of 3:57.62.

Carroll is a four-time IAAF World Track and Field member, and holds the Irish-national record in the 3H (7:30:36), which was set in 1999, as well as the 5H set in 1998 with a time of 13:03:93. He also held the national record of 27:46:42 in the 10H that was set in 2000, a record that has since been broken.

He has participated in several marathons in the later stages of his career, highlighted by a sixth-place finish in the 2002 New York Marathon. His time of 2:10.54 sits only 61 second off of the Irish national record of 2:09.17.

Carroll missed the 1996 Atlanta Olympics due to injury, but participated in the 2000 Olympics in the 5K in Sydney, Australia, missing out on the final heat by one place. Four years later he competed in the 2004 Athens games, also in the 5K.

During his collegiate days at Providence College, the Corkman earned six All-American honors as well as seven Big East titles (cross country, 1,000 meters, 1,500 meters, 3,000 meters (twice), distance medley relay, and 4 x 800 meters). His crowning achievement as a Friar came at the 1995 NCAA Indoor Championships, as he won an NCAA Championship in the 5,000 meters.

Carroll holds a Coaching Ireland level two coaching certificate that he acquired in 2008.

Carroll married the former Amy Rudolph in October of 2005. Rudolph, an accomplished runner in her own right, is a two-time Olympian, as well as a U.S. Indoor Champion in the 3,000 meters.







2009 Auburn Men's Cross Country Roster

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	Hometown (Previous School)	
Ben Cheruiyot	Jr.	Eldoret, Kenya (Rend Lake, C.C.)	
Mark Fleming	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala. (Oak Mountain)	
Kasey Hayes	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala. (Oak Mountain)	
Elkanah Kibet	Sr.	Iten, Kenya (Rend Lake C.C.)	
Felix Kiboiywo	Sr.	Eldoret, Kenya (Kabernat)	
Charles Mitchell	Jr.	Somerdale, N.J. (Triton)	
Scott Novack	Sr*	Hoover, Ala. (Hoover)	
Joby Peake	Jr.	Macon, Ga. (First Presbyterian Day)	
Jeff Sanders	So.	Mandeville, La. (Fountainebleau)	
.lean-Pierre Illeerts	Sr	Rastogne Relgium (INDSE/Liege)	



2009 Auburn Women's Cross Country Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	Hometown (Previous School)
Cathryn Albright	Jr.	Birmingham, Ala. (Briarwood Christian)
Stephanie Barnes	Grad.	Clevedon, England (Gordano School)
Holly Knight	Jr.	Devon, England (Ivybridge School)
Grace Pritchard	Fr.	Vestavia Hills, Ala. (Vestavia Hills)
Laurel Pritchard	Sr.	Vestavia Hills, Ala. (Vestavia Hills)
Amber Riley	Jr.	Morgantown, W. Va. (University)
Allison Smith	Jr.	Daphne, Ala. (Daphne)

*has redshirted