



2008 AUBURN CROSS COUNTRY



2008 Schedule

Date	Event	Time/Result (M/W)
Sept. 5	at Powerade Invitational (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	at Roy Griak Invitational (Falcon Heights, Minn.)	12:55 p.m.
Oct. 4	TIGER INVITATIONAL (Auburn, Ala.)	9:30 a.m.
Oct. 18	at Pre-Nationals (Terre Haute, Ind.)	11 a.m.
Nov. 3	at SEC Championship (Starkville, Miss.)	10 a.m.
Nov. 15	at NCAA South Regionals (Maryville, Tenn.)	TBA
Nov. 24	at NCAA Championships (Terre Haute, Ind.)	TBA

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2007 SEC Finish	
Men	6th
Women	6th
2007 South Regional Finish	
Men	6th
Women	14th
2007 NCAA Qualifiers Returning/Lost	
Men	1/0
Women	0/0
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	
Men	5/5
Women	8/4
Newcomers	
Men	5
Women	0

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 Conference Southeastern
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At the Starting Line

► Auburn's men's and women's cross country teams will open the season Friday at the Powerade Invite hosted by UT-Chattanooga.

► For the second straight season, the Tigers will begin its campaign in Chattanooga, Tenn.

► In 2007 at the same event, Auburn's men captured the team title with Felix Kiboiywo and Simon Nyang finishing among the field's top 10. Kiboiywo took first place by completing the 5K course in 15:06 and Nyang was eighth in 15:32.

► Auburn's women tied for second in 2007 in Chattanooga and had three runners finish in the top 10. Holly Knight led the Tiger charge by completing the two-mile course in 11:04 and nabbing top honors. Laurel Pritchard was right behind her in seventh place, crossing the line in 11:30, followed by 10th-place finisher Amber Riley (11:38).

► Head coach Peter Watson enters his fourth season at the helm of the Auburn cross country program.

► For 2008, Watson returns five men and eight women from a year ago. Kiboiywo and Knight headline the men and women's team, respectively. Embarking upon his junior season, Kiboiywo is the reigning NCAA South Regional champion and was the Tigers' lone NCAA Championships qualifier in 2007. Knight's rookie season was cut short due to injury, but she's back for 2008. She was Auburn's top finisher in the four events she ran and earned a pair of top-10 finishes.

► There is only one senior on the roster between the men and women's squads. Becca Bell, who did not compete in 2007, returns to the women's cross country team.

► Five juniors, one sophomore and four freshmen make up the men's team, while a single senior, a pair of juniors, four sophomores, one redshirt freshman compose the women's team.

THIS WEEK IN TIGER CROSS COUNTRY

Event: Powerade Invite

Date: Sept. 5

Location: Chattanooga, Tenn.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Course: Moccasin Bend Course

AUBURN WOMEN'S PROBABLES

1. Laurel Pritchard
2. Amber Riley
3. Cathryn Albright
4. Becca Bell
5. Madeleine Collins
6. Allison Smith

AUBURN MEN'S PROBABLES

1. Elkanah Kibet
2. Julian Matthews
3. Girma Macheso
4. Joby Peake
5. Mark Fleming
6. Jeff Sanders
7. Myles Udland



STAT OF THE WEEK

13 The number of returners from last year's squad. Five men and eight women return to the starting line in 2008 for the Tigers.



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Final 2007 NCAA South Region Women's Rankings

Released: Nov. 5, 2007

1. Florida State
2. Tennessee
3. Georgia
4. Florida
5. UAB
- 6. AUBURN**
7. Georgia Tech
8. UT-Chattanooga
9. Belmont
10. Mississippi State
11. Vanderbilt
12. Georgia State
13. Alabama
14. Samford
15. Central Florida

Final 2007 NCAA South Region Men's Rankings

Released: Nov. 5, 2007

1. Alabama
2. Florida
3. Florida State
4. Tennessee
5. Mississippi State
- 6. AUBURN**
7. Belmont
8. Georgia
9. East Tennessee State
10. Jacksonville State
11. UT-Chattanooga
12. Georgia Tech
13. Vanderbilt
14. Samford
15. Central Florida

Cross Country Inks Five for 2008

▶ Auburn head cross country coach Peter Watson announced the addition of five newcomers - one transfer and four freshmen - to the men's roster for the 2008 season. Transfer Elkanah Kibet, a NJCAA champion at Rend Lake Community College in Ina, Ill., headlines the list of signees.

▶ Kibet was the 2008 NJCAA outdoor track and field 10,000m champion and also took third in the 5,000m. Indoors, he captured the 5,000m title and finished as the 3,000m and mile runner-up as the Warriors went on to win the national indoor team title. On the cross country course, Kibet finished fifth at the NJCAA Championships. He is a native of Eldoret, Kenya.

▶ Girma Mesecho from Berkmar High School in Lilburn, Ga., also headlines the class. In 2006, Mesecho placed ninth at the Footlocker High School National Cross Country Championships, the highest any Tiger recruit has finished. He finished ninth in the two mile run at the 2007 Nike Outdoor Nationals in 8:56.

▶ Watson's reputation for bringing on top-level recruits from around the world continues in Nelson, New Zealand, native Julian Matthews. Matthews was a 2006 New Zealand secondary school champ in the 1,500m. He was also a two-time 1,500m runner-up at the U19 New Zealand Track and Field Championships.

▶ From the U.S., Watson inked Jeff Sanders of Mandeville, La., and Myles Udland of Millburn, N.J. Sanders was the 2007 Louisiana high school state cross country runner-up and finished third in the mile at the 2008 high school state track and field championships. At the 2008 New Jersey Meet of Champions, Udland placed third in the mile.

2007 Season in Review

▶ The men's captured team titles at the season's first two events, the UT-Chattanooga Invitational and the Bulldog Stampede. Running at the Tiger Invitational, the men placed third as a team.

▶ On the women's side, the Tigers opened the season tying for second at the UT-Chattanooga Invitational and took third at the Bulldog Stampede.

▶ Both squads finished the SEC Championship in the middle of the pack at sixth.

▶ In his first season as a Tiger, Felix Kiboiwo headlined the men's 2007 campaign as Auburn's top-finisher at all six meets and earned a trip to the NCAA Championships. The Eldoret, Kenya, native took top-honors in the first meet of the season at UT-Chattanooga and followed with a runner-up finish at the Bulldog Stampede. Although Kiboiwo raced to six top-10 finishes throughout the season, the most important finish came at the NCAA South Regional meet where he became the first cross country runner in Auburn history to win a regional title. He advanced to the NCAA Championships and finished 112th.

▶ The 2007 season was the last for senior Patrick Philbin. The Mechanicsburg, Pa., native crossed the line 21st, completing the NCAA South Regional course in 31:26.79 to earn All-Region honors.

▶ On the women's side, the Tigers were able to find leadership from Holly Knight, a true freshman from Devon, England. She was the top Auburn finisher at all five races she competed in, including an individual title at the UT-Chattanooga Invitational. Knight crossed the 6K finish line at the SEC Championship in 21:18.75, good enough for an 11th-place finish and All-SEC honors. Unfortunately, her bright rookie season came to a close prior to the NCAA South Regional due to an injury.

▶ Sabrina Fischer was hot on the heels of Knight the entire season, finishing second to Knight twice. Fischer crossed the line first for the Tigers in 35th place (22:04.02) at the NCAA South Regional.



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Women's Individual Results

Cathryn Albright

Date	Event	Finish	Time
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Becca Bell

Date	Event	Finish	Time
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Madeleine Collins

Date	Event	Finish	Time
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Sabrina Fischer

Date	Event	Finish	Time
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Holly Knight

Date	Event	Finish	Time
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Laurel Pritchard

Date	Event	Finish	Time
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Amber Riley

Date	Event	Finish	Time
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Allison Smith

Date	Event	Finish	Time
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2008 Women's Meet-By-Meet Results

Date	Event	Location	Team Finish
Sept. 5	at Powerade Invitational	Chattanooga, Tenn.	
Sept. 27	at Roy Griak Invitational	Falcon Heights, Minn.	
Oct. 4	Tiger Invitational	Auburn, Ala.	
Oct. 18	at Pre-Nationals	Terre Haute, Ind.	
Nov. 3	at SEC Championship	Starkville, Miss.	
Nov. 15	at NCAA South Regionals	Maryville, Tenn.	
Nov. 24	at NCAA Championships	Terre Haute, Ind.	

2007 Results

UTC Invitational • Two Miles • Team Finish T-2nd Sept. 7, 2007

Runner (Overall/Team Pl.)	Time
Holly Knight (1/1)	11:04
Laurel Pritchard (7/7)	11:30
Amber Riley (10/9)	11:38
Sabrina Fischer (12/11)	11:44
Cathryn Albright (30/27)	12:31
Allison Smith (37/33)	12:44
Katelyn Simpson (42/38)	13:03

Chile Pepper Festival • 6K • Team Finish 11th Oct. 13, 2007

Runner (Overall/Team Pl.)	Time
Holly Knight (24/21)	21:44.50
Sabrina Fischer (27/24)	21:47.90
Laurel Pritchard (52/48)	22:14.40
Amber Riley (94/87)	23:00.40
Allison Smith (181/158)	24:28.40
Cathryn Albright (186/163)	24:31.20
Katelyn Simpson (207/181)	24:56.00

Bulldog Stampede • 5K • Team Finish 1st Sept. 22, 2007

Runner (Overall/Team Pl.)	Time
Laurel Pritchard (8/7)	18:19.08
Sabrina Fischer (9/8)	18:27.90
Amber Riley (13/12)	18:35.69
Allison Smith (30/23)	19:53.74
Cathryn Albright (32/25)	19:58.29
Katelyn Simpson (43/31)	20:48.90

SEC Championship • 6K • Team Finish 6th Oct. 27, 2007

Runner (Overall/Team Pl.)	Time
Holly Knight (11/11)	21:18.75
Sabrina Fischer (17/17)	21:30.54
Laurel Pritchard (35/33)	21:59.07
Amber Riley (45/41)	22:22.23
Allison Smith (81/69)	24:23.32
Katelyn Simpson (84/72)	24:33.19

Tiger Invitational • 5K • Team Finish 4th Sept. 29, 2007

Runner (Overall/Team Pl.)	Time
Holly Knight (8/7)	17:00.51
Laurel Pritchard (28/25)	17:49.39
Amber Riley (29/26)	17:52.59
Sabrina Fischer (35/31)	18:05.16
Allison Smith (87/73)	19:20.60
Cathryn Albright (92/78)	19:26.87
Katelyn Simpson (95/81)	19:31.41
Madeline Collins (107)	20:03.99
Katherine Childs (182)	23:54.04

NCAA South Regional • 6K • Team Finish 14th Nov. 10, 2007

Runner (Overall/Team Pl.)	Time
Sabrina Fischer (35/33)	22:04.02
Amber Riley (47/45)	22:33.99
Laurel Pritchard (52/49)	22:40.59
Katelyn Simpson (105/94)	24:31.41
Allison Smith (118/103)	24:56.17



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Men's Individual Results

Mark Fleming

Date	Event	Finish	Time

Elkahan Kibet

Date	Event	Finish	Time

Felix Kiboiywo

Date	Event	Finish	Time

Julian Matthews

Date	Event	Finish	Time

Girma Mecheso

Date	Event	Finish	Time

Charles Mitchell

Date	Event	Finish	Time

Scott Novack

Date	Event	Finish	Time

Joby Peake

Date	Event	Finish	Time

Jeff Sanders

Date	Event	Finish	Time

Myles Udland

Date	Event	Finish	Time

Jean-Pierre Weerts

Date	Event	Finish	Time

2008 Men's Meet-By-Meet Results

Date	Event (Distance)	Location	Team Finish
Sept. 5	at Powerade Invitational	Chattanooga, Tenn.	
Sept. 27	at Roy Griak Invitational	Falcon Heights, Minn.	
Oct. 4	Tiger Invitational	Auburn, Ala.	
Oct. 18	at Pre-Nationals	Terre Haute, Ind.	
Nov. 3	at SEC Championship	Starkville, Miss.	
Nov. 15	at NCAA South Regionals	Maryville, Tenn.	
Nov. 24	at NCAA Championships	Terre Haute, Ind.	

2007 Results

UTC Invitational Meet • 5K • Team Finish 1st

Sept. 7, 2007

Runner (Overall/Team Pl.)	Time
Felix Kiboiywo (1/1)	15:06
Simon Nyang (8/8)	15:32
Scott Novack (11/11)	15:44
Pat Philbin (12/12)	15:45
Joby Peake (17/17)	15:58
Mark Fleming (30/29)	16:20
Chase Oliver (37/33)	16:44
David Wall (39)	16:45
Bryan Wilson (41)	16:51
Charles Mitchell (45)	17:02

SEC Championship • 8K • Team Finish 6th

Oct. 27, 2007

Runner (Overall/Team Pl.)	Time
Felix Kiboiywo (6/6)	24:14.68
Patrick Philbin (28/28)	25:15.67
Scott Novack (42/37)	25:37.07
Joby Peake (47/41)	25:40.61
Chase Oliver (53/46)	25:56.77
Mark Fleming (68/56)	26:21.27
Charles Mitchell (95/69)	28:04.29
Simon Nyang (96)	28:22.19
James Grantham (97)	28:47.36

NCAA South Regional • 10K • Team Finish 6th

Nov. 10, 2007

Runner (Overall/Team Pl.)	Time
Felix Kiboiywo (1/1)	30:05.48
Patrick Philbin (21/20)	31:26.79
Chase Oliver (42/40)	32:19.62
Scott Novack (50/44)	32:34.68
Joby Peake (53/47)	32:37.65
Simon Nyang (55/49)	32:50.45
Mark Fleming (87/78)	34:13.53

NCAA Championships • 10K

Nov. 19, 2007

Runner (Overall/Team Pl.)	Time
Felix Kiboiywo (112)	30:05.48

Bulldog Stampedede • 8K • Team Finish 3rd

Sept. 22, 2007

Runner (Overall/Team Pl.)	Time
Felix Kiboiywo (2/1)	24:45.93
Patrick Philbin (10/8)	25:56.64
Simon Nyang (11/9)	26:00.08
Scott Novack (15/13)	26:21.73
Chase Oliver (17/15)	26:32.15
Joby Peake (20/18)	26:38.94
James Grantham (40/30)	27:42.67
Bryan Wilson (47)	28:06.89
David Wall (51)	28:48.78

Tiger Invitational • 8K • Team Finish 3rd

Sept. 29, 2007

Runner (Overall/Team Pl.)	Time
Felix Kiboiywo (6/5)	24:14.70
Patrick Philbin (12/11)	24:43.70
Chase Oliver (26/20)	25:23.64
Simon Nyang (27/21)	25:24.60
Joby Peake (30/23)	25:35.07
Scott Novack (54/42)	26:11.95
Mark Fleming (58/46)	26:20.00
David Wall (66)	26:32.46
James Grantham (71)	26:41.37
Charles Mitchell (73)	26:44.72
Nick Walsh (76)	26:46.25
Bryan Wilson (133)	28:25.25

Chile Pepper Festival • 10K • Team Finish 7th

Oct. 13, 2007

Runner (Overall/Team Pl.)	Time
Felix Kiboiywo (7/7)	30:07.20
Chase Oliver (42/39)	31:42.40
Patrick Philbin (49/45)	31:51.00
Joby Peake (75/69)	32:19.00
Scott Novack (80/74)	32:24.30
Simon Nyang (127/108)	33:25.00