



2008 AUBURN CROSS COUNTRY



2008 Schedule

Date	Event	Time/Result (M:W)
Sept. 5	at Powerade Invitational (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	1st; 2nd
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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At the Starting Line

► The No. 25 Auburn men's cross country team will travel to Falcon Heights, Minn., to run at the 23rd annual Roy Griak Invitational Saturday.

► The women's team will be inactive this weekend, but return to action Oct. 4 at the Tiger Invitational.

► Saturday's race will be an 8K over the rolling hills and grassy terrain of the University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course.

► The Tigers' lone NCAA qualifier from 2007, Felix Kiboiwo is slated to run at the Roy Griak Invite Saturday. Kiboiwo was withheld from racing at the season opening Powerade Invitational on Sept. 5.

► Auburn's men's team cracked into the U.S. Track & Field/Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) national rankings, debuting the 2008 season at No. 25.

► The Tigers have been tabbed second in the men's NCAA South Region poll and the women are ranked eighth.

► Upon the release of the SEC's coaches poll on Sept. 12, the Tiger men were picked to finish third in the conference and the women were picked sixth.

► A pair of Tigers, Elkanah Kibet and Girma Mecheso, received the initial conference awards for the 2008 season. Kibet was named Male Athlete of the Week and Mecheso was awarded Freshman of the Week honors on Sept. 9.

► Four of Auburn's men's runners, Kibet, Mecheso, Scott Novack and Julian Matthews, hold the top-four 5K times in the SEC.

► The Tigers packed a punch at the Powerade Invitational in Chattanooga, Tenn. The men captured first through fourth place individually and brought home the team title. Three women finished among the top 10 and placed second as a team.

THIS WEEK IN TIGER CROSS COUNTRY

Event: Roy Griak Invitational
Date: Sept. 27
Location: Falcon Heights, Minn.
Time: Men, 12:55 p.m.
Course: University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course

AUBURN MEN'S PROBABLES

Name	Year	Hometown
1. Felix Kiboiwo	Jr.	Eldoret, Kenya
2. Elkanah Kibet	Jr.	Iten, Kenya
3. Girma Macheso	Fr.	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
4. Scott Novack	Jr.	Hoover, Ala.
5. Julian Matthews	Fr.	Nelson, New Zealand
6. Joby Peake	So.	Macon, Ga.
7. Jeff Sanders	Fr.	Mandeville, La.



STAT OF THE WEEK

25 The preseason USTFCCCA ranking of the Auburn men's cross country team.



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USTFCCCA Men's National Rankings

Released: Sept. 22, 2008

1. Oregon (12)
2. Oklahoma State
3. Colorado
4. Iona College
5. Alabama
6. Wisconsin
7. Portland
8. Michigan
9. Minnesota
10. Georgetown
11. Stanford
12. UTEP
13. Virginia
14. Texas
15. New Mexico
16. North Carolina State
17. Northern Arizona
18. Providence
19. California
20. Notre Dame
21. Cal Poly
22. Arkansas
23. William & Mary
24. Florida State
- 25. AUBURN**
26. Texas A&M
26. Villanova
28. Syracuse
29. Iowa State
30. BYU

NCAA South Region Rankings

Released: Sept. 22, 2008

Women

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

Men

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

Auburn Men Win Team Title; Women Runner-Up

► The Auburn men's cross country team finished in first place and the women tied for second and both teams had the individual champion as the Tigers opened their 2008 seasons at the Powerade Invitational hosted by the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

► The men's team scored 18 points to finish 48 points ahead of instate and conference rival Alabama, while Kennesaw State (91) and UT-Chattanooga (104) finished third and fourth, respectively.

► The women finished second with 38 points, just four points back from champion UT-Chattanooga.

► In the men's 5K race, Auburn captured first through fourth place with junior college transfer Elkanah Kibet and true freshman Girma Mecheso packing the blazing one-two punch in 14:49 and 14:54, respectively. Junior Scott Novack (15:22) and true freshman Julian Matthews (15:31) followed for third and fourth.

► On the women's side, the Tigers had three top-10 finishers with sophomore Holly Knight and junior Laurel Pritchard placing first and third, respectively. Knight, who was the top finisher at the same event a year ago, cruised to her second title by completing the two-mile course in 10:56 and finished 26 seconds ahead of runner-up Tara Gietema of UT-Chattanooga. Pritchard crossed the line in 11:22 and sophomore Amber Riley placed sixth for the Tigers.

Pair of Auburn Runners Earn SEC Honors

► Auburn newcomers Elkanah Kibet and Girma Mecheso were named SEC Male Athlete and Freshman of the Week, respectively, following their performances Sept. 5 at the Powerade Invitational, the league office announced Sept. 8

Auburn Men Picked Third, Women Sixth in SEC

► Auburn's men's and women's cross country teams were picked to finish third and sixth, respectively, in the announcement of the 2008 SEC Cross Country Coaches Poll by the league office on Sept. 12.

► In a vote by the league head coaches, the Auburn men received one first-place vote and had 31 points. Alabama captured seven first-place votes for a total of 14 points and Arkansas tallied two first-place votes for 19 points. Florida and Tennessee round out the top five on the men's side with 37 and 46 points, respectively.

► Auburn's women are predicted to finish sixth and had 68 points in the voting. Arkansas received nine first-place votes and tallied 13 total points for the top spot. Florida received two first-place votes and posted 25 points for second-place. Tennessee also earned a first-place vote and recorded 31 points for a third-place finish. Georgia placed fourth with 39 points and Kentucky placed fifth with 61 points.



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Women's Individual Results

Cathryn Albright

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
S5	Powerade Invitational	17/--	12:27

Becca Bell

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
S5	Powerade Invitational	17/--	12:27

Madeleine Collins

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
S5	Powerade Invitational	19/16	12:30

Sabrina Fischer

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
S5	Powerade Invitational	19/16	12:30

Holly Knight

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
S5	Powerade Invitational	1/1	10:56

Laurel Pritchard

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
S5	Powerade Invitational	3/3	11:29

Amber Riley

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
S5	Powerade Invitational	6/6	11:47

Allison Smith

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
S5	Powerade Invitational	13/12	12:23

2008 Women's Meet-By-Meet Results

Date	Event	Location	Team Finish
Sept. 5	at Powerade Invitational	Chattanooga, Tenn.	2nd
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.	

Team Results

UT-Chattanooga Invitational (two miles)

Final Team Standings, Points

1. UT-Chattanooga, 34
2. AUBURN, 38
3. Kennesaw State, 64
4. Jacksonville State, 113
5. West Georgia, 118

Top-10 Finishers (School), Time

1. HOLLY KNIGHT (AUBURN), 10:56
2. Tara Gietema (UT-Chattanooga), 11:22
3. LAUREL PRITCHARD (AUBURN), 11:29
4. Mackenzie Howe (Kennesaw State), 11:31
5. Sabrinia Lefort (UT-Chattanooga), 11:36
6. AMBER RILEY (AUBURN), 11:47
7. Lesley Binning (Jacksonville State), 11:48
8. Jordyn Radke (UT-Chattanooga), 11:54
9. Katie Williams (UT-Chattanooga), 12:10
10. Anneli Uys (Unattached), 12:12

Auburn Finishers (scoring position), Time

1. Holly Knight (1), 10:56
2. Laurel Pritchard (3), 11:29
3. Amber Riley (6), 11:47
4. Allison Smith (12), 12:23
5. Madeline Collins (16), 12:30



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Men's Individual Results

Mark Fleming

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
S5	Powerade Invitational	25/--	16:45

Elkahan Kibet

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
S5	Powerade Invitational	1/1	14:49

Felix Kiboiwo

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
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Julian Matthews

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
S5	Powerade Invitational	4/4	15:31

Girma Mecheso

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
S5	Powerade Invitational	2/2	14:54

Charles Mitchell

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
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Scott Novack

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
S5	Powerade Invitational	3/3	15:22

Joby Peake

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
S5	Powerade Invitational	15/11	16:04

Jeff Sanders

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
S6	Powerade Invitational	12/8	16:02

Myles Udland

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
S5	Powerade Invitational	22/17	16:26

Jean-Pierre Weerts

Date	Event	Finish/Team Pl.	Time
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2008 Men's Meet-By-Meet Results

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Oct. 4	Tiger Invitational	Auburn, Ala.	
Oct. 18	at Pre-Nationals	Terre Haute, Ind.	
Nov. 3	at SEC Championship	Starkville, Miss.	
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Team Results

UT-Chattanooga Invitational (5K)

Final Team Standings, Points

1. AUBURN, 18
2. Alabama, 66
3. Kennesaw State, 91
4. UT-Chattanooga, 104
5. West Georgia, 119

Top-10 Finishers (School), Time

1. ELKANAH KIBET (AUBURN), 14:49
2. GIRMA MECHEO (AUBURN), 14:54
3. SCOTT NOVACK (AUBURN), 15:22
4. JULIAN MATTHEWS (AUBURN), 15:31
5. Emmanuel Kirwa (UT-Chattanooga), 15:40
6. Nicholas Kering (Chattahoochee Tech), 15:44
7. Zac Edwards (Alabama), 15:45
8. Meshack Koyiaki (Chattahoochee Tech), 15:47
9. Paul Guevara (Unattached), 15:49
10. Nathan Haskins (Unattached), 15:52

Auburn Finishers (scoring position), Time

1. Elkanah Kibet (1), 14:49
2. Girma Mecheso (2), 14:54
3. Scott Novack (3), 15:22
4. Julian Matthews (4), 15:31
5. Jeff Sanders (8), 16:02
6. Joby Peake (11), 16:04
7. Myles Udland (17), 16:26