

# IOWA HAWKEYES



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## CROSS COUNTRY WEEKLY RELEASE

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### 2015 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent (Location)	Time
9/4	Early Bird Invitational (Iowa City, Iowa) .....	6 p.m.
9/11	Illinois State Invitational (Normal, Ill.).....	5 p.m.
10/2	Notre Dame Invitational (South Bend, Ind.).....	1 p.m.
10/16	Bradley Pink Classic (Peoria, Ill.).....	4:25 p.m.
<b>11/1</b>	<b>Big Ten Championships (Evanston, Ill.)</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
11/13	NCAA Midwest Regional (Lawrence, Kan.) .....	TBA
11/21	NCAA Championships (Louisville, Kent.) .....	TBA

All times are Central and subject to change.

### 2015 QUICK FACTS

#### General Information

Location: Iowa City, Iowa

Enrollment: 31,498

Conference: Big Ten

Facility: Ashton Cross Country Course

#### Coaching Information

Head Coach: Layne Anderson

Year at Iowa: 13th

Alma Mater, Year: The Citadel, 1989

Volunteer Assistant Coach: John Michael Brandt

Year at Iowa: 2nd

Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2013

Student-Assistant Coach: Kevin Lewis

Year at Iowa: 1st

Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 2015

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### THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's and women's cross country teams compete at the 2015 Big Ten Championships in Evanston, Illinois, on Sunday. The men's 8,000-meter race begins at 10:45 a.m. (CT), while the women's 6,000 meters follows at 11:45 a.m. The event takes place at the Sydney R. Marovitz golf course on the campus of Northwestern University. Admission is free.

### BIG ON BTN

The Big Ten Championships will air on the Big Ten Network on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. (CT).

### IN THE RANKINGS

The men's team is slotted 12th in the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches poll behind Nebraska (11), while the women's team is ranked 15th.

### A LOOK AT THE BIG TEN

The Hawkeye men join a 12-team field that features four nationally ranked teams — Michigan (5), Michigan State (19), Wisconsin (27), and Indiana (28). On the women's side, five teams own national rankings — Michigan (2), Penn State (15), Michigan State (21), Minnesota (22), and Purdue (30).

### HAWKEYE COMPETITORS

Four Hawkeyes — sophomore Michael Melchert, juniors Kevin Docherty and Ben Anderson, and senior Anthony Gregorio — return to the men's Big Ten lineup from a year ago. Junior Taylor Soltys, redshirt freshman Daniel Gardarsson, and freshmen Ian Eklin, Bailey Hesse-Withbroe, and Daniel Soto are first-timers to the Big Ten stage.

On the women's side, sophomores Marta Bote Gonzalez and Kelly Breen, and juniors Carolyn Newhouse and Tess Wilberding are returnees from last year's championships. Freshman Andrea Shine, sophomores Courtney Bruns and Madison Waymire, and junior Alana Jones round out Iowa's field.

### MELCHERT REPEATS

Sophomore Michael Melchert is the third Hawkeye to lead the men's team in four races this season. He posted collegiate-best marks at the Notre Dame Invitational (five miles/24:46.8) on Oct. 2 and the Bradley Pink Classic (8,000 meters/24:14.1) on Oct. 16 to finish first for Iowa. Freshman Ian Eklin (Early Bird) and senior Anthony Gregorio (Illinois State) are Hawkeye top finishers this season.

### HAWKEYE BIG TEN HISTORY

Eight Hawkeyes (6 men, 2 women) have been crowned Big Ten Individual Champions. Tracy Dahl Morris was Iowa's first female Big Ten Champion in 1992. Diane Nukuri was the last woman to win the title. She clocked a Big Ten Championships record of 19:37 (6,000 meters) to win gold in 2007.

Former Director of Track & Field Larry Wieczorek was the last Iowa male to take the Big Ten crown. Wieczorek won back-to-back titles in 1966 (4 miles; 19:02.5) and 1967 (5 miles; 24:17), setting the Big Ten Championships record in the four-mile race. He is one of 19 student-athletes to win two or more titles. That group also includes Rich Ferguson (1952-53), and H.R. Phelps (1923-24).

### UP NEXT: NCAA MIDWEST REGIONALS

The Hawkeyes travel to the NCAA Midwest Regional in Lawrence, Kansas, on Nov. 13.

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## **Men's Top 10 All-Time Best Performers**

### **6,000 Meters**

1. Eric MacTaggart ..... 18:18 ..... 2005 Hawkeye Invite
2. Jeff Thode ..... 18:21 ..... 2009 Hawkeye Invite
3. Dan Haut ..... 18:24 ..... 2005 Hawkeye Invite
4. Jeff Kent ..... 18:27 ..... 2005 Hawkeye Invite
5. Nick Holmes ..... 18:30 ..... 2009 Hawkeye Invite
6. Adam Roche ..... 18:33 ..... 2005 Hawkeye Invite  
Sam Bailin ..... 18:33 ..... 2009 Hawkeye Invite  
Kevin Lewis ..... 18:33 ..... 2013 Iowa Invite
9. Jesse Luciano ..... 18:40 ..... 2008 Hawkeye Invite
10. Tommy Tate ..... 18:41 ..... at 2006 Early Bird Invite

### **8,000 Meters**

1. Jesse Luciano ..... 23:01 ..... at 2008 Auburn Invite
2. Micah VanDenend ..... 23:39 ..... at 2006 Pre-Nationals
3. Eric MacTaggart ..... 23:24 ..... at 2008 Auburn Invite
4. Jeff Thode ..... 23:27 ..... at 2010 Bradley Classic
5. Sam Bailin ..... 23:36 ..... at 2008 Auburn Invite
6. Tommy Tate ..... 23:46 ..... at 2008 Auburn Invite
7. Mark Battista ..... 23:48 ..... at 2008 Auburn Invite
8. Kevin Lewis ..... 23:52 ..... at 2014 Big Ten Champ's
9. Andy Napier ..... 23:56 ..... at 2008 Auburn Invite
10. Brendan Camplin ..... 24:01 ..... at 2008 Auburn Invite

### **10,000 Meters**

1. Jeff Thode ..... 29:55 ..... at 2010 NCAA Regional
2. Matt Esche ..... 30:10 ..... at 2002 NCAA Regional
3. Jesse Luciano ..... 30:17 ..... at 2008 NCAA Champ's
4. Micah VanDenend ..... 30:26 ..... at 2002 NCAA Regional
5. Kevin Herd ..... 30:28 ..... 1993
6. Joe Welter ..... 30:28 ..... at 2002 NCAA Regional
7. Tony Rakaric ..... 30:31 ..... at 2002 NCAA Regional
8. Kevin Lewis ..... 30:35 ..... at 2014 NCAA Regional
9. Dan Haut ..... 30:39 ..... at 2002 NCAA Regional
10. Alex Webster ..... 30:40 ..... at 2006 NCAA Regional

## **Ashton Cross Country Course Records**

### **Women's 3,000 Meters**

Diane Nukuri, Iowa - Hawkeye Open - 9/9/06 ..... 9:47

### **Women's 4,000 Meters**

Diane Nukuri, Iowa - Hawkeye Open - 9/15/07 ..... 13:14

### **Women's 6,000 Meters**

Danette Doetzel, Michigan State - B1G Champ's - 10/31/04 ..... 20:33

### **Men's 6,000 Meters**

Eric MacTaggart, Iowa - Hawkeye Invitational - 9/2/05 ..... 18:18

### **Men's 8,000 Meters**

Simon Bairu, Wisconsin - Big Ten Champ's - 10/31/04 ..... 23:45

### **Men's 10,000 Meters**

Antonio Vega, Minnesota - NCAA Regional - 11/12/05 ..... 30:52

## **Women's Top 10 All-Time Best Performers**

### **3,000 Meters**

1. Diane Nukuri ..... 9:47 ..... 2006 Hawkeye Open
2. Meghan Armstrong ..... 10:01 ..... 2006 Hawkeye Open
3. Brooke Eilers ..... 10:15 ..... 2010 Iowa Invite
4. Besty Flood ..... 10:18 ..... 2010 Iowa Invite
5. Amanda Hardesty ..... 10:21 ..... 2009 Hawkeye Invite  
Lauren Hardesty ..... 10:21 ..... 2010 Hawkeye Invite
7. Kelsey Hart ..... 10:22 ..... 2011 Iowa Invite
8. Shannon Stanley ..... 10:25 ..... 2006 Hawkeye Open  
Krista Anderson ..... 10:25 ..... 2006 Hawkeye Open  
Racheal Marchand ..... 10:25 ..... 2008 Hawkeye Invite

### **4,000 Meters**

1. Diane Nukuri ..... 13:14 ..... 2007 Hawkeye Open
2. Kayla Beattie ..... 13:41 ..... 2012 Toledo Bubble Buster
3. Megan Ranegar ..... 13:45 ..... 2012 Toledo Bubble Buster
4. Meghan Armstrong ..... 13:47 ..... 2007 Hawkeye Open  
Mareike Schulle ..... 13:47 ..... 2012 Toledo Bubble Buster
6. Nicole Benson ..... 13:52 ..... 2012 Toledo Bubble Buster
7. Jolly Burke ..... 14:03 ..... 2007 Hawkeye Open
8. Nikki Chapple ..... 14:09 ..... 2004 Hawkeye Triangular
9. Krista Anderson ..... 14:14 ..... 2007 Hawkeye Open
10. Lisa Gordon ..... 14:17 ..... 2012 Toledo Bubble Buster

### **5,000 Meters**

1. Diane Nukuri ..... 15:55 ..... at 2007 Auburn Invite
2. Racheal Marchand ..... 16:15 ..... at 2008 Auburn Invite
3. Meghan Armstrong ..... 16:25 ..... at 2007 Auburn Invite
4. Nan Doak ..... 16:31 ..... at 1983 Big Ten Champ's
5. Jolly Burke ..... 16:33 ..... at 2007 Auburn Invite
6. Jenny Spangler ..... 16:34 ..... at 1983 Big Ten Champ's
7. Renee Doyle ..... 16:41 ..... at 1986 Purdue Invite
8. Tracy Dahl ..... 16:42 ..... at 1991 Illinois St. Invite
9. Sarah Spencer Perry ..... 16:50 ..... at 2008 Auburn Invite
10. Brooke Eilers ..... 16:53 ..... at 2008 Auburn Invite

### **6,000 Meters**

1. Diane Nukuri ..... 19:37 ..... at 2007 NCAA Regional  
at 2007 Big Ten Champ's
2. Mareike Schulle ..... 19:43 ..... at 2012 NCAA Champ's
3. Racheal Marchand ..... 19:54 ..... at 2008 NCAA Champ's
4. Meghan Armstrong ..... 20:07 ..... at 2007 NCAA Regional
5. Jolly Burke ..... 20:20 ..... at 2007 Big Ten Champ's
6. Betsy Flood ..... 20:22 ..... at 2010 NCAA Regional
7. McKenzie Melander ..... 20:41 ..... at 2011 Big Ten Champ's
8. Megan Ranegar ..... 20:43 ..... at 2012 NCAA Champ's
9. Kayla Beattie ..... 20:54 ..... at 2011 Wisconsin Invite
10. Nikki Chapple ..... 21:04 ..... at 2004 NCAA Regional

\* - This time is also the Big Ten Championships Record.