

IOWA HAWKEYES

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CROSS COUNTRY WEEKLY RELEASE

OCTOBER 23, 2006

Women's Schedule & Results

9/1	at Early Bird Invite 1st/20 pts. (Macomb, IL)
9/9	Hawkeye Open (2-0) (Iowa City, IA)
9/30	at Auburn Invite 1st/16pts. (Auburn, AL)
10/14	at Pre-Nationals 10th/346 pts. (Terre Haute, IN)
10/29	at Big Ten Championship (Bloomington, IN)
11/11	NCAA Midwest Regional (Minneapolis, MN)
11/19	NCAA Championship (Terre Haute, IN)

WOMEN'S MIDWEST REGIONAL RANKINGS

1. Minnesota
2. Illinois
- 3. IOWA**
4. Oklahoma State
5. Nebraska
6. Oklahoma
7. Missouri
8. Wichita State
9. Tulsa
10. Missouri State



Women's Top Times

Name	3,000	5,000	6,000
K. Anderson	10:25	17:26	21:48
M. Armstrong	10:01	16:23	20:34
J. Burke	---	16:59	22:10
J. Docherty	11:07	18:36	---
K. Ellis	10:57	17:45	---
M. Esche	10:53	17:50	---
R. Marchand	10:29	17:02	20:53
D. Nukuri	9:47*	16:10*	21:17
C. Schaefer	10:52	---	---
J. Schmidt	---	17:44	22:37
S. Stanley	10:25	16:56	21:49

All distances are in meters.

*Indicates new school records

THIS WEEK -- The men and women's cross country teams will travel to Bloomington, IN, to compete in the Big Ten Championships Sunday. The women will race in the 6,000-meter run at 10:45 a.m. ET, while the men will race in the 8,000-meter run at 11:30 a.m. ET.

WOMEN'S LAST TIME OUT -- The women's cross country team traveled to Terre Haute, IN, to compete in the Pre-Nationals. The women competed in a very competitive field of 36 teams in the 6,000 meter race. The Hawkeyes were led to a 10th place finish by junior **Meghan Armstrong** (13th, 20:34). Other runners for Iowa were junior **Racheal Marchand** (33rd, 20:35), junior **Diane Nukuri** (63rd, 21:17), red shirt freshman **Krista Anderson** (117th, 21:48), senior **Shannon Stanley** (120th, 21:49) freshman **Jolly Burke** (159th, 22:10), and junior **Jessica Schmidt** (192nd, 22:37).

MEN'S LAST TIME OUT -- The men's cross country team traveled to Terre Haute, IN, to compete in the Pre-Nationals. The men raced among 10 ranked teams in the 8,000-meter race. The Hawkeyes came out strong and left the meet with a fifth place finish. The Hawkeyes were lead by senior **Micah Vandenberg** (6th, 23:39). Other runners scoring for Iowa were junior **Eric MacTaggart** (25th, 24:04), freshman **Jesse Luciano** (66th, 24:34), senior **Jeff Kent** (72nd, 24:39) and sophomore **Blake Schlotzhaur** (104th, 24:52). Also, running for Iowa were junior **Andy Napier** (179th, 25:32) and redshirt freshman **Tommy Tate** (193rd, 25:42).

HAWKEYES IN THE RANKINGS--Latest rankings by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches' Association were released October 17th. The women's team is ranked 23rd in the national rankings and third in the region. The men's cross country team is ranked 17th in the national rankings and third in the regional rankings. For complete results visit www.ustfccca.com.

THE MEET-- The men's cross country team enters this meet with two other Big Ten schools, Wisconsin and Minnesota, ranked ahead of them national and Michigan close behind. Wisconsin, the defending national champions and Big Ten champions, look to be strong again this year as it has held on to its top ranking since the preseason. The Iowa women head into the Big Ten Championships ranked 23rd and into a very strong and competitive field. The Hawkeyes will compete against five other national ranked teams, Michigan (3rd), Wisconsin (5th), Minnesota (6th), Illinois (9th) and Michigan State (13th). Michigan is the women's returning Big Ten champion.

HAWKEYE WOMEN'S COACH LAYNE ANDERSON -- Layne Anderson is in his fourth year as head women's cross country coach at Iowa. In his three years with the cross country team, the Hawkeyes have made strong strides toward recapturing the program's success of the 1980's. The team recorded identical seventh-place finishes at the 2004 and 2005 Big Ten Championships, which was Iowa's highest finish since placing fifth in 1993. Iowa has also improved its finish at the NCAA midwest regional each season, placing ninth in 2003, seventh in 2004 and sixth in 2005. The Hawkeyes have also set school records in the 3,000 and 6,000 meters that last two seasons, and the 4,000-meter record in 2004.

HAWKEYE MEN'S COACH LARRY WIECZOREK -- Larry Wieczorek is in his

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(Macomb, IL)
- 9/9 Hawkeye Open
(Iowa City, IA)
win over Loyola (19pts.)
- 9/23 at Roy Griak Invite
(St. Paul, MN)
13th/318pts.
- 10/14 at Pre-Nationals 5th/270 pts.
(Terre Haute, IN)
- 10/29 at Big Ten Championships**
(Bloomington, IN)
- 11/11 at NCAA Midwest Regional
(Minneapolis, MN)

MEN'S MIDWEST REGIONAL RANKINGS

(TOP TEN)

1. Oklahoma State
2. Minnesota
- 3. IOWA**
4. Kansas
5. Iowa State
6. Illinois
7. Missouri
8. Drake
9. Southern Illinois
10. Tulsa



Men's Top Times

Name	6,000	8,000
B. Camplin	19:24	---
J. Kent	---	24:39
J. Luciano	18:51	24:34
E. MacTaggart	---	24:04
H. Moenck	20:09	---
A. Napier	18:50	25:32
J. Renaud	19:22	---
B. Schlotzhaur	19:12	24:52
M. Stout	19:04	---
T. Tate	18:41	25:42
M. VanDenend	---	23:39
A. Webster	19:41	---

All distances are in meters.

20th season as Iowa men's cross country coach. During his tenure, the cross country team has placed sixth or higher nine times at the NCAA Regional Championships, has posted 27 all-region selections and qualified for the NCAA Championships four times. In 2002, Wieczorek was named Midwest Region Coach of the Year honors by the United States Cross Country Association after the Hawkeyes won the NCAA Regional for the first time in school history. In 2004, the Hawkeyes recorded their highest placings under Wieczorek at the Big Ten (3rd) and NCAA Championships (13th). Wieczorek was a two-time Big Ten champion and a member of Iowa's last Big Ten track championship team in 1967. Wieczorek still owns the Iowa record in the indoor two miles.

QUOTING COACH ANDERSON -- "We have a significant challenge at Big Tens this week with five teams ranked ahead of us in the latest national poll. It will take a total team performance similar to our Auburn performance for us to finish ahead of any of these schools and earn a top five finish."

QUOTING COACH WIECZOREK -- "Wisconsin looks to be the ones leading the pack, but it will be a dog fight for second. We have beat everyone in the Big Ten this year, besides Minnesota, and hope to compete well at the Big Ten Championships."

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