

# IOWA HAWKEYES

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## CROSS COUNTRY WEEKLY RELEASE

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### 2013 Cross Country Season Schedule

- 8/30 Hawkeye Early Bird Invite  
(Iowa City, Iowa)
- 9/13 Iowa Black & Gold Invite  
(Iowa City, Iowa)
- 9/28 Roy Griak  
(Minneapolis)
- 10/19 Wisconsin Inter-Regional  
(Madison, Wis.)
- 10/20 Pre National Invite  
(Terre Haute, Ind.)
- 11/3 Big Ten Championships  
(West Lafayette, Ind.)
- 11/15 NCAA Midwest Regional  
(Ames, Iowa)
- 11/23 NCAA Championships  
(Terre Haute, Ind.)

### 2013 Cross Country Quick Facts

#### General Information

Location: ..... Iowa City, Iowa  
Enrollment: ..... 31,498  
Conference: ..... Big Ten  
Facility: ..... Ashton Cross Country Course

#### Coaching Information

Head Men's Coach: ..... Larry Wieczorek  
Year at Iowa: ..... 27th  
Alma Mater, Year: ..... Iowa, 1969

Head Women's Coach: ..... Layne Anderson  
Year at Iowa: ..... 11th  
Alma Mater, Year: ..... The Citadel, 1989

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#### THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa men's and women's cross country teams host the Black & Gold Invitational on Friday. Action at the Ashton Cross Country Course begins at 6:00 p.m.(CT). with the women's 4K. The men's 6K event will follow.

#### IN THE RANKINGS

Both the men's and women's cross country teams are ranked in the latest USTFCCA Regional rankings. The women's team is ranked 10th in the Midwest Region, while the men are ranked 11th.

#### 2013 BLACK & GOLD INVITE

The 2013 Black & Gold Invite features teams from Alabama, Baylor (women), and Iowa State. The Alabama men's team received seven votes in the latest USTFCCA national poll, while the Iowa State women's team is currently ranked 26th.

#### COMPETING FOR THE HAWKEYES

The entire men's roster is slated to compete on Friday. The Hawkeye women will be represented by Katie Adams, Lisa Gordon, Grace Haerr, Courtney Martin, Shannon Maser, Gina O'Brien, Lena Placzek, Rachel Price, Jocelyn Todd, Tess Wilberding, and Samantha Zishka. Freshman Alana Jones and sophomore Carolyn Newhouse are scheduled to compete unattached.

#### DOCHERTY SHINES IN DEBUT

Freshman Kevin Docherty took the title at the Hawkeye Early Bird Invitational on Aug. 30. Docherty crossed the 4,000-meter finish line in 12:34. He is the first Hawkeye to win a debut race since Jeff Thode in 2009.

#### PLACZEK LEADS THE PACK

Lena Placzek was the top finisher for the Hawkeye women at the Early Bird Invitational on Aug. 30. The senior clocked a 3,000-meter time of 11:07 to finish second overall. The second place finish matches Placzek highest career finish. She also recorded a second-place finish at the 2012 Western Illinois Early Bird Open.

#### IMMEDIATE IMPACT

Four freshmen recorded scoring times in their Hawkeye debuts. Tess Wilberding (11:08.26) recorded a second-place finish in the 3K, and Samantha Zishka (11:08.50) placed fifth for the Hawkeye women. Kevin Docherty (12:34) took the title in the men's 4K event, and Ben Anderson (12:45) placed fourth.

#### TOP 10 ALL-TIME

Junior Kevin Lewis currently holds the eighth best 6,000 meters time in school history. Lewis clocked a time of 18:35 at the 2012 Western Illinois Early Bird Open. Lisa Gordon owns the 10th best women's 4,000 meters time in school history. The sophomore clocked the time of 14:17 at the 2012 Toledo Bubble Buster.

#### UP NEXT

The Hawkeyes travel to Minneapolis to compete in the Roy Griak Invitational on Sept. 28.

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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
8. **Kevin Lewis.....18:35 .....2012 Early Bird 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. Andy Napier.....23:56 .....at 2008 Auburn Invite
9. Brendan Camplin.....24:01 .....at 2008 Auburn Invite
10. Bruce MacTaggart .....24:04 .....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. Dan Haut .....30:39 .....at 2002 NCAA Regional
9. Alex Webster .....30:40 .....at 2006 NCAA Regional
10. Nick Holmes .....30:43 .....at 2011 Chili Pepper Festival

**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 Schrulle.....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 Schrulle.....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.

**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 St. - Big Ten 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