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<u>IOWA CROSS COUNTRY</u> HARRIERS JUMP TO 20TH IN WEEK SEVEN NATIONAL POLL

After finishing sixth in the Big Ten Championships on Sunday, the Iowa women's cross country team climbed up to 20th in this week's USTFCCCA national ranking poll, released Tuesday. In the Big Ten Championships, Iowa finished higher than Penn State, who was previously ranked above the Hawkeyes, allowing Iowa to move up after Penn State fell from 19th to 25th. This is Iowa's highest national ranking of the season, after being 21st and 27th in previous polls.

Penn State was not the only team whose rank was affected significantly by the outcome of the Big Ten Championships. Wisconsin's second place finish propelled them from 16^{th} to 8^{th} , at the expense of Illinois and Michigan, who dropped four and nine spots, respectively. Minnesota remains the highest ranked Big Ten team (7^{th}) after their Big Ten Championships victory.

Iowa will meet Minnesota and Illinois again on Nov 15 at the NCAA Midwest Regional Championship in Stillwater, OK, allowing the Hawkeyes one more chance to climb up the national rankings.

USTFCCCA WOMEN'S DIVISION I CROSS COUNTRY NATIONAL POLL

1. Washington	16. Arizona State
2. Oregon	17.Michigan
3. Florida State	18.Baylor
4. Princeton	19.Iowa
5. Villanova	20.SMU
6. West Virginia	21.New Mexico
7. Minnesota	22.Rice
8. Wisconsin	23.Stony Brook
9. Texas Tech	24.Providence
10. Michigan State	25.Penn State
11.Stanford	26.BYU
12. Arkansas	27.Boston College
13.Georgetown	28.Northern Arizona
14. Illinois	29.Nebraska
15.Florida	30. Wake Forest

