

IOWA HAWKEYES



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CROSS COUNTRY WEEKLY RELEASE

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2012 Cross Country Season Schedule

- 8/31 Western Illinois Early Bird Open
(M: 1st; W: 1st)
- 9/7 Bradley Open
(No Team Scores)
- 9/21 Toledo Bubble Buster
(Toledo, Ohio)**
- 9/29 Greater Louisville CC Classic
(Louisville, Ky.)
Roy Griak Invite
(Minneapolis)
- 10/12 Wisconsin Adidas Invite
(Madison, Wis.)
- 10/13 Pre-National Invite
(Louisville, Ky.)
- 10/28 Big Ten Championships
(East Lansing, Mich.)
- 11/09 NCAA Midwest Regional
(Springfield, Mo.)

2012 Cross Country Quick Facts

General Information

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Enrollment: 30,893
Conference: Big Ten
Facility: Ashton Cross Country Course

Coaching Information

Head Men's Coach: Larry Wiczorek
Year at Iowa: 26th
Alma Mater, Year: Iowa, 1969

Head Women's Coach: Layne Anderson
Year at Iowa: 10th
Alma Mater, Year: The Citadel, 1989

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THIS WEEK

The University of Iowa women's cross country team will compete at the Toledo Bubble Buster on Friday. The event will be held at Ottawa Park in Toledo, Ohio. The 4,000 meter race is set to begin at 6:10 p.m.

IN THE RANKINGS

The women's cross country team is ranked fourth in the USTFCCCA Regional rankings. The women also received two votes in the national poll. Four Big Ten teams are ranked in the national poll. They include Michigan (11), Michigan State (13), Penn State (19), and Minnesota (30). Wisconsin also received 16 votes.

LAST TIME OUT

Kayla Beattie took the title at the Bradley Open on Sept. 7. The sophomore clocked a three-mile time of 16:44 to grab the first individual title of her collegiate career.

RUNNER OF THE WEEK

Beattie was recognized last Tuesday as the Big Ten Conference's Runner of the Week after her performance at the Bradley Open. Beattie is the first women's cross country runner to win the award since Lauren Hardesty in 2012. The weekly honor is the first of Beattie's career.

HART NAMED CAPTAIN

Senior Kelsey Hart has been named the women's cross country team captain for 2012. Hart, a native West Branch, Iowa, is a three-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree. Her career-best in the 3,000 meters ranks seventh in school history.

HAWKEYES TAKE TOP FOUR

The Hawkeyes swept the top four spots in the three-mile Bradley Open. Beattie crossed the line first with a time of 16:44. Graduate student Mareike Schrulle came in second with a time of 16:52, while junior captain Megan Ranegar (3rd; 17:07) and senior Nicole Benson (4th; 17:14) rounded out the pack.

FRESHMEN SHINE IN DEBUT

Freshmen Cindy Saliba and Lisa Gordon finished among the top 10 in their collegiate debuts at the Bradley Open. Saliba ran to a ninth place finish when she crossed the line in 17:50, while Gordon clocked a time of 17:56 to finish 10th. Freshman Courtney Martin (23rd; 18:28) also made her Hawkeye debut.

UP NEXT

The men's and women's cross country teams will return to action on Sept. 29. The Hawkeye women will head to Louisville, Ky. for the Greater Louisville Cross Country Classic, while the men's team will compete at the Roy Griak Invitational in Minneapolis.

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