

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, Illinois) 5 p.m.	
10/2	Notre Dame Invitational (South Bend, Indiana) ..	1 p.m.
10/16	Bradley Pink Classic (Peoria, Illinois)	3 p.m.
11/1	Big Ten Championships (Evanston, Illinois)	TBA
11/13	NCAA Midwest Regional (Lawrence, Kansas)	TBA
11/21	NCAA Championships (Louisville, Kentucky)	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 travel to Normal, Illinois, for the Illinois State Invitational on Friday. The women's 5,000-meter race starts at 5 p.m. (CT) followed by the men's 8,000 meters at 5:45 p.m. The event is held at the Weibring Golf Course on the campus of Illinois State.

SCOUTING THE COMPETITION

The Illinois State Invitational features nine teams in both the men's and women's competition — Illinois State, DePaul, Illinois-Chicago, Loyola, Wisconsin, Eastern Illinois, and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. North Central joins the men's field and Northern Illinois competes for the women.

ROOKIES LEAD IOWA IN SEASON OPENER

Newcomers Ian Eklin (Plymouth, Minn.) and Madison Waymire (Grimes, Iowa) were Iowa's top finishers at the Early Bird Invitational last week. Eklin made his collegiate debut with a third-place finish in the men's race, completing the 6k-course in 19:13.5. Waymire, a transfer from the University of Missouri, crossed the women's 3k-mark in fifth (10:29.2).

FRESHMEN MEN IN SCORING POSITION

The Hawkeyes had three freshmen — Ian Eklin (19:13.5), Bailey Hesse-Withbroe (19:32.2), and Daniel Soto (19:32.3) — who would have placed among their top five finishers in the men's 6,000 meters at the Early Bird Invitational last week. The trio competed unattached and will make their Iowa debut at the Illinois State Invitational on Friday. Sophomores Ben Anderson (12th/19:30.2) and Michael Melchert (13th/19:30.3) rounded out Iowa's top five.

UNDERCLASSMEN DOMINANCE

Four of the five point scorers for the Hawkeye women were underclassmen at the Early Bird Invitational. Sophomores Madison Waymire (5th) and Kelly Breen (10th) snatched two of the top 10 spots, while freshman Andrea Shine (16th) and sophomore Courtney Bruns (19th) finished among the top 20. Junior Tess Wilberding (15th) was Iowa's third finisher.

HAWKEYES RETURN TO ILLINOIS STATE INVITE

Sophomore Ben Anderson was Iowa's second finisher at last year's Illinois State Invitational. He helped lead the Hawkeye men to a first-place finish overall in the 8,000 meters (9th/24:42). Senior Anthony Gregorio (12th), and juniors Taylor Soltys (13th) and Nate Ferree (14th) cracked the top 15. Junior Tess Wilberding (17th/18:10) and sophomore Marta Bote Gonzalez (27th/18:26) helped pace the Hawkeye women to a second-place finish at last year's event in the 5,000 meters.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

The men's and women's cross country teams compete in three events leading up to the Big Ten Championships — Illinois State Invitational on Friday (Normal, Ill.); Notre Dame Invitational on October 2 (South Bend, Ind.); Bradley Pink Classic on October 16 (Peoria, Ill.). The conference championship is scheduled for November 1 in Evanston, Illinois. The NCAA Midwest Regional takes place November 13 in Lawrence, Kentucky.

UP NEXT

The Hawkeyes head to the Notre Dame Invitational in South Bend, Indiana, on October 2.

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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 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.

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