



ARKANSAS, VANDERBILT PREDICTED TO WIN 2012 SEC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. -- The University of Arkansas men and the Vanderbilt University women have been predicted to win the 2012 Southeastern Conference Cross Country Championships, as decided by a vote of the league's head coaches. The SEC released its 2012 Cross Country Preseason Coaches Poll on Thursday.

Points for the men's poll were awarded on a 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12 basis while the women's poll was awarded on a 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13 basis. The 2012 season marks the first in SEC competition for both Missouri and Texas A&M.

The Arkansas men claimed their 19th SEC Cross Country Championship in the last 21 years in 2011 and finished third at the NCAA South Central Regional. The Razorbacks garnered nine first-place votes in the men's coaches poll.

Florida was predicted to finish second in the men's coaches poll, earning one first-place vote, while Texas A&M was predicted to place third, grabbing three first-place votes.

The Vanderbilt women captured their first-ever SEC Cross Country Championship last fall, finished as the runners-up at the NCAA South Regional and posted a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Championships. The Commodores received eight first-place votes in the women's coaches poll.

Arkansas was predicted to finish second in the women's coaches poll, earning three first-place votes, while Florida, which was predicted to place third, also garnered three first-place votes.

The 2012 SEC Cross Country Championships are slated to take place Friday, Oct. 26 at Percy Warner Park in Nashville, Tenn.

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2012 MEN'S PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1.	Arkansas (9)	15
2.	Florida (1)	28
3.	Texas A&M (3)	31
4.	Georgia	44
5.	Kentucky	65
6.	Missouri	70
7.	Alabama	84
8.	Tennessee	87
9.	Ole Miss	100
10.	Auburn	103
11.	Mississippi State	112
12.	LSU	131
13.	Vanderbilt	144

2012 WOMEN'S PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

1.	Vanderbilt (8)	21
2.	Arkansas (3)	27
3.	Florida (3)	33
4.	Texas A&M	54
5.	Georgia	68
6.	Missouri	71
7.	Ole Miss	93
8.	Alabama	97
9.	Tennessee	107
10.	Kentucky	123
11.	Mississippi State	126
12.	Auburn	132
13.	South Carolina	158
14.	LSU	164