

California

CAL CROSS COUNTRY



NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women: 6,000m - 10:45 am EST start time
Men: 10,000m - 11:45 am EST start time



DATE
Saturday, Nov. 18



E.P Tom Sawyer Golf Course
Louisville, Kentucky



LIVE STREAM
flotrack.com



LIVE STATS
Record Timing

SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT (M/W)
Sept. 2	at USF Invitational	3rd/4th
Sept. 29	at Notre Dame Invitational	7th/7th
Sept. 30	at West Region Preview	8th/13th
Oct. 13	at Wisconsin Invitational	31st/15th
Oct. 14	at Santa Clara Bronco Invitational	NTS/14th
Oct. 27	at Pac-12 Championships [^]	7th/5th
Nov. 10	at NCAA West Regionals [#]	7th/5th
Nov. 18	at NCAA Championships [*]	TBD

[^]at Springfield, Ore.
[#]at Seattle, Wash.
^{*}at Louisville, Ky.

FAST FACTS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Shayla Houlihan 2nd season
Assistant Coach	Chas Davis 5th season
Director of Track & Field/ Cross Country	Tony Sandoval 36th season

TEAM INFORMATION

Team Finishes	Men/Women
2016 Pac-12 Finish	6th/6th
2016 West Regional Finish	6th/9th
2016 NCAA Championship Finish	31st/Indiv. Only

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Location:	Berkeley, Calif.
Nickname:	Golden Bears
Enrollment:	40,173
Chancellor:	Carol Christ
Director of Athletics	Mike Williams

BEAR NECESSITIES

The California women's cross country team, along with Trent Brendel and Garrett Corcoran vie for national championships this weekend as they take on the nation's best in the NCAA Cross Country Championship meet. The action will begin with the women's 6000m at 10:45 a.m. EST, followed by the men's 10,000m at 11:45 a.m. EST on Saturday at the E.P Tom Sawyer Golf Course in Louisville, Kentucky.

The women tied for their fourth-best West Regional Championship finish last weekend, finishing fifth overall and beating No. 16 ranked Washington. The Bears were led by senior Bethan Knights and Pac-12 Freshman of the Year Brie Oakley, who placed 10th and 11th respectively in the meet. Trent Brendel (13th) and Garrett Corcoran (15th) secured individual national championship berths with their finishes in this past weekend's meet. The Bears are sending nine runners to the national championship, the most in program history.

The meet will be broadcast on the subscription site, FloTrack.com. Live stats will be available via Record Timing during and after each event. A summary of the meet will be available after on CalBears.com. Follow @CalTFXC on Instagram and on Twitter for a behind-the-scenes look at meet day and more.

HEAD COACH SHALYA HOULIHAN'S TAKE

"The women are ready to get back out there and compete in Louisville. They will continue to build on what they've done thus far week-to-week. Our goal from the beginning of the season was to finish each race higher than our ranking. It feels good to be able to go to the national meet and have the same reasonable expectation that they've continually capitalized on. Trent and Garrett have a lot of knowledge leading into this race, having ran this course two years ago at NCAA's. I look for them to continue on the same trajectory they've had all year."

STORYLINES TO WATCH

TRENT BRENDEL

Trent Brendel will be competing in his third consecutive NCAA Championship competition this weekend, where he has previously helped the men's Bears' team place 23rd and 31st overall. This season, Brendel has placed 12th overall at the Joe Piane Notre Dame Invitational, and 17th overall at the Pac-12 Championships. This will be Brendel's first national championship berth as an individual, where he looks to continue his 2017 success.

BETHAN KNIGHTS

Bethan Knights is heading to her third career NCAA Championship meet, where she has previously competed as an individual, placing 25th in 2014 and 89th in 2016. Knights has yet to place outside the top-10 finishers in a meet this season, and was the Bears' top finisher in all 2017 competitions. Knights has been an instrumental part in helping the Bears to their first team national championship berth in five seasons.

SCOUTING THE COMPETITION

For the first time in six years, the women are heading to the NCAA Cross Country Championships. The women's team will enter this weekend ranked as the No. 23 squad in the country. They will face some stiff competition from some of the top-ranked teams in the country at the championship meet. The Bears will see familiar West Region and Pac-12 faces in Louisville, including No. 1 Colorado, No. 3 San Francisco, No. 4 Stanford, No. 6 Oregon and No. 22 Washington. Corcoran and Brendel will race against a crowded field which will include some familiar Pac-12 foes as well as additional top-ranked talent from around the country.