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2018 WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY NOTES



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2018 Schedule/Results

Sept. 1	Mark Covert Classic (5K)	7th (218 pts)
Sept. 15	UC Riverside Invitational (6K)	6th (186 pts)
Sept. 29	Capital Cross Challenge (6K)	10th (246 pts)
Oct. 13	Highlander Invitational (5K)	7th (189 pts)
Oct. 27	Big West Championships (6K)	5th (147 pts)
Nov. 9	NCAA West Regional (6K)	Sacramento, Calif.
Nov. 17	NCAA Championships (6K)	Madison, Wis.

2018 Quick Facts

General Information

Location	Irvine, Calif.
Enrollment	35,958 (Fall 2017)
Founded	1962 (Opened 1965)
Nickname	Anteaters
Colors	Blue & Gold
Conference	Big West
Chancellor	Howard Gillman, Ph.D.
Interim Athletics Director/SWA	Paula Smith

UC Irvine Cross Country Staff

Director/Head Coach	Jeff Perkins, 5th year
Alma Mater	Tennessee, 2000
Assistant Coach	Chris Evans, 7th year
Alma Mater	UC Irvine, 2001
Volunteer Assistant	Calla Nelson, 1st year
Alma Mater	Minnesota, 2011
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Team Information

2017 Big West Finish	8th (221)
2017 NCAA West Regional	32nd (925)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	10/2
Newcomers	5

'EATERS HEAD TO SACRAMENTO FOR NCAA WEST REGIONAL

The UC Irvine women's cross country team is back in action this week as it travels to Sacramento for the NCAA West Regional on Friday, Nov. 9. Thirty-eight teams will compete in the 6000-meter race, which is slated for an 11 a.m. start at Haggin Oaks Golf Complex. The Anteaters' lineup includes Perla Aguilar, Keely Boyd, Hannah Chau, Brenda Dorantes, Natalie Ewe, Anastasia Karnaze, Megan Mirkhanian and Mariah Theologydy.

STORYLINES

- This is UCI's second trip to Sacramento as they ran the Capital Cross 6K at Haggin Oaks on Sept. 29.
- The 'Eaters will be looking to improve on a 32nd-place finish at last year's West Regional in Seattle.
- Freshman Hannah Chau has been UC Irvine's No. 1 runner in four of five meets this year.
- In her first career 6000-meter race on Sept. 15, Chau clocked the eighth-fastest time in school history at 20:59.2.
- Chau was the first individual to enter the program's all-time top-10 in the 6K since 2011.
- Newcomers Mariah Theologydy and Natalie Ewe have also been strong additions to the lineup this year.
- Ewe led the 'Eaters at the Highlander Invitational with a 5K personal-best 17:57.70.
- Theologydy, a junior transfer from Antelope Valley College, has consistently been among UCI's top-five.
- Juniors Anastasia Karnaze and Keely Boyd have paced the returners.
- Karnaze owns the squad's second-best 6K time of the season (21:49.3), while Boyd has set PRs in the 5K and 6K.

DID YOU KNOW?

- UCI won nine of the first 10 Big West Women's Cross Country team titles, including five-straight from 1983-87.
- The Anteaters lead all current and former Big West members with 12 conference championships.
- The 'Eaters have made four NCAA Championship appearances with a high finish of fourth in 1990.

LAST TIME OUT

- UC Irvine placed fifth at the Big West Championships on Saturday, Oct. 27.
- It was their best conference finish since a runner-up showing in 2008.
- Hannah Chau was the first 'Eater to cross the finish line at 22:40.1, which put her 20th out of 77.
- Chau was also third among the league's freshmen.
- Freshman Natalie Ewe was UCI's No. 2 runner, coming in 30th with a time of 23:02.8.
- Juniors Brenda Dorantes and Anastasia Karnaze were 34th (23:14.8) and 35th (23:18.7), respectively.
- Freshman Perla Aguilar was the Anteaters' fifth scorer in 39th, clocking in at 23:23.5.
- Aguilar was 10 seconds ahead of junior Mariah Theologydy in 40th.

QUOTABLES

Distance Coach Chris Evans on the team's Big West performance and future of the program:

"We are very excited about our women's performance at the Big West Championships. To place top-five in the conference is a real achievement for this team, especially after where we were last year. We have a really young team, so we are very excited about what they can do over the next year. Having three freshmen among our five scorers shows great things for the future of this program."

CHAMPIONSHIP PREP

- UC Irvine got an early look at both the Big West Championship and NCAA West Regional courses this year.
- The 'Eaters ran the Carbon Canyon Park course (Big West) at the Mark Covert Classic on Sept. 1.
- They also made their way to Haggin Oaks Golf Complex (NCAA) for the Capital Cross Challenge on Sept. 29.

2018 UC IRVINE ROSTER

Perla Aguilar	Fr.	Gardena, Calif. (San Pedro HS)
Keely Boyd	Jr.	Encinitas, Calif. (La Costa Canyon HS)
Hannah Chau	Fr.	Fairfield, Calif. (Justin-Siena HS)
Fiona De Rego	So.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Venice HS)
Brenda Dorantes	Jr.	Baldwin Park, Calif. (Whittier HS)
Natalie Ewe	Fr.	San Francisco, Calif. (Lowell HS)
Amy Flores	So.	Bakersfield, Calif. (Ridgeview HS)
Daisy Garcia	So.	Corona, Calif. (Centennial HS)
Anastasia Karnaze	Jr.	Fiddletown, Calif. (Amador HS)
Veronica Lopez	Jr.	Santa Clarita, Calif. (Golden Valley HS)
Megan Mirkhanian	Sr.	Burbank, Calif. (Hoover HS)
Cecily Montanez	Jr.	Elk Grove, Calif. (Franklin HS)
Hallie Pullum	Sr.	Chula Vista, Calif. (Point Loma HS)
Amy Sovinsky	So.	San Diego, Calif. (University City HS)
Mariah Theologydy	Jr.	Lancaster, Calif. (Antelope Valley College)

UC IRVINE ALL-TIME TOP-10

5000 METERS (Since 1985)

1.	Buffy Rabbitt (1990)	16:27
2.	Jennifer Abraham (1985)	16:42.6
3.	Brigid Stirling (1988)	16:48.3
4.	Maria Akra (1990)	16:52
5.	Christy Villa (1998)	16:54
6.	Rayna Cervantes (1990)	16:56
7.	Jill Harrington (1986)	16:57.3
8.	Beth McGrann (1986)	17:00
9.	Traci Goodrich (1990)	17:03
10.	Judy McLaughlin (1987)	17:07

6000 METERS (Since 2000)

1.	Laura Olvera (2008)	20:12.5
2.	Candice Chavez (2008)	20:27.4
3.	Sara Mickelson (2006)	20:34.0
4.	Kareen Nilsson (2000)	20:48.0
5.	Candice Proctor (2007)	20:54.0
6.	Amber Steen (2005)	20:55.5
7.	Kim Ramirez (2004)	20:59.1
8.	Hannah Chau (2018)	20:59.2
9.	Gabriela Santana (2008)	21:14.9
10.	Kaycee Holcomb (2011)	21:19.5

2018 UC IRVINE WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Perla Aguilar (Fr.)

PRs: 5K (18:17.82) // 6K (22:13.5)

Date	Meet	Finish	Time
Sept. 15	UCR Invitational (6K)	64th (170)	22:13.5
Sept. 29	Capital Cross Challenge (6K)	63rd (251)	22:44.5
Oct. 13	Highlander Invitational (5K)	46th (251)	18:17.82
Oct. 27	Big West Championships (6K)	39th (77)	23:23.5

Keely Boyd (Jr.)

PRs: 4K (15:51.05) // 5K (18:23.81) // 6K (21:59.6)

Date	Meet	Finish	Time
Sept. 1	Mark Covert Classic (5K)	50th (163)	18:54.6
Sept. 15	UCR Invitational (6K)	54th (170)	21:59.6
Sept. 29	Capital Cross Challenge (6K)	49th (251)	22:29.3
Oct. 13	Highlander Invitational (5K)	53rd (251)	18:23.81
Oct. 27	Big West Championships (6K)	51st (77)	23:52.7

Hannah Chau (Fr.)

PRs: 5K (18:29.96) // 6K (20:59.2)

Date	Meet	Finish	Time
Sept. 1	Mark Covert Classic (5K)	29th (163)	18:33.0
Sept. 15	UCR Invitational (6K)	14th (170)	20:59.2
Sept. 29	Capital Cross Challenge (6K)	45th (251)	22:24.5
Oct. 13	Highlander Invitational (5K)	59th (251)	18:29.96
Oct. 27	Big West Championships (6K)	20th (77)	22:40.1

Fiona De Rego (So.)

PRs: 5K (19:23.66)

Date	Meet	Finish	Time
Sept. 1	Mark Covert Classic (5K)	133rd (163)	20:52.6
Sept. 15	UCR Invitational (5K)	95th (218)	19:52.4
Oct. 13	Highlander Invitational (5K)	107th (251)	19:23.66

Brenda Dorantes (Jr.)

PRs: 4K (15:52.27) // 5K (18:13.71) // 6K (21:53.0)

Date	Meet	Finish	Time
Sept. 1	Mark Covert Classic (5K)	96th (163)	19:53.8
Sept. 15	UCR Invitational (6K)	112th (170)	23:04.8
Sept. 29	Capital Cross Challenge (6K)	77th (251)	22:53.8
Oct. 13	Highlander Invitational (5K)	43rd (251)	18:13.71
Oct. 27	Big West Championships (6K)	34th (77)	23:14.8

Natalie Ewe (Fr.)

PRs: 5K (17:57.70) // 6K (21:49.4)

Date	Meet	Finish	Time
Sept. 1	Mark Covert Classic (5K)	63rd (163)	19:05.8
Sept. 15	UCR Invitational (6K)	45th (170)	21:49.4
Sept. 29	Capital Cross Challenge (6K)	105th (251)	23:15.7
Oct. 13	Highlander Invitational (5K)	27th (251)	17:57.70
Oct. 27	Big West Championships (6K)	30th (77)	23:02.8

Amy Flores (So.)

PRs: 5K (20:41.2) // 6K (24:35.9)

Date	Meet	Finish	Time
Sept. 15	UCR Invitational (5K)	184th (218)	22:01.0
Oct. 13	Highlander Invitational (5K)	199th (251)	21:41.52

Daisy Garcia (So.)

PRs: 5K (19:51.15)

Date	Meet	Finish	Time
Sept. 15	UCR Invitational (5K)	119th (218)	20:09.1
Oct. 13	Highlander Invitational (5K)	128th (251)	19:51.15

Anastasia Karnaze (Jr.)

PRs: 4K (14:58.71) // 5K (17:48.14) // 6K (21:27.97)

Date	Meet	Finish	Time
Sept. 1	Mark Covert Classic (5K)	77th (163)	19:25.2
Sept. 15	UCR Invitational (6K)	44th (170)	21:49.3
Sept. 29	Capital Cross Challenge (6K)	135th (251)	23:42.1
Oct. 13	Highlander Invitational (5K)	74th (251)	18:48.09
Oct. 27	Big West Championships (6K)	35th (77)	23:18.7

Veronica Lopez (Jr.)

PRs: 4K (16:27.5) // 5K (19:27.15) // 6K (23:44.55)

Date	Meet	Finish	Time
Sept. 15	UCR Invitational (5K)	122nd (218)	20:13.4
Oct. 13	Highlander Invitational (5K)	109th (251)	19:27.15

Megan Mirkhanian (Sr.)

PRs: 4K (15:42.61) // 5K (19:00.44) // 6K (23:00.0)

Date	Meet	Finish	Time
Sept. 1	Mark Covert Classic (5K)	90th (163)	19:46.5
Sept. 15	UCR Invitational (6K)	107th (170)	23:00.0
Sept. 29	Capital Cross Challenge (6K)	126th (251)	23:34.9
Oct. 13	Highlander Invitational (5K)	86th (251)	19:00.44
Oct. 27	Big West Championships (6K)	64th (77)	24:30.0

Hallie Pullum (Sr.)

PRs: 4K (16:42.21) // 5K (18:34.71) // 6K (22:53.9)

Date	Meet	Finish	Time
Oct. 13	Highlander Invitational (5K)	168th (251)	20:35.21

Mariah Theologydy (Jr.)

PRs: 5K (18:34.83) // 6K (22:03.2)

Date	Meet	Finish	Time
Sept. 1	Mark Covert Classic (5K)	33rd (163)	18:37.4
Sept. 15	UCR Invitational (6K)	56th (170)	22:03.2
Sept. 29	Capital Cross Challenge (6K)	53rd (251)	22:35.1
Oct. 13	Highlander Invitational (5K)	65th (251)	18:34.83
Oct. 27	Big West Championships (6K)	40th (77)	23:33.5