

BAYLOR CROSS COUNTRY 2001

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Quick Facts

General

Location Waco, Texas
 Enrollment 14,112
 Founded 1845
 Chancellor Dr. Herbert Reynolds
 President Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr.
 Athletic Director Tom Stanton
 Associate AD/Acting SWA Paul Bradshaw
 Nickname Bears
 Colors Green and Gold

Cross Country

Conference Big 12
 Head Coach Todd Harbour
 Alma Mater Baylor, 1981
 Assistant Coach Katie Meyer
 Associate AD/Track Head Coach Clyde Hart

Men's Team

2000 Big 12 Finish 11th
 NCAA South Central Regional 3rd
 NCAA National Championships N/A
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 9/2
 Top Returners Ferenc Bekesi, Aaron Ward,
 Jonathan Capron, Nick Devenport

Women's Team

2000 Big 12 Finish 9th
 NCAA South Central Regional 4th
 NCAA National Championships N/A
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 7/1
 Top Returners Kara Newton, Kim Cook,
 Stephanie Bennett

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Bears Headed to NCAA South Central Regional

After an impressive showing at the Big 12 Championships two weeks ago the Baylor cross country team will resume action at the NCAA South Central Regional Sat., Nov. 10. The Texas A&M-hosted meet will be held on the TAMU Golf Course. The men will start things off with a 10K race at 9 a.m., and the women will follow with an 8K run at 10:15 a.m.



Teams set to participate in the regional meet include Arkansas, Arkansas State, Baylor, Houston, Louisiana-Lafayette, Louisiana-Monroe, Louisiana State, McNeese State, New Orleans, Nickels St., North Texas, Rice, Sam Houston State, SE Louisiana (individuals only), Southern Methodist, Southwest Texas State, Stephen F. Austin, Texas A&M, Texas Christian, Texas-Arlington, Texas, Texas-Pan American, Texas-San Antonio, Tulane.

Last Year at the NCAA South Central Regional

The Baylor men narrowly missed an automatic NCAA Championship bid finishing third overall behind champion Arkansas, and runner-up Texas. Ferenc Bekesi was the Bears' top finisher placing 11th with a time of 31:31.68 in the 10K race.

The Lady Bears concluded the season placing fourth at the NCAA South Central Regional behind Texas A&M, Arkansas, and Texas Christian. Kara Newton led the Baylor squad finishing ninth in the 6K race with a time of 20:51.45. Newton was the only member of the Baylor team to advance out of the South Central Regional. She completed her season placing 63rd at the NCAA Championships.

Leaders of the Pack

Senior Kara Newton has been Baylor's top runner in all four meets she has participated in this season. Newton has yet to finish lower than 10th overall in 2001. Highlights from Newton's season include a fifth place finish at the highly competitive Auburn Invitational, and a 10th place finish at the Big 12 Championships. For her efforts Newton has been recognized as the Big 12 Runner of the Week by the conference office twice this year (Sept. 11 and Sept. 25).

Sophomore Matt Chance has paced BU's men's team in three of the five meets this season. Most recently Chance placed a team-best 10th overall at the Big 12 Championships. Chance was also recognized as the Big 12 Runner of the Week for his second place finish at the UTA Season Opener on Sept. 8.

Last Time Out

Baylor cross country came away with two of its best finishes in recent history at the Big 12 Championships as the men's team finished fourth and the women's

2001 Baylor Cross Country Team Results

Date	Meet	MEN			WOMEN		
		Place	Dist.	Top Finisher	Place	Dist.	Top Finisher
Sept. 8	UTA Season Opener	1st of 6	4 miles	Matt Chance (2nd, 20:14)	1st of 5	2 miles	Kara Newton (2nd, 11:40)
Sept. 15	Rice Invitational	Canceled			Canceled		
Sept. 22	Baylor Invitational	1st of 9	5 miles	Ferenc Bekesi (2nd, 25:14.40)	1st of 12	5K	Kara Newton (3rd, 17:39.00)
Sept. 29	Auburn Invitational	2nd of 31	8K	Matt Chance (5th, 24:41.10)	1st of 32	5K	Kara Newton (5th, 16:59.42)
Oct. 6	Southwest Texas Classic	NTS	8K	Jon Capron (10th, 27:18)	2nd of 7	5K	Lanie Millar (3rd, 18:20)
Oct. 13	NCAA Pre-Meet	15th of 35	8K	Ferenc Bekesi (56th, 25:41)	23rd of 37	6K	Erin Dixon (71st, 22:29)
Oct. 13	Texas A&M Invitational	NTS	5 miles	Chris Boley (77th, 28:25)	9th of 18	5K	Megan McCoin (27th, 24:27)
Oct. 27	Big 12 Championships	4th of 12	8K	Matt Chance (10th, 24:35.5)	6th of 12	6K	Kara Newton (10th, 21:19.9)
Nov. 10	NCAA South Central Regional						
Nov. 19	NCAA Championships						

team placed sixth overall at the conference meet.

The men's fourth place finish marked BU's best ever placing at the Big 12 Championships, while the women had not finished as high in the conference standings since the 1998 season when they placed fifth overall.

Colorado swept the team titles scoring just 31 points in the men's race and 33 points in the women's race. Oklahoma State and Texas A&M finished second and third in the men's race scoring 93 and 104 points, respectively. Baylor followed close behind the Aggies turning in 125 points.

On the women's side Oklahoma State and Texas rounded out the top-three with 75 and 115 points. Baylor finished with a team total of 145.

Individually, Baylor's top men's finisher was sophomore Matt Chance who placed 10th overall with a time of 24:35.5. Nick Devenport and Ferenc Bekesi were the only other Bear runners to finish in the top-20 as Devenport placed 17th (24:47.3) and Bekesi followed in 18th (24:48.8).

After almost a month without running competitively senior Kara Newton returned to true form and paced the Baylor squad finishing 10th in the 6K race (21:19.9). Colorado's Molly Austin won the meet with a final time of 20:12.5, besting the second place finisher by more than 10 seconds. Erin Dixon was the only other BU runner in the top-20 as she placed 19th overall (21:41.9).

10 Athletes Earn Academic All-Big 12 Honors

10 members of the Baylor cross country team earned academic all-Big 12 honors announced the conference office. Seven women and three men were honored for their accomplishments in the classroom. Sophomore Megan McCoin was one of 12 Big 12 athletes recognized for maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA. A complete list of Baylor's academic honorees follows below.

First Team (3.20-plus grade point average; *indicates nominated with a 4.0 GPA)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Kara Newton	Sr.	History	Amarillo, Texas
Katherine Duncan	So.	Undecided	Roscoe, Texas
Leah Marbach	Jr.	Child and Family Studies	Kingwood, Texas
Stephanie Bennett	Jr.	Biology	Richmond, Ontario, Canada
Lanie Millar	Sr.	English & Spanish	St. Louis, Mo.
Erin Dixon	Jr.	Nutrition	Kingwood, Texas
*Megan McCoin	So.	Undecided	Houston, Texas
Alex Adler	Jr.	History	Austin, Texas
Matthew Chance	So.	Pre-Business	Colleyville, Texas

Second Team (3.0 to 3.19 grade point average)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Jonathan Capron	Sr.	Human Performance	Albuquerque, N.M.

MONDO Men's Cross Country Rankings

Rank	Team (first place votes)
1	Colorado (13)
2	Stanford (2)
3	Arkansas (1)
4	Wisconsin
5	Notre Dame
6	North Carolina State
7	Villanova
8	Portland
9	Northern Arizona
10	Providence
11	Michigan
12	Brigham Young
13	UC Santa Barbara
14	Arizona State
15	Air Force
16	Eastern Michigan
17	Wake Forest
18	Oregon
19	Michigan State
20	Arizona
21	Utah State
22	Duke
23	Colorado State
24	William and Mary
25	Indiana
25	Utah

Also receiving votes: Oklahoma State 19, Alabama 16, Washington 16, Butler 9, Dartmouth 7, Georgetown 7, Ohio State 2, Weber State 2, LaSalle 1, Texas A&M 1.

FinishLynx's Women's Cross Country Rankings

Rank	Team
1	Stanford (11)
2	Brigham Young (1)
3	Georgetown (1)
4	NC State
5	Boston College
6	Michigan State
7	Colorado
8	Arizona
9	North Carolina
10	Providence
11	Arizona State
12	Arkansas
13	Northern Arizona
14	Virginia
15	Yale
16	Colorado State
17	UCLA
18	Marquette
19	Notre Dame
20	Oklahoma State
21	Villanova
22	Cornell
23	James Madison
24	Washington
25	Duke

Also receiving votes: Georgia Tech 15, Michigan 14, Boston 12, Wisconsin.

South Central Regional Cross Country Poll

Men's Poll

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
1.	Arkansas	100
2.	Texas A&M	90
3.	Baylor	77
4.	Texas	65
5.	Rice	56
6.	Tulane	49
7.	Southern Methodist	37
8.	Stephan F. Austin	33
9.	Arkansas-Little Rock	20
10.	McNeese State	13

Also Receiving Votes: North Texas 6, LSU 3, Texas-Arlington 2, SW Texas St. 1.

Women's Poll

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
1.	Arkansas	100
2.	Texas	90
3.	Texas A&M	79
4.	Baylor	69
5.	TCU	66
6.	Rice	49
7.	Arkansas-Little Rock	42
8.	Houston	22
9.	Texas-Arlington	15
10.	LSU	8

Also receiving Votes: Louisiana-Monroe 6, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 5, SW Texas State 4, McNeese State 2.