

BIG TEN MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
 SQUADS OPEN 2005 CAMPAIGNS THIS WEEKEND

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Over half of the conference's men's cross country teams will open their 2005 schedules this weekend, with Illinois and Iowa competing in Iowa City at the Hawkeye Open on Friday. Indiana and Purdue will both host events on Friday as well, while Michigan State travels to Mount Pleasant, Mich., for the Jeff Drenth Memorial. Minnesota opens its 2005 schedule on Saturday at the St. Thomas Early Bird Meet in St. Paul, Minn.

Wisconsin, winners of the last six straight Big Ten titles, also finished second at the 2004 NCAA Championships, led by national champion Simon Bairu.

Five Big Ten women's cross country programs will be in action this weekend as three schools will run on their home turf. Indiana hosts the IU Community 5K, while Iowa will run in the Hawkeye Region Preview and Purdue will take part in the Purdue Open on Friday. Michigan State will travel to Mount Pleasant, Mich., for the Jeff Drenth Memorial on Friday as well. The lone school in action on Saturday is Illinois at the Redbird Challenge in Normal, Ill.

Last year, conference champion Michigan led all league teams finishing sixth at the NCAA meet, while Big Ten individual champion Michigan State's Danette Doetzel paced all Big Ten runners, crossing the line in the eighth spot.

MEN'S MONDO TOP 30 POLL

**MONDO Men's Cross Country
 National Top 30 Poll
 will be released
 the week of September 12**

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

SEPTEMBER 2

Men

Illinois @ Hawkeye Open
 Iowa City, Iowa TBA

Iowa @ Hawkeye Open
 Iowa City, Iowa TBA

Indiana @ IU Community 5K
 Bloomington, Ind. 6 p.m.

Michigan State @ Jeff Drenth Memorial
 Mt. Pleasant, Mich. TBA

Purdue @ Purdue Open
 West Lafayette, Ind. 4 p.m.

Women

Indiana @ IU Community 5k
 Bloomington, Ind. 6 p.m.

Iowa @ Hawkeye Region Preview
 Iowa City, Iowa TBA

Michigan State @ Jeff Drenth Memorial

Mt. Pleasant, Mich. TBA

Purdue @ Purdue Open

West Lafayette, Ind. 4 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 3

Men

Minnesota @ St. Thomas Early Bird Meet
 St. Paul, Minn. 9:30 a.m.

Women

Illinois @ Redbird Challenge
 Normal, Ill. TBA

MEN'S RUNNER OF THE WEEK

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 will begin
 next Tuesday, September 6*

WOMEN'S RUNNER OF THE WEEK

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 next Tuesday, September 6*

WOMEN'S FINISHLYNX TOP 30 POLL

**FinishLynx Women's Cross
 Country National Top 30 Poll
 will be released
 the week of September 12**

2005 MEN'S RUNNER OF THE WEEK

2005 WOMEN'S RUNNER OF THE WEEK