



Sept. 3, 2010

ARKANSAS

2010 Men's Cross Country

USTFCCCA Rankings

USTFCCCA Weekly Ranking
August 31, 2010

Team	Points
1. Stanford	349
2. Oklahoma State	339
3. Northern Arizona	329
3. Oregon	329
5. Alabama	299
6. Colorado	296
7. Wisconsin	292
8. Portland	258
9. Syracuse	255
10. Iona	241
11. NC State	211
12. Oklahoma	202
13. ARKANSAS	181
14. New Mexico	180
15. Villanova	168
16. Georgetown	165
17. BYU	146
18. Iowa State	144
19. Arizona State	137
20. Providence	129
21. Michigan State	125
22. Virginia	122
23. Duke	108
24. Florida State	98
25. Butler	80

USTFCCCA South Central Regional Weekly Ranking
August 30, 2010

1. ARKANSAS	8. UALR
2. Texas	9. Rice
3. Texas A&M	10. UTSA
4. Lamar	11. TCU
5. McNeese State	12. Houston
6. SFA	13. TAMU-CC
7. Baylor	14. UTPA
	15. North Texas

Quick Facts

Location: Fayetteville, Ark., 72701
Founded: 1871
Enrollment: 19,849
Chancellor: Dr. G David Gearhart
Athletic Director: Jeff Long
Head Coach: Chris Bucknam
Colors: Cardinal and White
Nickname: Razorbacks
Conference: Southeastern

Meet Central

Meet: Arkansas Invitational, 6,600K
Date: Friday Sept. 3
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Teams Competing: Arkansas, Missouri Southern
Location: Fayetteville, Ark.
Facility: Razorback Course at Agri Park
Results: ArkansasRazorbacks.com or FlashResults.com

Notebook

Opening 2010: The Arkansas Razorback men's cross country team will open the 2010 season with a 6,600K race against Missouri Southern at the Arkansas Invitational. The event will take place Friday, Sept. 3, at Agri Park, in Fayetteville.

The Polls: In the USTFCCCA national poll, released earlier this week, the Razorbacks open the season at No. 13. Arkansas is also ranked No. 1 in the South Central Region. Arkansas is the top-seated SEC team in the South Central Region and is the second-highest ranked of the SEC schools in the national poll.

Solid Start: Arkansas, along with Missouri Southern, will open the season with the 6,600-meter race at the Arkansas Invitational. The shorter distance will help the newcomers adjust to collegiate competitive running and will give the veterans a solid distance to open up the season with.

At Last Year's Event: The Razorbacks recorded a perfect score of 15 points at their 2009 season opener, the Arkansas Invitational, in Fayetteville. Solomon Haile made the most of his Razorback debut and took the four-mile race win in a time of 19:43.9. He led his teammates to a perfect score of 15 points. The Razorbacks finished all five scorers in the top five and all seven runners in the top 13.

Eric Fernandez earned a runner-up finish with a time of 20:06.0. Lane Boyer earned a bronze finish with a time of 20:21.0. Michael Chinchar was fourth with a time of 20:34.5 and Aaron Hamilton rounded out the scoring five with a time of 20:39.1.

Bucknam at the Helm: Head coach Chris Bucknam is beginning his third season with Arkansas. His teams have won three SEC team titles, 15 SEC event titles and his student-athletes have earned 26 All-America honors.

Welcome Back: Head coach Chris Bucknam returns six letterwinners for the 2010 season. Seniors All-SEC Lane Boyer, All-SEC Michael Chinchar, all-region Patrick Russell and All-American Dorian Ulrey will lead juniors and All-SEC performers Rick Elliott and Duncan Phillips and sophomores All-SEC Eric Fernandez, SEC Freshman of the Year Solomon Haile and All-SEC Aaron Hamilton.

A Look Back

2009 SEC Finish: 2nd
2009 NCAA Regional Finish: 1st
2009 NCAA Finish: 26th

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Fresh Faces: Head coach Chris Bucknam and the Razorbacks welcome seven new faces to the squad for the 2010 season. True freshmen Toby Bothwell, Tyler Bradley and Bryan Cantero will represent the Razorbacks this season. Transfers Tom Cattin-Masson (Texas Tech), Caleb Hanson (UALR), Layne Nixon (UTSA) and Dey Tuach (Rend Lake College) will also wear the Cardinal and White.

With a year of training under their belts, redshirt-freshmen Omar Abdi and Drew Butler will also join the Arkansas line up this season.

Eyes on the Prize: During the 2010 season, the Razorbacks will be in the hunt for their 35th SEC team title, their 31st NCAA Regional team title and their 41st trip to the NCAA Championships (since 1957).

The Schedule: The Razorbacks will open the season with a home meet at Agri Park on Fri., Sept. 3. Sat., Sept. 18 holds a meet at Missouri Southern and, on Sat., Sept. 25, a meet at Stanford. Arkansas will host its second home meet of the season with the Chile Pepper Festival on Sat., Oct. 16.

The championships portion of the season will start Mon., Nov. 1 with the SEC Championships, in Columbia, S.C., on the campus of the University of South Carolina. The NCAA South Central Regional Championships will be held Sat., Nov. 13, in Waco Texas, at Baylor University. The season will wrap with the NCAA Championships, Mon., Nov. 22, in Terre Haute, Ind., on the campus of Indiana State University.

2010 Schedule

Sept. 3	Arkansas Invt. (6,600K)	Fayetteville, Ark.
Sept. 18	Missouri Southern Stampede (8K)	Joplin, Mo.
Sept. 25	Stanford Invt. (8K)	Stanford, Calif.
Oct. 16	Chile Pepper Festival (10K)	Fayetteville, Ark.
Nov. 1	SEC Championships (8K)	Columbia, S.C.
Nov. 13	NCAA Regional Championships (10K)	Waco, Texas
Nov. 22	NCAA Championships (10K)	Terre Haute, Ind.

2010 Roster

Name	Height	Class	Exp.	Hometown (HS)
Omar Abdi	6-0	RS-Fr.	HS	Boston, Mass. (Charlestown HS)
Toby Bothwell	5-10	Fr.	HS	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Westmoore HS)
Lane Boyer	5-4	Sr.	3L	Fredonia, Kan. (Fredonia HS)
Tyler Bradley	5-11	Fr.	HS	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands HS)
Drew Butler	6-1	RS-Fr.	HS	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands HS)
Bryan Cantero	5-9	Fr.	HS	Aoste, France (Lycee Marlioz)
Tom Cattin-Masson	5-10	So.	TR	Aiguebelette, France (Lycee Marlioz/Texas Tech)
Michael Chinchar	6-0	Sr.	3L	Kent, Wash. (Kentwood HS)
Cameron Efurd	5-11	So.	1L	Rogers, Ark. (Rogers HS)
Rick Elliott	6-1	Jr.	2L	Springfield, Mo. (Kickapoo HS)
Eric Fernandez	6-3	So.	1L	Ballwin, Mo. (Parkway West HS)
Scott Gillespie	5-11	So.	SQ	Overland Park, Kan. (Shawnee Mission South HS)
Michael Golden	5-10	So.	SQ	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands HS)
Solomon Haile	6-2	So.	1L	Silver Spring, Md. (Sherwood HS)
Aaron Hamilton	5-10	So.	1L	Rogers, Ark. (Rogers HS)
Caleb Hanson	6-1	RS-Fr.	TR	Fort Smith, Ark. (Southside HS/UALR)
Layne Nixon	6-1	Jr.	TR	The Woodlands, Texas (The Woodlands HS)
Duncan Phillips	6-0	Jr.	2L	College Station, Texas (A&M Consolidated HS)
Dylan Roberts	5-7	So.	SQ	Houston, Texas (Stratford HS)
Patrick Russell	6-2	Sr.	1L	Lockport, N.Y. (Lockport HS/Wake Forest)
Dey Tuach	6-5	Jr.	TR	Thornton, Colo. (Thornton HS/Rend Lake College)
Dorian Ulrey	5-9	Sr.	1L	Port Byron, Ill. (Riverdale HS/Northern Iowa)

Coaches and Staff

Head Coach:	Chris Bucknam
Director of Operations:	Danny Green
Athletic Trainer:	Gwendolyn Davis