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This Week's Schedule:

Cowboy Preview - 5K OSU XC Course - Stillwater, Okla. Tues., Sept. 1 - 8 a.m.

Next Week:

Iona Meet of Champions - 8K Van Cortlandt Park - New York, N.Y. Sat., Sept. 19 - 9 a.m.

Opening Up 2015

Arkansas Razorback men's cross country will open the 2015 season with a 5K race against Oklahoma State. The gun will start at 8 a.m. Tues., Sept. 1 at the OSU XC Course in Stillwater.

New Beginnings

Arkansas will feature top returner Gabe Gonzalez accompanied by three others from 2014's scoring five including All-SEC performers Alex George and Cale Wallace. George was also a member of last year's SEC All-Freshman team.

Gonzalez Set to Lead Razorbacks

Redshirt senior Gabe Gonzalez will be the leader of a blended team of veterans and newcomers. Gonzalez will rely on his successes at the regional level (three-time All Region) and his experiences at the national level to guide this group of Razorbacks in throughout the 2015 season as they pursue the team's sixthconsecutive SEC title and a top 20 national finish.

2015 Roster

Graham Brown Fr. Nick Costanza So. Austen Dalquist So Noah Findlay Jr. Alex George So. Gabe Gonzalez R-Sr. Cameron Griffith Fr. Christian HeymsfieldR-Jr. Ethan Moehn So. Stephen Mugeche Fr. Aidan Swain R-Jr Frankline Tonui So. Cale Wallace Sr.

Palatine, III. (Palatine HS) Flower Mound, Texas (Flower Mound HS) Keller, Texas (Keller HS) Little Rock, Ark. (Catholic HS) Gloucester, Great Britain (The Marling School) Springdale, Ark. (Springdale HS/Kansas) Sydney, Australia (Trinity Grammar School) Elkins, Ark. (Elkins HS) Monroe, Wis. (Monroe HS) Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs HS) Fayetteville, Ark. (Fayetteville HS) Nakuru, Kenya (Iowa Central CC) Cypress, Texas (Cypress-Ranch HS)



2015 Schedule and Results: Okla. State Duals

Team Finish: Top UA Finisher: 9.19.15 New York, N.Y. Iona Meet of Champions Team Finish: Top UA Finisher: 10.3.15 Chile Pepper Festival Fayetteville, Ark. Team Finish: Top UA Finisher: 10.17.15 Pre-Nationals Louisville, Ky.

Stillwater, Okla.

10.30.15 SEC Championships College Station, Texas 8K Team Finish:

Top UA Finisher:

Team Finish: Top UA Finisher:

11.13.15 NCAA Reg. Champ. College Station, Texas 10K Team Finish:

Top UA Finisher:

NCAA Championshisp 11 21 15 Louisville, Ky. 10K

Team Finish: Top UA Finisher:

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Fresh Faces

Head coach Chris Bucknam has put together a top recruiting class featuring incoming freshman Graham Brown, Cameron Griffith and Stephen Mugeche. With the addition of those three and transfer Frankline Tonui (lowa Central CC) the Razorbacks are primed to continue their streak at the top of the Southeastern conference.

A Nike Cross Nationals qualifier out of Illinois, Brown comes to Fayetteville following a three-time All-State stint during his time at Palatine HS.

Griffith earned the title of Australian U18 Champion in 2013 with a first-place finish at both the 800 and 1500-meter runs. The Australian native also claimed the All-School top spot in cross country during the 2014 season for Trinity Grammar School.

Mugeche earned gold during the 2014 cross country season as the number one finisher at the state meet. The performance came after a solid track and field season which saw Mugeche ranked in the top 10 nationally at 3200 meters.

Tonui finished second and fourth respectively at the 2013 and 2014 NJCAA Cross Country Championships. His fourth place finish paced Iowa Central to their first ever NJCAA National Championship. A winter transfer, Tonui saw action during track season qualifying for Nationals in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and collecting second team All-SEC honors in the 10,000-meter run.

On Tap

The Razorbacks will open the schedule with the Oklahoma State Duals in Stillwater, Okla. on Sept. 1, travel to New York, N.Y. for the Iona Meet of Champions Sept. 19, return home to run the Chile Pepper Festival in Fayetteville Oct. 3 and venture to Louisville, Ky. for Pre-Nationals Oct. 17.

The championship season begins with SECs in College Station, Texas Oct. 30, followed by the NCAA South Central Regional Championships in College Station, Texas Nov. 13. It all culminates with the NCAA Championships Nov. 21 in Louisville, Ky.



Last Time Out

The Razorbacks took on the 2014 NCAA Championships and raced to a 28th place finish. Arkansas was led by two-time All-American Stanley Kebenei who crossed the line in sixth place overall.

Prior to their NCAA outing the Razorbacks took the top spot at the 2014 South Central Regional Championships which saw Kebenei finish in first followed by top 10 finishes byAlex George, Gabe Gonzalez and Cale Wallace. The regional title was the team's third in the last five years.

Arkansas started their 2014 post-season campaign strong claiming their fifth consecutive SEC title over Ole Miss. Kebenei, George, Gonzalez and Wallace all earned All-SEC honors for their performances at the conference championships.

SEC Championship Result	ts Since 1991						
Year (Site)	Team Champion	Pts.	Runner-up	Pts	Individual Champion	Distance	Time
1991 (Athens, Ga.)	Arkansas	15	Tennessee	88	Brian Baker, AR	8K	24:17.00
1992 (Lexington, Ky.)	Arkansas	23	Tennessee	96	Pablo Sierra, UM	8K	24:59.10
1993 (Baton Rouge, La.)	Arkansas	18	Tennessee	75	Michael Morin, AR	8K	23:29.20
1994 (Fayetteville, Ark.)	Arkansas	38	Tennessee	42	Jason Bunston, AR	8K	23:49.40
1995 (Starkville, Miss.)	Arkansas	32	Tennessee	58	Godfrey Siamusiye, AR	8K	23:47.00
1996 (Oxford, Miss.)	Arkansas	15	Alabama	64	Godfrey Siamusiye, AR	8K	23:39.50
1997 (Columbia, S.C.)	Arkansas	19	Alabama	66	Ryan Wilson, AR	8K	23:46.50
1998 (Maryville, Tenn.)	Arkansas	19	Tennessee	63	Michael Power, AR	8K	23:55.79
1999 (Nashville, Tenn.)	Arkansas	17	Tennessee	59	Michael Power, AR	8K	24:10.60
2000 (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)	Arkansas	27	Alabama	43	David Kimani, UA	8K	24:19.03
2001 (Auburn, Ala.)	Arkansas	24	Alabama	85	David Kimani, UA	8K	23:46.93
2002 (Gainesville, Fla.)	Arkansas	31	Alabama	52	David Kimani, UA	8K	24:05.18
2003 (Athens, Ga.)	Arkansas	33	Georgia	58	Thomas Morgan, UK	8K	24:59.25
2004 (Fayetteville, Ark.)	Arkansas	23	Florida	72	Josphat Boit, AR	8K	23:09.91
2005 (Columbia, S.C.)	Arkansas	23	Alabama	73	Josphat Boit, AR	8K	22:59.10
2006 (Baton Rouge, La.)	Arkansas	21	Florida	73	Barnabas Kirui, UM	8K	23:53.24
2007 (Lexington, Ky.)	Arkansas	36	Florida	74	Emmanuel Bor, UA	8K	23:50.45
2008 (Starkville, Miss.)	Alabama	32	Auburn	62	Girma Masecho, AU	8K	23:11.26
2009 (Oxford, Miss.)	Alabama	56	Arkansas	61	Barnabas Kirui, UM	8K	24:24.75
2010 (Columbia, S.C.)	Arkansas	34	Alabama	62	Barnabas Kirui, UM	8K	23:52.07
2011 (Maryville, Tenn.)	Arkansas	33	Florida	66	Eric Fernandez, AR	8K	24:10.60
2012 (Nashville, Tenn.)	Arkansas	35	Georgia	73	Henry Lelei, AM	8K	23:29.75
2013 (Gainesville, Fla.)	Arkansas	31	Florida	96	Kemoy Campbell, AR	8K	22:58.73
2014 (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)	Arkansas	54	Ole Miss	60	Stanley Kebenei, AR	8K	23:49.27



TOP TIMES OF 2014

Four-Mile Run				
Name	Class	Date	Site	Time
Gabe Gonzalez	Jr.	08/31/14	Hurricane XC Festival - Tulsa, Okla.	20:10.00
Christian Heymsfield	So.	08/31/14	Hurricane XC Festival - Tulsa, Okla.	20:17.00
Cale Wallace	Jr.	08/31/14	Hurricane XC Festival - Tulsa, Okla.	20:18.00
Noah Findlay	So.	08/31/14	Hurricane XC Festival - Tulsa, Okla.	20:40.0
Alex George	Fr.	08/31/14	Hurricane XC Festival - Tulsa, Okla.	20:40.0
Austen Dalquist	Fr.	08/31/14	Hurricane XC Festival - Tulsa, Okla.	20:43.0
Ethan Moehn	Fr.	08/31/14	Hurricane XC Festival - Tulsa, Okla.	21:20.00
Aiden Swain	So.	08/31/14	Hurricane XC Festival - Tulsa, Okla.	21:22.00
8,000-Meter Run				
Name	Class	Date	Site	Time
Stanley Kebenei	Sr.	10/31/14	SEC Championships - Tuscaloosa, Ala.	23:49.27
Gabe Gonzalez	Jr.	10/04/14	Chile Pepper Festival - Fayetteville, Ark.	24:14.10
Alex George	Fr.	10/17/14	Wisconsin adidas Invitational - Madison, Wis.	24:23.0
Cale Wallace	Jr.	10/31/14	SEC Championships - Tuscaloosa, Ala.	24:40.51
Austen Dalquist	Fr.	10/04/14	Chile Pepper Festival - Fayetteville, Ark.	24:54.0
Aidan Swain	So.	10/31/14	SEC Championships - Tuscaloosa, Ala.	25:24.3
Ethan Moehn	Fr.	10/04/14	Chile Pepper Festival - Fayetteville, Ark.	25:41.70
Noah Findlay	So.	09/20/14	Missouri Southern Stampede - Joplin, Mo.	26:15.30
10,000-Meter Run				
Name	Class	Date	Site	Time
Stanley Kebenei	Sr.	11/14/14	NCAA Regionals - Fayetteville, Ark.	29:08.10
Gabe Gonzalez	Jr.	11/14/14	NCAA Regionals - Fayetteville, Ark.	29:55.0
Alex George	Fr.	11/14/14	NCAA Regionals - Fayetteville, Ark.	29:55.0
Cale Wallace	Jr.	11/14/14	NCAA Regionals - Fayetteville, Ark.	30:01.90
Aidan Swain	So.	11/14/14	NCAA Regionals - Fayetteville, Ark.	30:21.90
Austen Dalquist	Fr.	11/14/14	NCAA Regionals - Fayetteville, Ark.	30:22.8
Aidan Swain	So.	11/14/14	NCAA Regionals - Fayetteville, Ark.	30:21.90
Christian Heymsfield	So.	11/14/14	NCAA Regionals - Fayetteville, Ark.	31:02.40





COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF



HEAD COACH - 8th Season CHRIS BUCKNAM SEC XC COACH OF THE YEAR

2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Chris Bucknam is in his eighth season, coming off his fifth SEC Cross Country Title this fall. A veteran in the coaching ranks, Bucknam took the head coaching position at Arkansas on June 27, 2008, after a 25-year stint at Northern Iowa.

Following an SEC Cross Country Title, highlighted by individual SEC Champion Kemoy Campbell, the Razorbacks were led to their third NCAA South Central Regional Title under Bucknam's guidance. Stanley Kebenei led Arkansas to the Regional Title, becoming the second NCAA Regional Individual Champion with Bucknam at the helm.

Since assuming the head coaching position at Arkansas, Bucknam has enjoyed tremendous success in the form of 14 Southeastern Conference championships, four NCAA regional titles, and multiple All-Americans as well as individual SEC champions but all pale in comparison to the achievement of his 2013 indoor track squad who captured Bucknam's first and Arkansas' 41st NCAA title.

Along with the indoor title in 2013, Arkansas placed 10th at the NCAA Cross Country Championship and third at the outdoor meet allowing the program to claim its first John McDonnell Program of the Year award, named after the legendary Arkansas coach whom Bucknam took over for following his retirement.

The national recognition as the best program in the nation was no fluke as Bucknam and his staff have been building to that for several years. In 2011-12, Arkansas won the program's 13th SEC Triple Crown and the first with Bucknam at the helm. The Razorbacks duplicated the effort in 2012-13 giving them 11 league championships over the past five years. No other SEC school has more than two in that same time frame. For his part Bucknam has been named the SEC Coach of the Year 12 times and National Coach of the Year one time.

Nationally, Bucknam's guidance has led the Razorbacks to 14 top 10 finishes since his arrival in Fayetteville. His cross country squads have placed in the top 10 in twice in his tenure while track and field has 12 top 10s including two national runner-up finishes and a national title.

The Razorbacks capped last season with third-place finishes at both indoor and outdoor na-

A 23-year veteran of the Razorback cross country and track and field programs, Danny Green was a four-year letterwinner and All-American for Arkansas and is now entering his 19th season as the Director of Operations for the program.

In his role as the Director of Cross Country and Track and Field Operations, Green is responsible for a myriad of duties including facilitating the Razorbacks' equipment needs, management of all home competitions, the coordination of the Razorback coaches' recruiting efforts and the team's travel arrangements.

As a competitor for legendary coach John McDonnell's juggernaut of the late 80's and early 90s, Green earned All-America honors at 5,000 meters at the 1993 NCAA Outdoor Championship and was a member of nine Southwest Conference, six Southeastern Conference and 10 NCAA championship teams.

Over the course of Green's tenure with the Razorbacks, Arkansas has won 25 NCAA and 57 Southwest or Southeastern Conference titles. The team has also picked up 34 NCAA trophies and claimed three national triple crowns.

After exhausting his collegiate eligibility, Green had a brief career as a professional athlete before turning his attention locally as a counselor to troubled teens at Youth Bridge. He had the honor of representing the United States at the 1993 Ekiden Relay in Chiba, Japan.



DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS 19th Season DANNY GREEN