

# This Week's Schedule:

Pre-Nationals - 8K

E.P. 'Tom' Sawyer State Park - Louisville, Ky.

Sat., Oct. 17 - 9:30 a.m.

# **Next Up:**

SEC Championships - 8K Watts XC Course - College Station, Texas Fri., Oct. 30 - 10:00 a.m.

## Chile Pepper Festival

The Razorbacks dominated the competition on their home course of Agri Park as the hosts of the 27th annual Chile Pepper Festival. The race was the first for a group of significant amount of the team including captains Gabe Gonzalez and Cale Wallace as well as last year's SEC Co-Freshman of Year, Alex George.

George returned to action for the first time since claiming the European Junior title at 5,000 meters this past July. Leading Arkansas, George clocked a 23:35.68 to finish the race third overall and second in division I competition.

Arkansas' top five was made up of George, Frankline Tonui, Christian Heymsfield, Austen Dalquist and transfer, Jack Bruce. Gonzalez and Wallace finished sixth and seventh for the team respectively.

#### **SEC Notes**

Alex George received his first SEC Runner of the Week honor on Tuesday, Oct. 6 following his successful performance at the Chile Pepper Festival. George along with Tonui and Heymsfield currently have the three best 8K times in the SEC.

#### 2015 Roster

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

Palatine, III. (Palatine HS)
Brisbane, Australia (UALR)
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)
Decorah, Iowa (Iowa Central CC)
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:

9.1.15 Okla. State Duals Stillwater, Okla. 5k Team Finish: 4th of 4 Top UA Finisher: Graham Brown (9th overall)

9.19.15 Iona Meet of Champions New York, N.Y. Team Finish: **2nd of 10** 

Top UA Finisher: Frankline Tonui (1st overall)

10.3.15 Chile Pepper Festival Fayetteville, Ark. 8K

Team Finish: 1st of 15
Top UA Finisher: Alex George (3rd overall)

10.17.15 Pre-Nationals Louisville, Ky. 8K

Team Finish: Top UA Finisher:

10.30.15 SEC Championships College Station, Texas 8K

Team Finish: Top UA Finisher:

11.13.15 NCAA Reg. Champ. College Station, Texas 10K

Team Finish: Top UA Finisher:

11.21.15 NCAA Championshisp Louisville, Ky. 10K

Team Finish: Top UA Finisher:

#### **Cross Country Quick Facts**

Facility ......Razorback Cross Country Course 2014 SEC Finish ......1st 2014 NCAA Regional Finish ......1st 2014 NCAA Finish ......28th

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The Razorbacks are the highest nationally ranked SEC team at No. 13 in the USTFCCCA Coaches' Polls.

#### Pre-Nationals Outlook

12 of the nation's best men's cross country programs will compete on the Thomas Zimmer Championship Course on Staurday morning looking to score points towards a bid to Nationals. Along with Arkansas four other teams in the top 15 will be present including No. 1 Colorado, No. 3 Oregon, No. 10 Georgetown and tied for No. 13 UTEP.

With the veterans getting into their groove the Razorbacks are poised to see faster times on the flatter course which is conducive to their running style.

Their runners are all capable of bringing something to the table with newcomers Jack Bruce and Frankline Tonui emerging as potential top five staples while veterans Austen Dalquist and Christian Heymsfield have risen to the occasion. Expectations remain high for All-SEC returners Alex George, Gabe Gonzalez and Cale Wallace who understand the what it takes to keep the Razorbacks revered as one of the top contenders.

- 8 8K Entries
  5 1. Graham Brown
  2. Jack Bruce
  3. Austen Dalquist
  4. Noah Findlay
  5 Alox George

  - 5. Alex George
  - 6. Gabe Gonzalez
  - 7. Cameron Griffith
  - 8. Christian Heymsfield
  - 9. Kyle Hosting
  - 10. Ethan Moehn
  - 11. Stephen Mugeche
  - 12. Aidan Swain
  - 13. Frankline Tonui
  - 14. Cale Wallace

#### On Tap

With their first team title of the season in hand following the



Frankline Tonui

Chile Pepper Festival Arkansas heads 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.

SEC Championship Result			_						
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 2015

5,000-Meter Run				
Name	Class	Date	Site	Time
Graham Brown	Fr.	09/1/15	Cowboy Preview - Stillwater, Okla.	16:11.70
Kyle Hosting	Jr.	09/1/15	Cowboy Preview - Stillwater, Okla.	16:38.50
Noah Findlay	Jr.	09/1/15	Cowboy Preview - Stillwater, Okla.	16:39.30
Aidan Swain	Jr.	09/1/15	Cowboy Preview - Stillwater, Okla.	17:17.40
Nick Costanza	So.	09/1/15	Cowboy Preview - Stillwater, Okla.	17:20.80
8,000-Meter Run				
Name	Class	Date	Site	Time
Alex George	So.	10/3/15	Chile Pepper Festival - Fayetteville, Ark.	23:35.68
Frankline Tonui	Jr.	10/3/15	Chile Pepper Festival - Fayetteville, Ark.	23:38.24
Christian Heymsfield	Jr.	10/3/15	Chile Pepper Festival - Fayetteville, Ark.	23:38.87
Austen Dalquist	So.	10/3/15	Chile Pepper Festival - Fayetteville, Ark.	24:00.7
Jack Bruce	So.	10/3/15	Chile Pepper Festival - Fayetteville, Ark.	24:04.2
Gabe Gonzalez	Sr.	10/3/15	Chile Pepper Festival - Fayetteville, Ark.	24:07.2
Cale Wallace	Sr.	10/3/15	Chile Pepper Festival - Fayetteville, Ark.	24:14.40
Ethan Moehn	So.	10/3/15	Chile Pepper Festival - Fayetteville, Ark.	24:42.21
Kyle Hosting	Jr.	10/3/15	Chile Pepper Festival - Fayetteville, Ark.	24:42.5
Cameron Griffith	Fr.	10/3/15	Chile Pepper Festival - Fayetteville, Ark.	25:11.20
10,000-Meter Run				
Name	Class	Date	Site	Time



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# COACHES/SUPPORT STAFF



HEAD COACH - 8th Season CHRIS BUCKNAM

SEC XC COACH OF THE YEAR 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

NCAA TOP 20 FINISHES:

2013 - 12TH

2012 - 10TH

2010 - 10TH

NCAA XC ALL-AMERICANS:

2014 - Stanley Kebenei (6)

2013 - Stanley Kebenei (6)

2012 - Kemoy Campbell (17)

2010 - Dorian Ulrey (11)

Solomon Haile (17)

2009 - Dorian Ulrey (6)

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 nationals and as the USTFCCCA Scholar Program of Year.

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