



# BIG 12 CONFERENCE NEWS

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## 2007 ACADEMIC ALL-BIG 12 CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

**IRVING, Texas**—The Big 12 Conference has named 113 student-athletes to the 2007 Academic All-Big 12 Cross Country Team, the league office announced.

Among those honored were eight nominated with a 4.00 grade point average. The women's student-athletes with a perfect GPA include Rachel Bell (Iowa State), Beverly Ramos Morales (Kansas State), Joslyn Dalton (Nebraska), and Leah Schroeder (Oklahoma State). Bryce Somer (Nebraska), Tucker Weems (Oklahoma State), and Noel Conrad and Cory Higgins (Texas Tech) posted a 4.00 on the men's side.

The Colorado and Oklahoma State women's squads placed a league-leading nine student-athletes each on the team, while the Buffs and Cowboys also paced the men's field with seven selections apiece.

Nominated by each institution's director of student-athlete support services and the media relations offices, the men's cross country academic all-league squad consisted of 36 first team members combined with 12 on the second team, while the women had 56 first team recipients and nine student-athletes on the second team. First team members consist of those who have maintained a 3.20 or better GPA, and the second team are those who have a 3.00 to 3.19 GPA.

To qualify student-athletes must maintain a 3.00 GPA or higher either cumulative or the two previous semesters and must have participated in 60 percent of his/her team's scheduled contests. Freshmen and transfers are not eligible in their first year of academic residence. Senior student-athletes who have participated for a minimum of two years and meet all the criteria except percent of participation are also eligible.

For the first time in Big 12 history, Texas Tech will host the Big 12 Cross Country Championships on Friday at Rawls Golf Course in Lubbock, Texas. The event will begin with the men's 8,000-meter race at 10 a.m. CT, followed by the women's 6,000-meter run at 11 a.m. Admission is free to the public.

The top men's and women's teams are crowned league champion and earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships. The top 15 individuals in each race are named all-conference.

Colorado has dominated the Big 12 cross country scene the past 11 seasons. The men, the reigning national champions, have won every title, while the women have won 10 of the 11 championships, with Kansas State claiming the only other crown in 1998. Nationally, the Buffs have produced three men's (2001, '04 and '06) and two women's (2000, '04) NCAA team championships as members of the league.

Individually, both the men's and women's champions - Colby Wissel (Kansas) and defending NCAA individual winner Sally Kipyego (Texas Tech) - will return to the conference championships field in '07. Wissel and Kipyego both earned second-team recognition as members of the Academic All-Big 12 Cross Country Team.

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## 2007 ACADEMIC ALL-BIG 12 MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

### FIRST TEAM (3.20-PLUS GPA; \*INDICATES NOMINATED WITH A 4.00 GPA)

<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
John Wenhold, Baylor	Jr.	Biology	Corpus Christi, Texas
Bradley Harkrader, Colorado	Jr.	Chemical Engineering	Westminster, Colo.
Pete Janson, Colorado	Sr.	Microbiology	Dallas, Texas
Brent Vaughn, Colorado	Sr.	Applied Math	Aurora, Colo.
Kevin Born, Iowa State	Jr.	Mathematics	Lone Jack, Mo.
Richard Newton, Iowa State	Jr.	Health and Human Performance	Preston, England
Brandon Rooney, Iowa State	Jr.	Kinesiology	Tehachapi, Calif.
Kiel Uhl, Iowa State	Jr.	Architecture	Prole, Iowa
Paul Hefferon, Kansas	Sr.	Marketing	Overland Park, Kan.
Alex Rock, Kansas	Jr.	Secondary Chemistry Education	Lawrence, Kan.
Dan Van Orsdel, Kansas	So.	Business	Minnnetoka, Minn.
Danny Schneider, Kansas State	Jr.	Food Science	Lawrence, Kan.
Colin Swaney, Kansas State	Sr.	Economics and Math	Iowa City, Iowa
Michael Barrows, Missouri	Sr.	Business Administration	Flint, Mich.
Tim Cornell, Missouri	Jr.	Biological Science	Columbia, Mo.
Brian Graybill, Missouri	Sr.	Mechanical Engineering	Liberty, Mo.
Dan Hedgecock, Missouri	So.	English	St. Louis, Mo.
Benjamin Wade, Missouri	So.	Accounting	St. Charles, Mo.
Kyle, Custer, Nebraska	Jr.	Junior	Cambridge, Neb.
Alec Maduza, Nebraska	Sr.	History	Shorewood, Wis.
Bryce Somer, Nebraska*	So.	Nutrition, Health and Exercise	Yankton, S.D.
Rob Sorrell, Oklahoma	So.	Aviation	Memphis, Tenn.
Chris Sweeney, Oklahoma	So.	International Business	Highlands Ranch, Colo.
Matthew Barnes-Smith, Oklahoma State	Jr.	Economics	United Kingdom
Ryan Birkholz, Oklahoma State	So.	Management	Burlington, Wash.
Brian Gosnell, Oklahoma State	Jr.	Biology	Tahlequah, Okla.
David Jankowski, Oklahoma State	Sr.	Journalism & Broadcasting	Idaho Falls, Idaho
Ryan Vail, Oklahoma State	Sr.	Spanish	Gresham, Okla.
Daniel Watts, Oklahoma State	So.	Journalism & Broadcasting	Cambridgeshire, England
Tucker Weems, Oklahoma State*	So.	Undeclared	Lake Quivira, Kan.
Owen Washburn, Texas	Sr.	Public Affairs	Amherst, Mass.
Ryan Wilson, Texas	Sr.	Accounting	Wichita Falls, Kan.
Eric Ayala, Texas Tech	Sr.	Exercise and Sport Science	Groesbeck, Texas
Noel Conrad, Texas Tech*	Jr.	Russian	Harker Heights, Texas
Cory Higgins, Texas Tech*	So.	Civil Engineering	Abilene, Texas
Wade Smith, Texas Tech	Jr.	Political Science	Cypress, Texas

### SECOND TEAM (3.00 TO 3.19 GPA)

<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Jordan Hiller, Baylor	Jr.	International Business	Yoakum, Texas
Greg Castro, Colorado	Sr.	Advertising	Boulder, Colo.
Dan Edwards, Colorado	Fr.	Applied Math	Kaiserslautern, Germany
Matt Herzl, Colorado	Fr.	Physics	Littleton, Colo.
Kenyon Neuman, Colorado	So.	Business	Bend, Ore.
Johnny Reel, Iowa State	Jr.	Logistics and Supply Chain Management	Carolock, Ill.
Jayden Russ, Iowa State	Sr.	Marketing	Brisbane, Australia
Levi Huseman, Kansas	Jr.	Secondary Education/Science	Tonganoxie, Kan.
Colby Wissel, Kansas	Sr.	Accounting and History	Elm Creek, Neb.
Tyler Fennema, Kansas State	So.	Education	Abilene, Kan.
Casey Johnson, Kansas State	Jr.	Political Science	DeSoto, Kan.
Ethan Luebbe, Nebraska	So.	Mechanical Engineering	Waco, Neb.

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## 2007 ACADEMIC ALL-BIG 12 WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

### FIRST TEAM (3.20-PLUS GPA; \*INDICATES NOMINATED WITH A 4.00 GPA)

<b>Name, School</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Jessi Barnes, Baylor	Sr.	Economics	Bentonville, Ark.
Erin Bedell, Baylor	Jr.	Health Science Studies	Plano, Texas
Lyndsy Bedell, Baylor	Sr.	Health Science Studies	Plano, Texas
Danielle Bradley, Baylor	So.	Health Science Studies	West Palm Beach, Fla.
Lauren Hagans, Baylor	Sr.	General Studies	Little Rock, Ark.
Nichole Jones, Baylor	So.	Exercise Physiology	Spring, Texas
Katie Shaw, Baylor	So.	Speech Communications	Cleburne, Texas
Renae Van Wyhe, Baylor	So.	Math	Collierville, Tenn.
Jenny Barringer, Colorado	Jr.	Political Science	Oviedo, Fla.
Anna Chase, Colorado	So.	Chemistry	Martinsville, Va.
Emily Hanenburg, Colorado	So.	Art and Spanish	Colorado Springs, Colo.
Jen Hooper, Colorado	Jr.	Integrated physiology	Steamboat Springs, Colo.
Erin Marston, Colorado	Sr.	Integrated physiology	Parker, Colo.
Dani Rodriguez, Colorado	So.	Sociology	Parker, Colo.
Aislinn Ryan, Colorado	So.	Studio Art	Warwick, N.Y.
Sara Vaughn, Colorado	Jr.	Spanish and Psychology	Gering, Neb.
Rachel Bell, Iowa State*	So.	Pre-Diet and Exercise Health Science	Vandalia, Ill.
Dawn Caffrey, Iowa State	Sr.	Educational Leadership and Policy Studies	Ankeny, Iowa
Allison Clark, Iowa State	So.	Design	Wheaton, Ill.
Lisa Koll, Iowa State	Jr.	Biology	Fort Dodge, Iowa
Mackenzie Madison, Iowa State	Sr.	Kinesiology	Ankeny, Iowa
Dana Peters, Iowa State	Jr.	Health and Human Performance	Nerstrand, Minn.
Lauren Bonds, Kansas	So.	Political Science	Hutchinson, Kan.
Claire Hall, Kansas	So.	Exercise Science	Iowa City, Iowa
Megan James, Kansas	Jr.	Exercise Science	Kansas City, Mo.
Lisa Morrissey, Kansas	Sr.	Communications	Ottawa, Kan.
Sarah Nackley, Kansas	So.	Health, Sport and Exercise Science	Shawnee, Kan.
Morgan Bonds, Kansas State	Sr.	Biology	Hutchinson, Kan.
Emily Dittmore, Kansas State	Jr.	Family Studies	Wichita, Kan.
Megan-Anne Perrin, Kansas State	So.	Open Option	Fountain Hills, Ariz.
Beverly Ramos Morales, Kansas State*	So.	Life Science	Trujillo, Puerto Rico
Kate Greer, Missouri	Sr.	Psychology	Marsahlltown, Iowa
Kasey Kimball, Missouri	Sr.	Bio Science	Eureka, Mo.
Angela Potrykus, Missouri	Jr.	Journalism	Evergreen, Colo.
Emily Ramsey, Missouri	Jr.	Social Work	Waukesha, Wis.
Carolyn Rauon, Missouri	Sr.	Spanish	Cincinnati, Ohio
Ellen Ries, Missouri	Jr.	Nutritional Science	Ryan, Iowa
Rachel Carrizales, Nebraska	Jr.	Pre-Elementary Education	Morrill, Neb.
Joslyn Dalton, Nebraska*	Sr.	Communication Studies	Fremont, Neb.
Ari Goldstein, Nebraska	Jr.	Biochemistry	Soldotna, Alaska
Jennifer Pancoast, Nebraska	Jr.	Nutritional Science and Dietetics	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Natalja Zarcenko, Nebraska	Jr.	Finance and Accounting	Valmiera, Latvia
Jessica Eldridge, Oklahoma	Sr.	Human Relations	Broken Arrow, Okla.
Catherine Odell, Oklahoma	Sr.	Language Arts	Enid, Okla.
Anissa Angelosante, Oklahoma State	So.	Nutritional Sciences	Kingsland, Texas
Kim Blomkvist, Oklahoma State	Sr.	International Business	Strangnes, Sweden
Tone Hjalmarson, Oklahoma State	So.	Nutritional Sciences	Bodoe, Norway
Brittany Mason, Oklahoma State	Jr.	Elementary Education	Hugoton, Kan.
Leah Schroeder, Oklahoma State*	So.	Nutritional Sciences	Sauk City, Wis.
Meghan Sullivan, Oklahoma State	Sr.	Accounting	Tulsa, Okla.
Eva Tomankova, Oklahoma State	Sr.	International Business	Radinov, Czech Republic
Maria Trejo, Oklahoma State	Sr.	Nutritional Sciences	Watauga, Texas
Larkin Geyer, Texas	Jr.	Public Relations	Austin, Texas
Betzy Jimenez, Texas	So.	Biology	Hereford, Texas
Leigh Berger, Texas A&M	So.	Biomedical Sciences	Weimar, Texas
Elizabeth Slaugther, Texas A&M	So.	Allied Health	Willis, Texas

### SECOND TEAM (3.00 TO 3.19 GPA)

<b>Name, School</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Shanna Sparks, Colorado	Sr.	Sociology	Carson City, Nev.
Kaitlyn Coen, Kansas	So.	Accounting and Finance	Hays, Kan.
Hayley Harbert, Kansas	Sr.	Secondary English Education	Shawnee, Kan.
Emily Baker, Missouri	So.	Education	Wildwood, Mo.
Trisa Nickoley, Missouri	Sr.	Nutr. Science	Tecumseh, Kan.
Tihana Sarac, Oklahoma State	Jr.	International Business	Kuntina, Croatia
Lauren Salisbury, Texas	So.	Liberal Arts	Pflugerville, Texas
Kassie Moore, Texas A&M	Sr.	Marketing	Houston, Texas