

Arkansas Razorbacks



RAZORBACKS IN SEC XC CHAMPIONSHIPS



SEC TEAM TITLES
In earning the cross country team title last season, Arkansas broke the tie they were in with Tennessee, at 25 each, for the most SEC men's titles. Tennessee's last SEC title occurred in 1990, the year before Arkansas started competing in the league. The Razorbacks totaled 24 SWC cross country titles and now have 50 overall with the 26 SEC championships.



SEC INDIVIDUAL TITLES
Gilbert Boit won the 2018 title, becoming the 12th Razorback to claim an SEC title and it was the 15th overall title. Another victory for Boit, a redshirt in 2019, would make him the fourth Razorback to claim double SEC titles. The past three SEC individual Razorback titles came in even number years - 2014, '16, '18.

NATIONAL POLL

NCAA COACHES TOP 30

1. NORTHERN ARIZONA
2. IOWA STATE
3. COLORADO
4. STANFORD
5. OKLAHOMA STATE
6. **ARKANSAS**
7. BYU

8. NOTRE DAME
9. TULSA
10. WISCONSIN
11. AIR FORCE
12. OREGON
13. GONZAGA
14. TEXAS
15. MICHIGAN

16. FURMAN
17. PORTLAND
18. PRINCETON
19. FLORIDA STATE
19. COLORADO STATE
21. UTAH STATE
22. ALABAMA
23. BOISE STATE

24. VILLANOVA
25. HARVARD
26. WASHINGTON
27. GEORGETOWN
28. OLE MISS
29. MINNESOTA
30. MONTANA STATE

ARKANSAS AIMS TO DEFEND SEC CROSS COUNTRY TITLE

No. 6 Arkansas enters the SEC Cross Country Championships as defending champions, having claimed a conference record 26th title last year. The SEC Championships, with the men's 8,000m race hosted by Missouri and held on the Gans Creek course, will air live on the SEC Network at 10 a.m. this Friday, Oct. 29.

"We have a well-seasoned team, but other schools will reap the same benefit from the covid year," noted Razorbacks men's head coach Chris Bucknam. "We're looking forward to going up to Columbia, racing to see what we're made of and to see if we're good enough to be conference champs."

Recently, Arkansas placed third in Florida State's Pre-National Invitational behind defending national champion Northern Arizona and matching the score of runner-up Colorado, and then moved to No. 6 in the national rankings.

Arkansas is one of three nationally ranked schools in the conference, along with No. 22 Alabama and No. 28 Ole Miss.

"We have a tough row to hoe in the SEC Championships, because there are a lot of great athletes in our league," said Bucknam. "Certainly, Ole Miss and Alabama are formidable opponents. We have to be good on that day if we are going to beat them."

Since 2012, when the league expanded with the addition of Missouri and Texas A&M, Arkansas has claimed seven of the past nine titles, with a second and third place finish the other two years.

Ole Miss won a pair of titles in 2018 and 2019 during that span while also finishing second three times and third twice. Alabama has placed third twice, in 2017 and 2019.

Razorback Amon Kemboi led the squad in Tallahassee, placing 10th. Earlier in the season Gilbert Boit and Kemboi finished with the same time, placing 1-2, in Boston College's Battle in Beantown with Arkansas claiming the team title.

"We got our feet wet at Pre-Nationals and that was the goal for that meet, to get into some really tough competition and harden our shell a little bit, mentally and physically, to compete going forward for these two championships, the SEC

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meet and then the NCAA Championships," noted Bucknam.

Boit, the 2018 SEC Champion, and Kemboi, who led the team in 2020 in placing fifth at the SEC meet, are two of five Razorbacks returning from Arkansas' top seven in last year's conference meet. They are joined by Jacob McLeod, Emmanuel Cheboson and Andrew Kibet.

Cheboson and Kibet alternated as the third and fourth Razorback finishers during the Boston College meet, placing fifth and sixth, and the Pre-National Invitational, finishing 27th and 31st. McLeod, the third Razorback finisher in the 2020 SEC meet, was the fifth Razorback in Boston and sixth during the Pre-National meet.

Myles Richter and Ryan Murphy were part of the Razorback's top seven in 2019, placing second and fourth among the squad with Richter 18th overall and Murphy 27th. They were the eighth and ninth UA finishers in 2020 with Murphy

placing 22nd and Richter 23rd.

Richter led Arkansas this season with runner-up finishes in the Missouri Opener on the Gans Creek course and Chile Pepper Festival. Then he was the fifth Razorback, placing 44th overall, in the Pre-National Invitational.

Also racing for the Razorbacks in the conference meet are Josh Shearer and Elias Schreml. Shearer has contested a pair of SEC meets while this will be the debut for Schreml.

National Rankings

6. Arkansas
22. Alabama
28. Mississippi

Regional Rankings

South Central | 1. Arkansas, 4. LSU, 5. Texas A&M

South | 2. Alabama, 3. Mississippi, 7. Tennessee, 9. Florida, 12. Georgia, 14. Auburn, 15. Vanderbilt

Southeast | 7. Kentucky

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RAZORBACK SEC CHAMPIONS

15 titles by 12 individuals

3 double champions

2018	Gilbert Boit
2016	Alex George
2014	Stanley Kebenei
2013	Kemoy Campbell
2011	Eric Fernandez
2005	Josphat Boit
2004	Josphat Boit
1999	Michael Power
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1997	Ryan Wilson
1996	Godfrey Siamusiye
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1994	Jason Bunston
1993	Michael Morin
1991	Brian Baker

• Over the past 30 SEC meets involving Arkansas, the Razorbacks have claimed 26 titles, a conference record, while placing runner-up twice and finishing third twice.

• 25 of the 26 league victories for Arkansas occurred in two sets of consecutive winning streaks. The Razorbacks produced a perfect score of 15 points in their first SEC Championship in 1991 and generated 17 consecutive titles from 1991 to 2007. Arkansas also put together eight consecutive titles from 2010 to 2017.

• The Razorback men have claimed the past four SEC Championships contested: 2020 SEC Indoor, 2020 SEC Cross Country, 2021 SEC Indoor, and 2021 SEC Outdoor. Arkansas accomplished its 16th SEC triple crown in 2020-21.

• Arkansas last swept both men's and women's team titles in 2020. It has been accomplished 18 times since the Razorbacks competed in their first SEC meet in 1991.

• When Gilbert Boit won the 2018 SEC title, it was the first time a Razorback claimed the individual title without Arkansas also winning the team title.

• An Arkansas complete sweep of individual and team titles last occurred in 2014.

HOG FACTS

SEC CHAMPIONSHIPS | RECENT TOP 3 TEAM FINISH & POINTS

2020	Arkansas	35	Ole Miss	59	Georgia	121
2019	Ole Miss	25	Alabama	90	Arkansas	121
2018	Ole Miss	36	Arkansas	44	Kentucky	122
2017	Arkansas	41	Alabama	81	Ole Miss	82
2016	Arkansas	25	Ole Miss	38	Kentucky	100
2015	Arkansas	25	Texas A&M	98	Ole Miss	122
2014	Arkansas	54	Ole Miss	60	Auburn	77
2013	Arkansas	31	Florida	96	Georgia	101
2012	Arkansas	35	Georgia	73	Missouri, TAMU	80

RAZORBACK NOTES

Gilbert Boit, 2018 SEC cross country champion, previously won the Ohio Valley Conference title in 2016 with Tennessee Tech. In 2020, he was the seventh Razorbacks in the conference meet, placing 16th.

In the 2020 NCAA meet, held in March of 2021, Boit placed 40th to earn All-America.

Amon Kemboi is a four-time All-American in cross country, placing 11th in the NCAA meet held in March of 2021 with the Razorbacks.

Previously, Kemboi placed among the top 10 at the NCAA Championships twice while at Campbell. He finished 29th in 2017, 7th in 2018 and 8th in 2019. Previous conference experience includes the 2017 Big South title along with silver medal performances in 2018 and 2019.

Andrew Kibet, claimed the 2018 NJCAA individual title and placed fourth in 2019 with Hutchinson CC. Kibet also won the NJCAA Region VI title as a freshman and placed fifth as a sophomore.

Last season Kibet was sixth among the Arkansas squad in the SEC meet, finishing 14th.

During the Pre-National Invitational, Kibet finished third among the Razorbacks to place 27th overall.

Jacob McLeod, a silver medalist in the 2018 Ohio Valley Conference with Belmont, placed seventh in the 2020 SEC Championships, finishing third among the Razorbacks.

This season, McLeod was the fifth Arkansas runner, placing 25th, in the Battle for Beantown as the Razorbacks secured the team title. McLeod placed 47th in the Pre-National Invitational, finishing sixth among the Arkansas squad.

Six of last year's top seven Razorbacks at the SEC meet are on the 2021 roster. **Luke Meade**, an All-American in 2020, sustained an injury during the summer and has not competed this season.

Myles Richter and **Ryan Murphy** were among Arkansas' top seven during the 2019 SEC Championships. Richter was the second Razorback in 2019, placing 18th. Murphy finished as the third Arkansas runner in 2018 (9th) and 2019 (27th).

ARKANSAS TOP 7 FINISHERS | RECENT SEC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Athletes in bold are on the Razorback 2021 roster

2020	5) Amon Kemboi	6) Luke Meade	7) Jacob McLeod	8) E. Chebosen	9) Matt Young	14) Andrew Kibet	16) Gilbert Boit
2019	7) Matt Young	18) Myles Richter	27) Ryan Murphy	38) Preston Cates	42) Carter Persyn	43) Jayce Turner	56) Graham Brown
2018	1) Gilbert Boit	3) Cameron Griffith	9) Ryan Murphy	14) Ethan Moehn	17) Graham Brown	25) Colin O'Mara	26) Preston Cates

RAZORBACK TOP 7 FINISHERS IN 2021 SEASON

Sept. 3	2) Myles Richter	4) Josh Shearer	10) Carter Persyn	16) Jayce Turner	24) Tom Romanow	29) Luke George	
Sept. 24	1) Gilbert Boit	2) Amon Kemboi	5) E. Chebosen	6) Andrew Kibet	25) Jacob McLeod	25) Ryan Murphy	102) Carter Persyn
Oct. 1	2) Myles Richter	21) Carter Persyn	34) Josh Shearer	82) Jayce Turner	95) Tom Romanow	160) Luke George	
Oct. 15	10) Amon Kemboi	16) Gilbert Boit	27) Andrew Kibet	31) E. Chebosen	44) Myles Richter	47) Jacob McLeod	108) Elias Schreml

CROSS COUNTRY | Top 10 Team Finish at SEC Championships since 2012

YEAR	SITE	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FIFTH	SIXTH	SEVENTH	EIGHTH	NINTH	TENTH
2020	Baton Rouge	Arkansas	Ole Miss	Georgia	Tenn	Kentucky	Missouri	Florida	LSU	TAMU	Alabama
2019	Lexington	Ole Miss	Alabama	Arkansas	Kentucky	TAMU	Florida	Missouri	LSU	Tenn	Vandy
2018	Auburn	Ole Miss	Arkansas	Kentucky	Tenn	Missouri	Alabama	TAMU	Florida	Georgia	Auburn
2017	Athens	Arkansas	Alabama	Ole Miss	Kentucky	Tenn	Georgia	Missouri	TAMU	Auburn	Floridad
2016	Fayetteville	Arkansas	Ole Miss	Kentucky	Georgia	Alabama	Missouri	TAMU	Florida	Tenn	Auburn
2015	College Station	Arkansas	TAMU	Ole Miss	Kentucky	Georgia	Missouri	Florida	Auburn	Alabama	Miss St
2014	Tuscaloosa	Arkansas	Ole Miss	Auburn	Missouri	Kentucky	Alabama	Tenn	TAMU	Miss St	Florida
2013	Gainesville	Arkansas	Florida	Georgia	Missouri	Kentucky	Auburn	Tenn	TAMU	Miss St	Ole Miss
2012	Nashville	Arkansas	Georgia	=Missouri	=TAMU	Florida	Kentucky	Tenn	=Miss St	=Auburn	Ole Miss

ARKANSAS | Team finish at SEC Championships

Year	Place	Score	2013	1st	31	2005	1st	23	1997	1st	19
2020	1st	35	2012	1st	35	2004	1st	23	1996	1st	15
2019	3rd	121	2011	1st	33	2003	1st	33	1995	1st	32
2018	2nd	44	2010	1st	34	2002	1st	31	1994	1st	38
2017	1st	41	2009	2nd	61	2001	1st	24	1993	1st	18
2016	1st	25	2008	3rd	75	2000	1st	27	1992	1st	23
2015	1st	25	2007	1st	36	1999	1st	17	1991	1st	15
2014	1st	54	2006	1st	21	1998	1st	19			

ARKANSAS MEN | 2021 SEASON RECAP

Missouri Opener | Gans Creek Course 6,000m | Friday, Sept. 3

Teams (4 schools)

1. Kentucky	29
2. Missouri	50
3. Arkansas	52
4. Vanderbilt	103

Individuals

2. Myles Richter	17:42.5
4. Josh Shearer	17:48.5
10. Carter Persyn	18:09.7
16. Jayce Turner	18:20.9
24. Tommy Romanow	18:36.2
29. Luke George	18:47.9

Battle in Beantown | Franklin Park 8,000m | Friday, Sept. 24

Teams (20 schools)

1. Arkansas	39
2. Syracuse	60
3. Duke	80
4. Harvard	96
5. Providence	151

Individuals

1. Gilbert Boit	24:07.4
2. Amon Kemboi	24:07.4
5. Emmanuel Cheboson	24:13.0
6. Andrew Kibet	24:13.7
25. Jacob McLeod	24:56.3
35. Ryan Murphy	25:03.2
102. Carter Persyn	26:17.7

Chile Pepper Festival | Agri Park 8,000m | Friday, Oct. 1

Teams (36 schools)

1. Colorado School of Mines	39
2. Augustana (SD)	131
3. Western Colorado	178
4. Arkansas	192
Alabama Huntsville	192

Individuals (Scoring places)

2. Myles Richter	23:33.5
21. Carter Persyn (19)	24:32.7
34. Josh Shearer (28)	24:49.4
82. Jayce Turner (66)	25:33.3
95. Tommy Romanow (77)	25:45.3
160. Luke George (134)	26:29.1

Unattached – Arkansas

15. Elias Schreml	24:22.7
23. Ben Shearer	24:35.2
68. Sam Hall	25:24.8

Florida State Pre-National Apalachee Regional Park 8,000m | Friday, Oct. 15

Teams (40 schools)

1. Northern Arizona	64
2. Colorado	128
3. Arkansas	128
4. BYU	131
5. Notre Dame	203
6. Texas	233
7. Princeton	271
8. Florida State	281
9. Alabama	325
10. Georgetown	331

Individuals

10. Amon Kemboi	23:13.1
16. Gilbert Boit	23:22.7
27. Andrew Kibet	23:28.0
31. Emmanuel Cheboson	23:29.9

44. Myles Richter	23:47.3
47. Jacob McLeod	23:49.6
108. Elias Schreml	24:18.3