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**POCATELLO, Idaho –**The cross country Preseason Big Sky Coaches Poll was released by the conference with the Idaho State men picked to finish in seventh with 67 total points and the Bengal women to finish 11th with 31 total points.

Top finisher [KC Hunsicker](http://www.isubengals.com/roster.aspx?rp_id=4131) returns to lead an Idaho State men's team that finished sixth in the 2013 Big Sky Cross Country Championships. ISU's women's team finished ninth overall a season ago.

Northern Arizona was picked to finish first in the cross country championships in both the men and women polls. The Lumberjack men received 10 first-place votes and 142 total points. Close behind them was Southern Utah with 133 total points and two first-place votes. Weber State is picked to finish third in the poll with 115 points.

In the women's poll, nine first-place votes were given to Northern Arizona for a total of 141 points. Weber State was picked to finish second in the poll with two first-place votes and 130 total points. Eastern Washington was ranked third with one first-place vote and 107 points.

The Bengals begin their season at the Centennial Course when both the men and women host Southern Utah at 9 a.m. Friday.

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| **Men's Cross Country Poll** |  |
| **Rank** | **Team (First-Place Votes)** | **Total Points** |
| 1 | Northern Arizona (10) | 142 |
| 2 | Southern Utah (2) | 133 |
| 3 | Weber State | 115 |
| 4 | Montana State  | 98 |
| 5 | Idaho | 93 |
| 6 | Eastern Washington | 84 |
| **7** | **Idaho State** | **67** |
| 8 | Montana | 64 |
| 9 | Sacramento State | 49 |
| 10 | Portland State | 46 |
| 11 | North Dakota | 31 |
| 12 | Northern Colorado | 14 |
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| **Women's Cross Country** |  |
| **Rank** | **Team (First-Place Votes)** | **Total Points** |
| 1 | Northern Arizona (9) | 141 |
| 2 | Weber State (2) | 130 |
| 3 | EWU (1) | 107 |
| 4 | Montana State | 105 |
| 5 | Southern Utah | 94 |
| 6 | Montana | 81 |
| 7 | Idaho | 80 |
| 8 | Sacramento State | 63 |
| 9 | Northern Colorado | 48 |
| 10 | North Dakota | 32 |
| **11** | **Idaho State** | **31** |
| 12 | Portland State | 24 |

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