

Fresno Invitational-Cross Country Men and Women
Big 8 Teams & Athletes Update
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The 2007 Fresno Invitational offered excellent competition for teams and individuals of the Big 8 Conference. The American River Men's team showed up and let the southern teams know that they are a team that can contend for a top spot at the State Meet in November. Team grouping and tough running gave the Beavers a 3rd place finish that was only a few points way from the team champion, College of the Canyons. 2nd place MSAC was also in the mix as the top three teams were separated by only nine points. Wilson Mangubu led the ARC attacked with his 6th place finish. Scores: Canyons-88, MSAC-90, ARC-97.

The Women's race was very competitive as the Big 8 saw 3 of its excellent teams, ARC, Diablo Valley and Sacramento CC fair well against some stellar teams from the south. 4 points separated the always competitive Beavers and Vikings with team scores of 299-304! Crystal Buck led the Beavers and Asma Mohammedi led her Viking teammates. Just last week the Lady Vikings had beaten the Beavers at their own invitational. These two teams look to be having close battles all season. Another excellent Big 8 team, Sacramento CC was also in the mix as they scored 320 points and had excellent races from their top two runners, Nancy Velasquez and Christina Lopez.

NEXT MEET: Goldenwest Invitational, Huntington Beach, CA.