



# VCU Cross Country Weekly Release

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## 2002 SCHEDULE

### MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Date	Opponent	Time/Place
8/30	East-Carolina Twilight Invitational	2nd
9/14	Navy Invitational	11th
9/21	Virginia Tech Invitational	3rd
10/5	George Mason Bull-Run Invitational	3rd
10/19	Tribe Open	N/A
11/2	CAA Championships (@GMU)	4th
11/16	NCAA Southeast Regionals	TBA

## 2002 ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
David Flueckiger	So.	Herisau, Switzerland
Peter Gardella	Fr.	Burke, Va./Lake Braddock
Dean Hall	Fr.	Richmond, Va./Hermitage
Tylen Hazard	Fr.	Hampton, Va./Bethel
Ahmed Quieshi	Jr.	Midlothian, Va./James River
Pius Stucki	Sr.	Altendorf, Switzerland
Lee Withers	Sr.	Mechanicsville, Va./Atlee

## UPCOMING MATCHES FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 4:

*VCU Men's Cross Country*

*Does Not Participate*

## SEASON WRAP UP...

Virginia Commonwealth's men's cross country team wrapped up its season on Nov. 2 at the Colonial Athletic Association Cross Country Championships hosted by George Mason University. The men finished fourth overall with 110 points in the 8,000-meter run with a combined team time of 3:13:29.66 and an average time of 2:00:54.63. William & Mary was named CAA Champions as they totaled a record low 24 points.

Ram senior **Pius Stucki (Altendorf, Switzerland)**, who has been a solid star the entire season, was the first finisher for VCU and placed seventh overall with a time of 25:01.22. Stucki was followed by sophomore **David Flueckiger (Herisau, Switzerland)** in 20th place (26:02.14) and junior **Ahmed Quershi (Midlothian, Va./James River)** who finished 36th (27:19.13).

Stucki and freshman **Chad Hall (Richmond, Va./Hermitage)** will take the next two weeks to prepare for the NCAA Southeast Regionals which will be held on Nov. 16 in Greenville, N.C.

## 2002 SCHEDULE

### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Date	Opponent	Time/Place
9/7	Elon College Invitational	3rd
9/21	William & Mary	3rd
9/27	Great American XC Festival	15th
10/5	George Mason Bull Run Invitational	4th
10/19	Tribe Open	4th
11/2	CAA Championships (@GMU)	5th

## 2002 ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
Jess Bear	Fr.	Chester, Va./Thomas Dale
Teneisha Campbell	So.	Virginia Beach/Salem
Brienne Dubinsky	Fr.	Blacksburg, Va./Blacksburg
Michelle Kidd	Jr.	Richmond, Va./Atlee
Carin Miller	Jr.	Centreville, Va./Centreville
Kristinia Rios	Fr.	Arlington, Va./Wakefield
Rachael Taft	Jr.	Dahlgren, Va./King George
Celeste Thompson	Jr.	Staten Island, N.Y./St. John V.A.
Emily Thompson	Fr.	Crozet, Va./Western Albemarle
Priscilla Wallace	Jr.	Richmond, Va./Highland Springs
Valarie Wong	Jr.	Hampton, Va./West Branch

## UPCOMING MATCHES FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 4:

*VCU Women's Cross Country*

*Does Not Participate*

## UNTIL NEXT YEAR...

VCU's women's cross country team said good-bye to the 2002 season as the Rams competed in the last meet of the season on Nov. 2. VCU placed fifth at the CAA Championships with 139 points, which was held at Bull Run Park in Centreville, Va. James Madison University took home the title of CAA Champions, as they collected 25 total points.

The top competitors for the Rams were junior **Priscilla Wallace (Richmond, Va./Highland Springs)**, junior **Rachel Taft (Kahlgren, Va./King George)**, and freshman **Emily Thompson (Crozet, Va./Western Albemarle)**. Wallace placed 19th with a time of 23:21.37 and was followed by Taft and Thompson who remained close throughout the meet, finishing 30th (24:01.41) and 31st (24:03.27), respectively.

The women's cross country team now looks forward to a promising 2003 season. The team does not graduate any seniors this year, and hopes that their experiences this season will prepare them for the next year.