

# 2006 BRUIN WOMEN'S OUTLOOK

The Bruin women return to cross country competition with one of the most experienced rosters in recent history. Led by 2005 cross country All-American **Ashley Caldwell**, this group of talented women will look to qualify for the NCAA Championships after having missed out on the team competition last season.

## Returners

Caldwell returns to lead the Bruins for the second consecutive season after completing the most successful cross country/track and field year in her career. In 2005, Caldwell was UCLA's No. 1 runner all season, culminating in All-American honors at the National meet (16th, 20:13). Caldwell also earned All-West Region (3rd, 20:12.5) and All-Pac-10 (4th, 20:55) at those championships. On the track as a junior, Caldwell earned All-American honors in the 1500m with her ninth-place finish at the Outdoor Championships, running a new lifetime-best of 4:19.73. In her final season as a UCLA harrier, this Bruin is on track to becoming one of the more decorated runners in UCLA history. Caldwell brings experience and success to the team which has carried over into higher expectations for this cross country season.

Behind Caldwell is an incredibly deep and talented roster highlighted by the return of seniors **Allison Hall** (4:27.74-1500m) and **Jenna Timinsky** (2:06.26-800m/4:23.88-1500m) and sophomore **Olga Aulet-Leon** (2:14.19-800m/4:27.43-1500m), a group that has national championship and post-season experience. All three women red-shirted the 2005 cross country season, while Aulet-Leon also sat out the track season to nurse injuries. This trio is hungry and ready to return to the cross country course to help this team succeed.

Also adding depth to the squad are juniors **Claire Rethmeier** (16:25.74, 5000m) and **Monika Rothenburger** (2:17.36, 800m/4:39.69, 1500m) and sophomore **Ciara Viehweg** (10:43.29, steeple). Rothenburger was redshirted during the track season because of injury, but is healthy and ready to contribute to the team. Rethmeier and Viehweg had strong outdoor seasons which will carry

over into success during the cross country season. Viehweg had a solid first year at UCLA, posting the No. 7 U.S. junior steeplechase time in 2006 (10:43.29), a time that also ranks No. 5 in UCLA history, in just her first season running that event. These three women ran in the top-five last season and will return to add depth and experience to a talented roster.

## Newcomers

**Hannah Roeder** (2:14.94-800m/4:38.87-1500m/10:14.35-3000m), **Bailey Schutte** (4:39-1500m/10:09-3k/ 18:10-5k), **Nicole Pennes** (4:54-1600m/10:37.1-3200m/17:59-5k) and **Kelsey Wiemann** (11:11-3200m/18:47-5k) could make an immediate impact for the Bruins. These four youngsters are a strong core of middle distance runners and will be evaluated early on to determine if they will make a competitive impact on the team. Freshmen **Cobbie Jones** (2:09-800m/5:02-mile), **Krishna Curry** (2:10.6-800m) and **Rosa Magaña** (2:13.41-800m) will also look to find a spot on the competition team.

Returning runners **Alice Bohannon** (2:13.01-800m), **Lauren Jirges** (2:17.79-800m/4:41.07-1500m), **Gabrielle Bournes** (2:12.62-800m) and **Shantae McKinney** (2:10.50-800m) also bolster the team with middle-distance experience and UCLA will look for one or more to contribute to the depth of the team.

The 2006 schedule is a strong one, exposing the team to some of the top national invitational races in the country – Roy Griak, Oregon and Pre-NCAA. These meets should prove a great test to this squad leading up to the post-season competitions.

"Going into the season, we are shooting for a top-2 finish at both the Pac-10 and West Region Championships," said Head Coach Eric Peterson. "We also want to automatically qualify for the National meet and emerge as one of the top-10 teams in the nation. We were there not too long ago with many of the women returning this season and with the senior influence on this team, expectations are high."

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (High School)
Olga Aulet-Leon	5-9	So*	Palos Verdes, CA (Peninsula)
Alice Bohannon	5-8	So.*	Nashville, TN (Harpeth Hall)
Gabrielle Bournes	5-4	Fr.*	Long Beach, CA (Long Beach Poly)
Krishna Curry	5-10	Fr.	Nashville, TN (University)
Ashley Caldwell	5-9	Sr.	Los Gatos, CA (Los Gatos)
Allison Hall	5-6	Sr.*	San Diego, CA (Rancho Bernardo)
Lauren Jirges	5-6	So.	Cypress, CA (Cypress)
Cobbie Jones	5-9	Fr.	San Martin, CA (Live Oak)
Rosa Magaña	5-4	Fr.	Oakland, CA (Holy Names)
Shantae McKinney	5-8	So.	Long Beach, CA (Long Beach Poly/USC)
Nicole Pennes	5-6	Fr.	Pleasant Hill, CA (College Park)
Claire Rethmeier	5-7	Jr.	Escondido, CA (San Pasqual)
Hannah Roeder	5-8	Fr.	Des Moines, IA (Roosevelt)
Monika Rothenburger	5-10	Jr.	Dana Point, CA (Dana Hills)
Bailey Schutte	5-4	Fr.	Sherwood, OR (Jesuit)
Jenna Timinsky	5-7	Sr.*	Encinitas, CA (San Dieguito Academy)
Ciara Viehweg	5-8	So.	San Francisco, CA (St. Ignatius)
Kelcie Wiemann	5-7	Fr.	Simi Valley, CA (Royal)

\*indicates redshirt year was taken in 2005

## Pronunciation Guide

Olga Aulet-Leon - Oh-lay-Lee-own  
 Gabrielle Bournes - Bore-nay  
 Rosa Magaña - Muh-gone-yuh  
 Hannah Roeder - Ray-der  
 Bailey Schutte - Shoot  
 Ciara Viehweg - Keh-rah Vey-weg

