

ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

ATHLETICS

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ARKANSAS TECH CROSS COUNTRY FINISHES THIRD IN COLLEGE DIVISION AT UALR INVITATIONAL; COOKE FINISHES FIRST OVERALL

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas – Arkansas Tech Women's Cross Country had a strong showing Saturday at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock Invitational as the Golden Suns finished third among the four NCAA Division II teams at the meet.

In addition to the third place finish, Tech sophomore **Aoife Cooke** (Youghal, Ireland) won the women's 5K race in school-record time. It was Cooke's second first-place finish of the season as she won the season-opening Memphis Twilight meet.

Cooke won the 58-runner field in a time of 17:49.01, which sets a new school record. The old record of 18:23.30 was held by former Golden Sun **Siobhan Lenihan**, who set the mark at the 2002 GSC Championship Meet.

Central Arkansas was the top finisher among Division II teams with 65 points, while Delta State came in second with 120 points and Christian Brothers was fourth with 181 points.

When factoring in all of the NCAA Division I participating schools, Tech would have finished sixth out of seven team meet. UALR won the meet with 17 points, while Oklahoma was second with 47 points and Arkansas State finished third with 64 points.

Besides Cooke, other Tech finishers included freshman **Kayla Waldrup** (El Dorado, Ark.), who finished 26th overall with a season-best time of 20:47.49, while freshman **Kristen Burgess** (Winona, Texas) finished 32nd overall after running a season-best 21:15.98. Freshman **Brianna Greene** (Harrison, Ark.) finished in 36th place after running a time of 21:38.96.

Rounding out the Tech finishers was senior Natalie Dawson (Morrilton, Ark.), who finished 49th overall after running a time of 23:21.84 and freshman Megan Bradshaw (Bryant, Ark.) finished 55th after running a season-best time of 27:10.34.

Tech returns to action next Saturday, Oct. 1, when they compete at the Rhodes College Invitational in Memphis, Tenn.

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Place	Name	Time
1.	Aoife Cooke	17:49.21
26.	Kayla Waldrup	20:47.49
32.	Kristen Burgess	21:15.68
36.	Brianna Greene	21:38.96
49.	Natalie Dawson	23:21.84
55.	Megan Bradshaw	27:10.34

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