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### Cross Country Gets League Championship Preview At UW-Parkside Invitational This Saturday

This weekend's Kenosha course also hosts Horizon League Championships in two weeks.

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**Kenosha, Wis.-** With the squad at near full strength, the University of Illinois at Chicago cross country team heads into the UW-Parkside Invitational this Saturday at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside National Cross Country Course.

The action begins at 1 p.m.

This weekend's Invitational is especially important for the fact that the same course will host the Horizon League Cross Country Championships in a mere two weeks. The Flames have a golden opportunity to get very acquainted with the surroundings and the intricacies of the course.

After injuries plagued the Flames at the Sean Earl Lakefront Invitational two weeks ago, UIC should be close to 100% healthy. [Rachel Covert](#), [Julie Cain](#), [Mikhail Davidyan](#) and Bob Dron, who all missed the annual Montrose Avenue Beach race due to ailments, are expected to be ready to go after some time to heal and strong training.

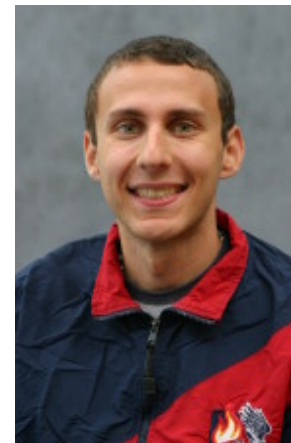
Last year the UIC women's cross country team put up an outstanding performance, placing second overall out of 24 teams. [Jenni Goebel](#) led the way with a fourth-place time of 18:22 in the women's 5K run, while [Lizet Diaz](#) completed the race in 19:16.

[Susie Martinez](#) holds the best time at the UW-Parkside Invitational among returnees with a 19:26, finishing 28th.

Adding to last year's success at the UW-Parkside Invitational were the contributions of then-freshmen [Rachel Covert](#) and [Lisa Petty](#). Petty ran a 19:41, while Covert finished in 19:46.

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Senior Mikhail Davidyan and the Flames head to Kenosha for the UW-Parkside Invitational this Saturday.

All five of UIC's female competitors finished in the top 50 out of 252 competitors last year.

The UIC men didn't not field a full team at last year's event, but that didn't slow [Mikhail Davidyan](#), who took 20th with an 8K mark of 26:53.

[Jim Sulzberger](#) was the second-leading finisher at the Invitational last season, turning in a solid 27:26 for 41st place.

[Sam Watson](#) enters this weekend's festivities on a high note after his team-leading finish at the Lakefront Invitational, turning in a career-best 8K time of 26:02.

Horizon League rival UW-Green Bay will also participate at the Invitational.

For UW-Parkside Invitational results, check back here at [uicflames.com](http://uicflames.com) for Flames cross country overage.

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