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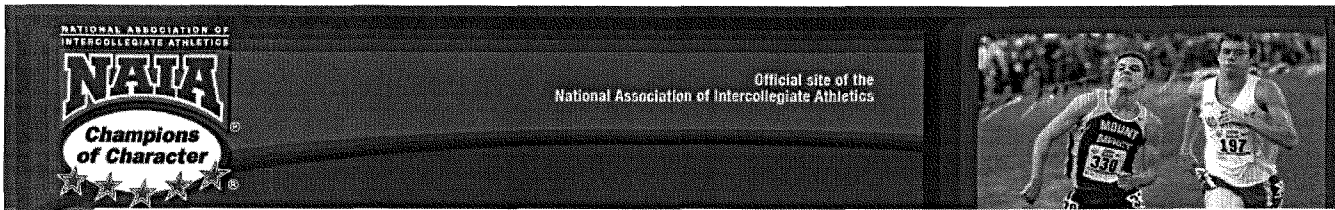
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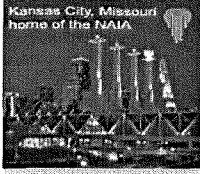
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### Men's Cross Country

Defending National Champion Malone (Ohio) No. 1 in NAIA Men's Cross Country Preseason Coaches' Poll

The Pioneers have been the preseason No. 1 for the past four seasons

Aug. 25, 2010

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** - Defending National Champion Malone (Ohio) has been picked as the No. 1 team in the NAIA Men's Cross Country Preseason Coaches' Top 25 Poll, the national office announced Wednesday. The Pioneers were awarded 15 of 20 possible first-place votes for 555 points to earn their fourth-straight preseason No. 1 ranking. Second-ranked Southern Oregon earned five first-place nods for 546 points. The top five is rounded out by No. 3 Shawnee State (Ohio), No. 4 Embry-Riddle (Fla.) and No. 5 British Columbia.

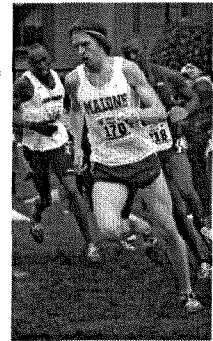
Fifteen conferences had at least one team land a spot in the preseason poll, led by the Cascade Collegiate Conference's four ranked squads: Southern Oregon, No. 9 Eastern Oregon, No. 11 College of Idaho and No. 17 Concordia (Ore.). Both the Association of Independent Institutions and the Sooner Athletic Conference have a trio of ranked teams. Listed for the All are British Columbia, No. 10 California State-San Marcos and No. 13 Simon Fraser. Seventh-ranked Oklahoma Christian, No. 12 Wayland Baptist and No. 21 Oklahoma Baptist represent the SAC.

Malone returns to the top of the poll after capturing its third-straight national championship a year ago in Fort Vancouver, Wash. The Pioneers held the No. 1 spot for 29 consecutive weeks, dating back to 2007, before Southern Oregon took over the poll on Oct. 28, 2009. Of Malone's five All-Americans from last season, two return and will be eyeing a fourth national title. Leading the way are seniors Aaron Melhorn and James Zeuch, who took home third and fifth-place honors, respectively.

Boasting the defending individual champion in junior Silas Kisorio, No. 7 Oklahoma Christian continues its climb up the poll after ending the 2009 season at No. 11.

Sixth-ranked Aquinas (Mich.) and ninth-ranked Eastern Oregon's performances at the national championships a year ago helped improve both clubs nine spots from their final rankings of No. 15 and 18, respectively. Bryan's (Tenn.) 27th-place showing dropped the Lions from a final ranking of ninth to a three-way tie for 25th to start 2010.

The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the conferences, independents and unaffiliated groups. The first regular season poll of the 2010 season will be released on Sept. 13.



#### FALL SPORTS

- Cross Country - M
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- Basketball - DI W
- Basketball - DII M
- Basketball - DII W
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- Swimming & Diving - W
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- Indoor Track & Field - W
- Wrestling

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- Outdoor Track & Field - W

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RANK	LAST POLL <sup>^</sup>	SCHOOL (1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE VOTES)	TOTAL POINTS
1	2	Malone University (Ohio) (15)	555
2	1	Southern Oregon University (5)	546
3	5	Shawnee State University (Ohio)	516
4	6	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Fla.)	508
5	10	University of British Columbia	448
6	15	Aquinas College (Mich.)	443
7	11	Oklahoma Christian University	442
8	3	Concordia University (Neb.)	432
9	18	Eastern Oregon University	425
10	4	California State University-San Marcos	400
11	8	College of Idaho	367
12	NR	Wayland Baptist University (Texas)	333
13	7	Simon Fraser University (B.C.)	321
14	23	Southwestern College (Kan.)	286
15	19	Dakota State University (S.D.)	273
16	17	Olivet Nazarene University (Ill.)	271
17	24	Concordia University (Ore.)	237
18	22	Westmont College (Calif.)	234
19	16	McKendree University (Ill.)	225
20	14	Lewis-Clark State College (Idaho)	222
21	21	Oklahoma Baptist University	209
22	20	Cedarville University (Ohio)	199
23	RV	Azusa Pacific University (Calif.)	150
24	RV	University of Rio Grande (Ohio)	149
25	NR	Friends University (Kan.)	113
25	9	Bryan College (Tenn.)	113
25	12	Cornerstone University (Mich.)	113

**Others receiving votes:** Black Hills State University (S.D.) 101; Indiana Wesleyan University 56; Lindenwood University (Mo.) 53; The Master's College (Calif.) 51; Doane College (Neb.) 34; California Baptist University 16; University of Great Falls (Mont.) 10; Northwood University (Texas) 10; Siena Heights University (Mich.) 10; Saint Ambrose University (Iowa) 10; University of St. Francis (Ill.) 6; Spring Arbor University (Mich.) 6; Holy Names University (Calif.) 4; Berea College (Ky.) 3; Hannibal-LaGrange College (Mo.) 1; Dordt College (Iowa) 1; McPherson College (Kan.) 1; Xavier University (La.) 1; William Woods University (Mo.) 1; Minot State University (N.D.) 1; Vanguard University (Calif.) 1; Savannah College of Art and Design (Ga.) 1.