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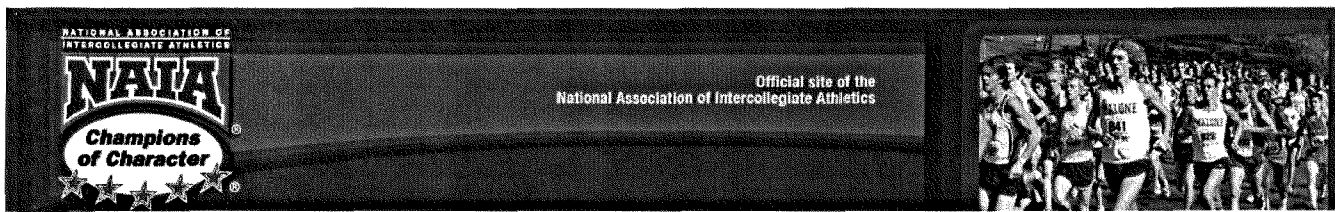
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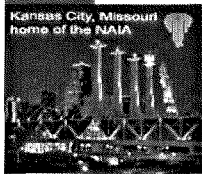
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Ratings Shuffle in Fourth NAIA Men's Cross Country Coaches' Top 25 Poll

The power of three: three teams hold steady, three drop out and three move in

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The shuffling of seven top-10 teams created a ripple effect throughout the fourth edition of the NAIA Men's Cross Country Coaches' Top 25. Through it all, Malone (Ohio) stayed put at No. 1, the NAIA announced Wednesday. The Pioneers shared three first-place votes, gathering 20-of-23 possible nods. Southern Oregon University is ranked second, followed by No. 3 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Fla.), No. 4 Concordia University (Neb.) and No. 5 University of British Columbia to round out the top five.

Wednesday's poll saw a total of 22 squads change position from the Sept. 30 poll. Malone, British Columbia and No. 10 Olivet Nazarene (Ill.) were the only teams to remain unchanged.

A trio of teams swap spots from ranked to unranked. After receiving votes last week, Eastern Oregon checks in at No. 21, followed in line by No. 22 Black Hills State (S.D.) and No. 23 Westmont (Calif.). These programs replace Azusa Pacific (Calif.), Dakota State (S.D.) and Southwestern (Kan.), who have all fallen out of the ranks and are now receiving votes.

Three conferences, American Midwest Conference, Cascade Collegiate Conference and the Association of Independent Institutions, each have three teams represented in this week's national poll. Malone, No. 6 Shawnee State (Ohio) and No. 24 Cedarville (Ohio) represent the AMC, while the Cascade is visible in Southern Oregon, No. 15 College of Idaho and No. 21 Eastern Oregon. British Columbia, No. 9 California State-San Marcos and No. 13 Simon Fraser (B.C.) appear for the All.

Ranked second and third, Southern Oregon and Embry-Riddle each jumped four spots this week, from No. 6 and 7, respectively. The Raiders tallied three first-place votes and 633 points to the Eagles 604. Concordia spent last week at No. 3, but drops a spot back to No. 4 with 565 points. British Columbia is hot on the heels of Concordia with 563 points in the No. 5 spot.

The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the conferences. The next poll will be released on Oct. 14.



Twenty-two teams changed positions in this week's poll

RANK	LAST WEEK	SCHOOL (1 ST PLACE VOTES)	TOTAL POINTS
1	1	Malone University (Ohio) (20)	648
2	6	Southern Oregon University (3)	633
3	7	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Fla.)	604
4	3	Concordia University (Neb.)	565
5	5	University of British Columbia	563
6	9	Shawnee State University (Ohio)	556
7	2	Aquinas College (Mich.)	538
8	4	Oklahoma Christian University	500
9	8	California State University-San Marcos	488
10	10	Olivet Nazarene University (Ill.)	453
11	14	Lewis-Clark State College (Idaho)	448
12	20	McKendree University (Ill.)	413
13	12	Simon Fraser University (B.C.)	403
14	11	Cornerstone University (Mich.)	358
15	20	College of Idaho	345
16	15	Doane College (Neb.)	329
17	16	Bryan College (Tenn.)	318
18	17	Oklahoma Baptist University	297
19	18	Vanguard University (Calif.)	247
20	23	Lindenwood University (Mo.)	233
21	RV	Eastern Oregon University	211
22	RV	Black Hills State University (S.D.)	179
23	RV	Westmont College (Calif.)	171
24	3	Cedarville University (Ohio)	166
25	24	Taylor University (Ind.)	157

Others receiving votes: Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) 116; Wayland Baptist University (Texas) 97; University of Rio Grande (Ohio) 95; Dakota State University (S.D.) 85; Shorter College (Ga.) 46; Spring Arbor University (Mich.) 39; Lubbock Christian University (Texas) 38; Kansas Wesleyan University 35; Marian College (Ind.) 9; Southwestern College (Kan.) 8; Lee University (Tenn.) 7; William Woods University (Mo.) 3; The Master's College (Calif.) 1; California Baptist University 1; Milligan College (Tenn.) 1; Indiana Wesleyan University 1; Indiana Wesleyan University 1.