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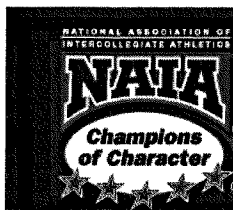
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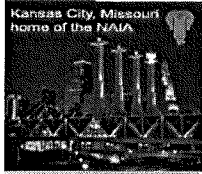
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No. 12 Vanguard and No. 24 Black Hills return to the Top 25

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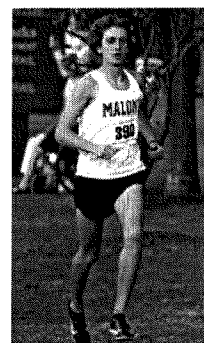
KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Southern Oregon maintained its hold at No. 1 in the fifth edition of the NAIA Men's Cross Country Coaches' Top 25 Poll, the National Office announced Wednesday. The Raiders were awarded 23 of 24 possible first-place votes, sharing the other with fourth-ranked Wayland Baptist (Texas). The top-five teams remained intact with No. 2 Shawnee State (Ohio), No. 3 Malone (Ohio), Wayland Baptist and No. 5 Embry-Riddle (Fla.).

The poll remained top-heavy with six of the top-10 squads staying put, including No. 7 Aquinas (Mich.). Also retaining their spots among the Top 25 are No. 13 California State-San Marcos and No. 19 Olivet Nazarene (Ill.). Bryan's (Tenn.) climb from No. 18 to 14 was the biggest move of the six teams that improved their position. Tumbling back 10, from No. 6 to 16 was The Master's (Calif.). In all, nine teams dropped in rank.

Returning to the poll after a week's hiatus are No. 12 Vanguard (Calif.) and No. 24 Black Hills State (S.D.). This duo was last ranked in the Sept. 29 poll at Nos. 21 and 25, respectively. Exiting the poll are previously-ranked No. 23 and St. Francis (Ill.) and No. 25 Oklahoma Baptist.

Fifteen conferences and independents were recognized in the Top 25, with six boasting multiple teams in the poll. The Golden State Athletic Conference leads the charge with four listed teams: Vanguard, No. 15 Azusa Pacific (Calif.), The Master's and No. 25 California Baptist. Boasting a trio of Top-25 teams are the Association of Independent Institutions and Cascade Collegiate Conference. Three other leagues landed two programs on the poll.

The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the conferences, independents and unaffiliated groups. The next poll of the 2010 season will be released on Oct. 20.



RANK	LAST WEEK	SCHOOL (1 ST PLACE VOTES)	TOTAL POINTS
1	1	Southern Oregon University (23)	684
2	2	Shawnee State University (Ohio)	647
3	3	Malone University (Ohio)	635
4	4	Wayland Baptist University (Texas) (1)	622
5	5	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Fla.)	607
6	8	University of British Columbia	544
7	7	Aquinas College (Mich.)	533
8	9	Concordia University (Neb.)	523
9	10	College of Idaho	496
10	11	Lewis-Clark State College (Idaho)	469
11	12	Graceland University (Iowa)	454
12	RV	Vanguard University (Calif.)	413
13	13	California State University-San Marcos	408
14	18	Bryan College (Tenn.)	372
15	14	Azusa Pacific University (Calif.)	341
16	6	The Master's College (Calif.)	333
17	16	Eastern Oregon University	331
18	15	Shorter University (Ga.)	326
19	19	Olivet Nazarene University (Ill.)	297
20	17	Oklahoma Christian University	274
21	20	Simon Fraser University (B.C.)	211
22	21	University of Great Falls (Mont.)	206
23	22	Cedarville University (Ohio)	205
24	RV	Black Hills State University (S.D.)	185
25	24	California Baptist University	178

Others receiving votes: University of St. Francis (Ill.) 135; Cornerstone University (Mich.) 129; Southwestern College (Kan.) 120; Oklahoma Baptist University 97; McKendree University (Ill.) 54; Concordia University (Ore.) 23; Dakota State University (S.D.) 22; Indiana Wesleyan University 20; Siena Heights University (Mich.) 16; Morningside College (Iowa) 5; University of Sioux Falls (S.D.) 3; Westmont College (Calif.) 1; Marian University (Ind.) 1; Indiana Institute of Technology 1; Union University (Tenn.) 1.