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# Unchanged NAIA Cross Country Top 25

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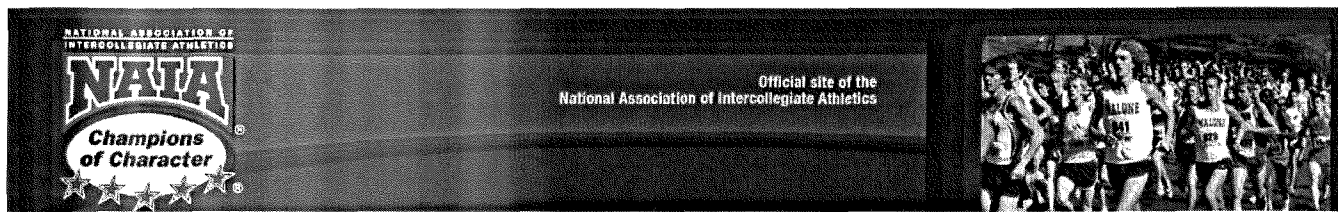
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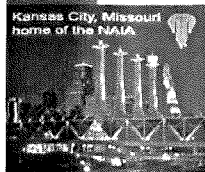
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Men's Cross Country

Top 10 Unchanged in Sixth NAIA Men's Cross Country Coaches' Top 25 Poll

Oklahoma Christian returns to the poll at No. 20

Oct. 21, 2009

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Malone University (Ohio) captured 19 first-place votes to hold its No. 1 ranking for the 29th consecutive week in the NAIA Men's Cross Country Coaches' Top 25, the NAIA announced Wednesday. Behind the Pioneers, the top-10 teams are unchanged. No. 2 Southern Oregon University was awarded three first-place votes, but still trails Malone by 16 points in the poll, tallying 604 to the Pioneers 620. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Fla.) is listed third, followed by No. 4 Concordia University (Neb.) and No. 5 University of British Columbia.

There was only one exchange of teams in and out of this week's Top 25 with Oklahoma Christian entering at No. 20 and Cedarville (Ohio) falling out of the ranks. Oklahoma Christian has spent four previous weeks on the poll, climbing as high as No. 4, and returns to the poll after only receiving votes a week ago.

Black Hills State (S.D.) jumped from No. 16 to 13 and six other teams had positive movement in the poll, but it was moving up only one spot. Simon Fraser (B.C.) was the week's biggest mover, dropping five positions from No. 12 to 17.

Three conferences, Sooner Athletic Conference, Cascade Collegiate Conference and the Association of Independent Institutions, each have three teams represented among the Top 25. No. 15 Oklahoma Baptist, Oklahoma Christian and No. 25 Wayland Baptist (Texas) represent the SAC, while the Cascade is visible in Southern Oregon, No. 12 College of Idaho and No. 22 Eastern Oregon. British Columbia, No. 8 California State-San Marcos and Simon Fraser appear for the A.I.I.

The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the conferences. The next poll will be released on Oct. 28.



Black Hills State (S.D.) improved three spots in this week's poll to No. 13

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- Basketball - DI W
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- Indoor Track & Field - W
- Wrestling

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RANK	WEEK	SCHOOL (1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE VOTES)	TOTAL POINTS
1	1	Malone University (Ohio) (19)	620
2	2	Southern Oregon University (3)	604
3	3	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Fla.)	577
4	4	Concordia University (Neb.)	548
5	5	University of British Columbia	527
6	6	Shawnee State University (Ohio)	524
7	7	Aquinas College (Mich.)	521
8	8	California State University-San Marcos	473
9	9	Olivet Nazarene University (Ill.)	466
10	10	Lewis-Clark State College (Idaho)	449
11	12	McKendree University (Ill.)	427
12	13	College of Idaho	384
13	16	Black Hills State University (S.D.)	351
13	14	Cornerstone University (Mich.)	351
15	15	Oklahoma Baptist University	331
16	17	Bryan College (Tenn.)	313
17	12	Simon Fraser University (B.C.)	286
17	18	Westmont College (Calif.)	286
19	19	Dakota State University (S.D.)	247
20	RV	Oklahoma Christian University	228
21	20	Lindenwood University (Mo.)	218
22	22	Eastern Oregon University	192
23	21	Doane College (Neb.)	191
24	23	Vanguard University (Calif.)	160
25	24	Wayland Baptist University (Texas)	1

Others receiving votes: Cedarville University (Ohio) 120; Concordia University (Ore.) 82; Kansas Wesleyan University 67; Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) 63; University of Rio Grande (Ohio) 54; Marian University (Ind.) 45; Southwestern College (Kan.) 21; California Baptist University 14; University of Great Falls (Mont.) 13; Shorter College (Ga.) 13; Indiana Wesleyan University 7; Dordt College (Iowa) 3; Biola University (Calif.) 1; The Master's College (Calif.) 1; Lubbock Christian University (Texas) 1; Taylor University (Ind.) 1; Lee University (Tenn.) 1.