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# NAIA Listings of Top 25

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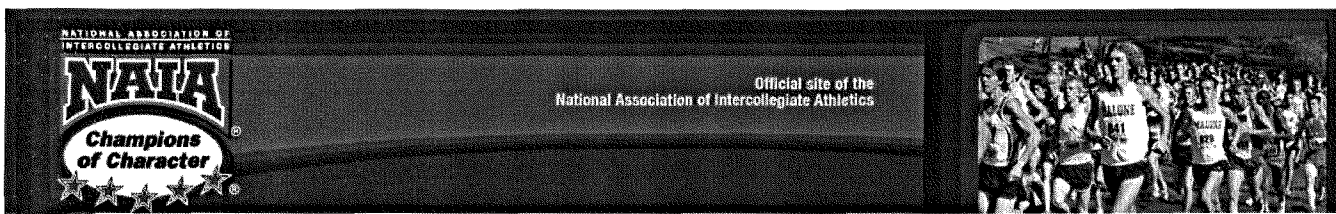
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### Men's Cross Country

Malone (Ohio) Holds Strong at No. 1 in NAIA Men's Cross Country Coaches' Top 25

The Pioneers have spent 24 weeks as the nation's top-ranked squad

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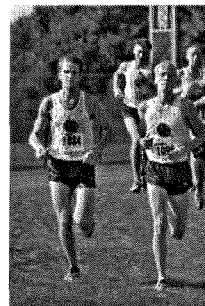
**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** - For the 24th consecutive week, Malone University (Ohio) sits alone on top of NAIA Men's Cross Country Coaches' Top 25 poll with the NAIA's announcement of the first regular season rating on Wednesday. The Pioneers received all 22 possible first-place votes and earned 622 points. Rounding out the top five is No. 2 Aquinas College (Mich.), No. 3 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Fla.), No. 4 Simon Fraser University (B.C.) and No. 5 Concordia University (Neb.).

Two conferences, the American Midwest Conference and the Cascade Collegiate Conference, boast three ranked teams. Representing the American Midwest is Malone, No. 11 Cedarville University (Ohio) and No. 12 Shawnee State University (Ohio). No. 6 Concordia (Ore), No. 9 Southern Oregon University and No. 25 College of Idaho make the poll for the Cascade.

New to the first regular season poll from the preseason is No. 18 Bryan College (Tenn.), No. 19 Vanguard University (Calif.), No. 21 Azusa Pacific University (Calif.), No. 23 Oklahoma Christian University and No. 25 College of Idaho.

Behind Malone, the top five remains unchanged since the preseason poll on Aug. 26. Aquinas ranked second with 594 points and just nine points back is Embry-Riddle with 585 points at No. 3. Simon Fraser earned 555 points to hold steady at No. 4 and Concordia follows with 542.

The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the conferences. The next poll will be released on Sept. 23.



Aquinas College (Mich.) ranks second with 594 points

#### FALL SPORTS

- Cross Country - M
- Cross Country - W
- Football
- Soccer - M
- Soccer - W
- Volleyball

#### WINTER SPORTS

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

#### SPRING SPORTS

- Baseball
- Golf - M
- Golf - W
- Softball
- Tennis - M
- Tennis - W
- Outdoor Track & Field - M
- Outdoor Track & Field - W

#### EMERGING SPORTS



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RANK	LAST WEEK	SCHOOL (1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE VOTES)	TOTAL POINTS
1	1	Malone University (Ohio) (22)	622
2	2	Aquinas College (Mich.)	594
3	3	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Fla.)	585
4	4	Simon Fraser University (B.C.)	555
5	5	Concordia University (Neb.)	542
6	7	Concordia University (Ore.)	512
7	6	California State University-San Marcos	502
8	8	Olivet Nazarene University (Ill.)	479
9	10	Southern Oregon University	464
10	11	Black Hills State University (S.D.)	413
11	12	Cedarville University (Ohio)	370
12	18	Shawnee State University (Ohio)	369
13	14	Southwestern College (Kan.)	346
14	13	Huntington University (Ind.)	320
15	17	Doane College (Neb.)	318
16	16	Cornerstone University (Mich.)	315
17	18	Lewis-Clark State College (Idaho)	310
18	RV	Bryan College (Tenn.)	302
19	NR	Vanguard University (Calif.)	277
20	9	Shorter College (Ga.)	274
21	NR	Azusa Pacific University (Calif.)	198
22	20	Lindenwood University (Mo.)	195
23	NR	Oklahoma Christian University	187
24	22	Taylor University (Ind.)	184
25	RV	College of Idaho	148

**Others receiving votes:** Oklahoma Baptist University 99; Lee University (Tenn.) 88; Kansas Wesleyan University 61; Milligan College (Tenn.) 47; Dana College (Neb.) 46; Westmont College (Calif.) 42; Siena Heights University (Mich.) 39; Wayland Baptist University (Texas) 35; University of British Columbia 20; McKendree University (Ill.) 14; Marian College (Ind.) 12; Eastern Oregon University 4; University of Great Falls (Mont.) 3; Dakota State University (S.D.) 3; Indiana Wesleyan University 3; Saint Ambrose University (Iowa) 3; Concordia University (Calif.) 1; Friends University (Kan.) 1; Biola University (Calif.) 1; Indiana Institute of Technology 1; Central Methodist University (Mo.) 1.