

No. 2 Trojans Win Midwest XC Challenge, Harden Breaks TU Record

UPLAND, Ind. – The No. 2 Taylor University women's cross country team hosted a competitive meet at the TUXC Farm Saturday morning. The TU squad placed first-of-14 teams in the Gold race at the Midwest XC Challenge. The loaded field consisted of seven top-ranked NAIA teams.

The Trojans tallied a total of 62 points, finishing 33 points ahead of No. 4 St. Francis (IL) with 95 points. No. 13 Cornerstone placed third with 110 points, No. 10 Indiana Wesleyan finished fourth with 119 points and No. 22 St. Francis (IN) notched fifth place with 167 points.

TU recorded a team time of 93:21. The Trojans had two runners in the top-five and all five scoring runners in the top-25. Four Taylor women set career personal-best times.

Sarah Harden put together another impressive race for her standout senior campaign. The Arlington Heights native broke the TU school record for the second time this season, crossing the line in 17:36.3 and claiming second place overall.

Livy Schroder broke into the top-five, logging a time of 18:18.8 and grabbing fifth place. Giovanna Domene finished third for the Purple and Gold. The junior clocked a time of 19:01.1 and notched 16th place overall.

Senior Katelynn Hanback set a nine-second career-best time in 19:06.5. Hanback claimed TU's fourth spot and landed 20th overall.

Mollie Gamble rounded out the Trojans' scoring five. Gamble cruised to 24th place with a time of 19:18.0. Sophomore Brooke Studnicki finished just steps behind Gamble, notching 25th place in 19:19.0.

Ahna VanderWall and Abbey Brennen both set personal-bests claiming 30th and 34th place respectively. VanderWall recorded a time of 19:28.3 and Brennan crossed in 19:32.7.

The No. 2 Trojans (56-2) will take the course one final time this fall as they look to collect their eighth-straight Crossroads League Championship. The league meet is set for Friday, November 6 at Indiana Wesleyan in Marion, IN.