

No. 1 TU Men Race to Victory at Midwest XC Challenge

UPLAND, Ind. – The No. 1 ranked Taylor men’s cross country team put together a stellar performance Saturday afternoon at the Midwest XC Challenge. The Trojans raced against top-ranked NAIA teams on their home course, finishing in first place out of the 10-team field.

The TU men competed in the Gold race, garnering a total of 43 points. Finishing behind Taylor was No. 20 Cornerstone (64), No. 15 Olivet Nazarene (74), No. 25 William Carey (94) and No. 18 Goshen (140).

The Trojans logged a team time of 2:10:12 at the TUXC Farm. The Purple and Gold had two runners in the top-five and all five scoring runners in the top-20.

Three Trojans turned in career personal-best times including Nathan Streitmatter, Nathan Holst and Zane Callison.

Alex Helmuth and Luke Rovenstine led the Trojans, finishing in third and fourth place respectively. Helmuth logged a time of 25:38.0. Rovenstine, outkicking fifth place by 0.2 seconds, clocked a time of 25:41.3.

Daniel Gerber finished in 11th place overall and recorded a time of 26:08.4. Junior Connor White grabbed 14th place in 26:17.9.

Senior Sam Hardy wrapped up TU’s scoring five, claiming 19th place with a time of 26:26.5.

Josh Roth finished in 22nd place in 26:31.2. Nathan Streitmatter broke into the top-30, grabbing 30th place with a new best mark of 26:55.3.

The No. 1 Trojans (47-4) will compete in their final meet this fall for the Crossroads League Championship on Friday, November 6 at Indiana Wesleyan in Marion, Indiana.