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IOWA MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
HAWKEYES FINISH 12TH AT PRE-NATIONALS

TERRE HAUTE, IN – The Iowa men's cross country team placed 12th at the NCAA Pre-Nationals meet Saturday afternoon hosted by Indiana State University on LaVern Gibson Championship Course. Iowa finished 12th out of 35 teams with 371 points in the men's 8,000 meter white race. Stanford won the competition with 77 points.

Sophomore **Micah VanDenend** delivered Iowa's top performance in the men's race running 24:55:2 to finish 55th out of 242 runners. Freshman **Eric MacTaggart** finished just three seconds behind **VanDendend** in 24:58:5 placing 63rd. Senior **Matt Esche** was the third Hawkeye to cross the finish line, placing 68th in 25:01:7, and junior **Dan Haut** placed 77th in 25:08:8. Stanford's Ryan Hall won the race in 23:54.4.

The Hawkeyes will take a week off from competition to train before they host the Big Ten Championships Saturday, October 31 at the Aston Cross Country Course.

Team Results (Top Five Plus IOWA)

1. Stanford	77
2. Notre Dame	165
3. Michigan	188
4. Brigham Young	190
5. Florida State	203
12. IOWA	371

Individual Results (Top Five Plus IOWA)

1. Ryan Hall, Stanford	23:54.4
2. Nate Brannen, Michigan	23:56:8
3. Nick Willis, Michigan	23:58:5
4. Jason Bill, Illinois	23:59:4
5. Nef Araia, Stanford	24:01:0
55. Micah VanDenend, Iowa	24:55:2
63. Eric MacTaggart, Iowa	24:58:4
68. Matt Esche, Iowa	25:01:7
77. Dan Haut, Iowa	25:08:8
108. Adam Roche, Iowa	25:21:2
144. Jeff Kent, Iowa	25:42:1
173. Tony Rakric, Iowa	26:01:3

