

Nov. 3, 2008

2008 Men's Cross Country Resolution for Regents

Whereas, the Eastern Michigan University men's cross country team added another honor to its trophy case, winning its fourth consecutive Mid-American Conference Championship Saturday, Nov. 1, in front of a home crowd at Eagle Crest Golf Course, and

Whereas, with the victory, the Eagles have now won 14 MAC team titles since 1972 – the most by any league institution during that period, which also tied EMU for second all-time in program wins with Western Michigan, and

Whereas, the Eagles posted 42 points in the victory, followed by Miami University in second place with 56 points, and

Whereas, veteran head coach John Goodridge was named the MAC Men's Coach of the Year, as voted on by the league's head coaches, and the team title was the Eagles' fifth with Goodridge at the helm, and

Whereas, EMU senior **Josh Karanja (Ottawa, Canada-Nepean)** led nearly the entire race on his way to taking home the individual MAC title, crossing the finish line in 24:18.7 to collect first-team All-MAC honors, the fourth year in a row that Karanja earned first-team All-MAC honors, and making him the 13th runner to win the program's 17th individual title, the most of any MAC school, and

Whereas, junior **Curtis Vollmar (Grand Blanc, Mich.-Grand Blanc)** finished sixth with a time of 24:45 to earn All-MAC honors for the third time in his career, and

Whereas, two EMU runners earned second-team All-MAC honors, as senior **David Brent (Monroe, Mich.-St. Mary's Catholic)** finished ninth on his way to running 24:57.2, while senior **Josh Perrin (Hillsdale, Mich.-Hillsdale)** was 11th with a time of 25:06, and

Whereas, rounding out the top five runners for the Eagles was senior **Kyle Mena (Portage, Mich.-Portage)**, who finished 15th with a time of 25:06.9, and

Whereas, the final EMU finishers included seniors **Neal Naughton (Walled Lake, Mich.-Western)**, **R.P. White (Hillsdale, Mich.-Hillsdale)**, redshirt freshman **Cole Sanseverino (Monroe, Mich.-Monroe)** and sophomore **Matt Hammersmith (Wolcottville, Mich.-Prairie Heights)**,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents congratulates the men's cross country team for its outstanding success in the 2008 season and commends them for the honor and distinction they have brought to themselves as well as Eastern Michigan University.