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Goebel, Macias Lead Cross Country At Sean Earl Lakefront Invitational

Macias paces men in 8K event while Goebel earns another Top 25 finish.

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Chicago, Ill.- The UIC men's and women's cross country teams joined thousands of runners from across North America for the 31st Annual Sean Earl Lakefront Invitational on Saturday, holding their own in a crowded field of distance competitors.

The UIC women finished 9th overall out of 17 squads in the Division 1 team standings, while the men ranked 12th in their 18-team field.

Jenni Goebel capped off a terrific week with another Top 25 performance on Saturday. Goebel paced the women by finishing the 5K event in 18:27, good for 25th place. The superb performance follows a fifth-place finish at the Central Collegiate Invitational on September 26th, which earned Goebel Horizon League accolades as the Women's Cross Country Athlete of the Week this past Tuesday.

Goebel has finished in the Top 25 in every race she has competed in this season while leading the Flames as their top finisher in three of four meets.

Following Goebel in the first wave of 100 competitors were Flames standouts Lizet Diaz (19:01/71st), Susie Martinez (19:16/91st), and Andrea Dennison (19:19/97th). Rounding out the UIC effort in the 560-person event were Rachel Covert (19:32/119th), Lisa Petty (20:00/161st), and Sara Jeffers (20:37/228th).

On the men's side, Jose Macias led the Flames by finishing 68th out of 514 runners with a time of 26:02 in the 8K course. Junior Brian Roth (26:50/149th), freshman Jim Sulzberger (27:02/168th), and sophomore Billy Poole-Harris (27:17/201st) followed soon after, while Tristan Roche (27:37/237th), Steve Jeske (27:59/279th), and Graham Waller (28:23/314th) closed out the event for UIC.

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Newcomer Jose Macias finished the 8K event on Saturday at a time of 26:02 to pace the Flames.

Edinboro University's Aaron Rowe won the men's 8K with a time of 24:07. University of Wisconsin senior Hilary Edmondson finished the women's 5k event first with a time of 17:18.

The women's team title went to the University of Wisconsin, while host Loyola finished with the men's title.

The Flames return to competition on Saturday, October 18th at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Invitational in Kenosha, Wis., at 1 p.m.

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