

Martin Leads Florida Poly Cross Country as Phoenix Turn in Strong Performances at HOKA Nights of Thunder

Tallahassee, FL – The Florida Poly Cross Country put together a solid showing on both the men's and women's sides, highlighted by Justin Martin's sixth-place finish and three Phoenix men placing inside the top 20 overall. The men raced in an 8k race while the women raced in a 6k.

Martin paced the Florida Poly men with a time of 28:40.2, crossing the line sixth overall. He maintained a 5:46-per-mile pace throughout the race and earned six points toward the Phoenix team score. Colby Thompson was next across the line for Florida Poly, placing 14th overall with a time of 29:17.3 and an average pace of 5:54 per mile.

Colin Hagner gave the Phoenix their third top-20 finisher, taking 19th overall in 29:50.4. Hagner averaged an even 6:00 per mile and added 16 points to Florida Poly's team total. Fletcher Dean finished fourth among the Phoenix runners, clocking a 34:38.8 while placing 64th overall. Brandon Wilson rounded out Florida Poly's five-man lineup with a time of 39:04.0.

The Florida Poly women were led by Wileily Labori, who finished 19th overall with a time of 22:59.9. Labori averaged 7:24 per mile and gave the Phoenix their top women's finish of the day. Jennifer Perera followed with a time of 27:34.6, placing 60th overall while averaging 8:53 per mile.

Hailey Vicent completed the Florida Poly women's contingent with a 74th-place finish. Vicent crossed the line in 30:15.2 and averaged 9:44 per mile. With three runners competing, the Phoenix women did not register a full five-runner team score, but all three Florida Poly competitors successfully completed the race.

Florida Poly's performance was highlighted by strong front-running from the men, who placed three runners among the top 20, while Labori led the women with a top-20 finish of her own.