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4 x 800 Meter Relay Team Qualifies for Nationals

Pullman, Wash. – The University of Great Falls men's 4 x 800 meter relay team finished second overall today at the Washington State University Indoor Track and Field meet in a time of 7:58.37. The mark was under the NAIA National Meet qualifying time of 7:59.99, earning the team a spot to the national meet March 3-5 in Geneva, Ohio.

The all sophomore men's team was made up of Austin Stuchell, Ander Jayo, Travis Price, and Jimmy Sliwa. Each member was also a part of the nationally-qualifying 4 x 800 meter relay team that went to the NAIA outdoor nationals last spring in Indiana. The four were the only UGF competitors at the meet as the rest of the team competed at the Montana State University Open on Friday.

"I'm really proud of these guys. They're a lot of fun to watch," stated head coach Jim Brewer. "As soon as the baton is in their hands, they give it everything they've got for the team! It's impressive to be ranked 10th in the nation with a team made up of all sophomores."

The qualifying time of 7:58.37 ranks the relay team 10th in the nation in the most recent NAIA Performance List behind No. 9 Aquinas (7:58.11). Currently, leading the nation in the 4 x 800 meter relay rankings is Shorter College with a time of 7:46.85.