

Hielkema Leads SIUE Men's Cross Country

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NORMAL – [Spencer Hielkema](#) was SIUE's top finisher Friday in the Cougars' second meet of the season at the Redbird Invitational.

Hielkema ran a personal best 8K at the Weibring Golf Club in a time of 26 minutes, 15.2 seconds. He finished 65th overall.

As a team, SIUE placed 12th overall. Illinois was the leading team with four runners among the top 10.

Other finishers for the Cougars were [Tyler Guthrie](#) (26:28.1), [Cameron Woodard](#) (26:31.2), [Blake Panagos](#) (26:43.7), [Jackson Edwards](#) (27:22.8) and [Zach Walters](#) (28:04.9).

Next up for the Cougars is the Louisville Classic Oct. 2.