

Curry Qualifies For Nationals At ASU Invitational

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Junior Kortnie Curry (Lexington, N.C.) set a new school record with an NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 1.67 meters in the high jump, and Rachelle Cleveland (Moyock, N.C.)

established a program mark of her own to lead the Lees-McRae College women's track and field team in the opening event of its indoor season on Saturday afternoon at the Appalachian State University Invitational.

Jamara Cook (Claremont, N.C.) and Genay Miller (Woodstock, Ga.) kicked off the weekend for Lees-McRae on Friday in the weight throw, finishing 13th and 14th, respectively, with marks of 12.44 and 11.68 meters.

Curry delivered the performance of the weekend for the Bobcats in the high jump, finishing second with a mark of 1.67 meters, setting a new school record and provisionally qualifying for nationals with the fourth-best jump in the nation this season. Cleveland followed with a 10th place performance in the shot put, posting a school-record throw of 11.36 meters as Kayla Frazier (Chesterfield, S.C.) and Cook placed 14th and 17th, respectively.

Meagan Thornton (Millville, N.C.) kicked off her sophomore season with a strong showing in the 55-meter hurdles, finishing fifth with a time of 8.91 seconds as Miesha Thompson (Orlando, Fla.) placed eighth. Iesha Poindexter (Jetterville, Va.) turned in a pair of solid performances in the 55 and 200 meter dashes, finishing 10th in the 200-meter and 14th in the 55-meter with times of 27.70 and 7.64 seconds, respectively.

Auburn Lowe (Swain County, N.C.) posted a pair of top-15 performances in the long jump and the 200-meter dash, placing 13th in the long jump with a mark of 4.36 meters to go along with a 14th-place showing in the 200-meter with a time of 29.65 seconds.

Jessica McEnaney (Cary, N.C.) and Sarah Monday (Lexington, N.C.) finished 11th and 13th, respectively, in the 200-meter dash with times of 28.14 and 28.41 seconds, as Mallory Overholt (Grand Bend, Ontario, Canada) placed 14th in her collegiate debut with a time of 2:43.92 in the 800-meter run.

Lees-McRae returns to action on January 18, 2013 when the Bobcats travel to Boone, N.C. for Appalachian State's Mountaineer Open at the Holmes Convocation Center.

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