

## ASU Women's Track Earn 13 Top-Five Finishes at UNC

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Appalachian State University women's track and field strong performance earned them 13 top-five finishers at the Dick Taylor Invitational hosted by North Carolina on Friday and Saturday.

The Mountaineers dominated distance and throw events with nine top-six finishers. Junior Sarah Williamson took first-place (18:07.25) in the 5,000-meter run, while fellow juniors Kaitlyn Cagle

finished in third (18:36.79) and Jenna Williamson finished in fifth (18:40.23). Junior Amanda Hamilton continued from where she left off from the cross country season and ran personal best 3,000m time of 10:19.27 for a fifth-place finish. Senior Ana DeLeon claimed the title (49-7.75) in the weight throw while sophomore Jocelyn Parnell threw a personal best (47-5) fourth-place finish. Freshman Jasmine Suydam earned a fourth-place finish (40-0.75) while DeLeon finished fifth (40-0.50) and Parnell finished sixth (39-8.50) in the shot put.

Freshmen Chelsea Farr and Sydney Cook launched themselves into ASU's all-time record book in their second meet wearing the black and gold. Farr finished third in the meet and placed herself tied for third all-time in the pole vault by clearing 12-1.50, while Cook placed seventh in the meet and ninth all-time with the height of 11-1.75.

In the 200m dash sophomore Breanna Alston claimed a second-place finish (25.29) and placed fourth (7.73) in the 60m dash Friday night.

Sophomore Shaquiela Robinson cleared the 5-5 mark in the high jump to earn fifth-place.

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## Purcell Won High Jump Title at Dick Taylor Invite

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The Mountaineers dominated the weight throw with junior Jared Stalling claiming first-place with a personal best throw (61-2) while senior Caleb Poplin threw a personal best (52-5.50)

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fourth-place finish.

In the high jump senior Darius Purcell, who is ranked 15th in the country, took home the title clearing 7-1, while freshman Daryl Saunders recorded a personal best (6-11) to earn third-place.

Senior Dennis Moore, who is ranked 36th in the nation, finished third (22.50) in the 200m dash. Junior Alex Taylor finished the mile run with a time of 4:19.05 to earn third-place.

In the 60m hurdles, freshman Stanley Broaden made his collegiate debut by crossing the finish line in fourth-place with a time of 8.28. Senior Chris Moen finished in third-place with a time of 8:37.95 in the 3000m run. Freshman Alex Lomax launched a personal best (15-3) in the pole vault for a fifth-place finish.

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