

ASU Women Grab 11 Top-Two Finishers At App Open

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The Mountaineers' sprinters performed very well with

sophomore Kristen Campbell claiming the 55-meter dash title (7.36), while fellow sophomore Breanna Alston won the 300-meter dash (40.10) and junior Shenita Martin finished in second (42.05) in the 300-meter dash.

Sophomore Breahna Morrison crossed the finish line in 59.97 to win the 400-meter dash.

Sophomore Molly Vaughan earned a second-place finish in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.57.

In the field events freshman Sydney Cook skied over 11-0.25 to claim the pole vault title, while junior Meredith Wilson finished runner-up. Freshman Janet Watson made her collegiate debut with a second-place finish in the high jump clearing 5-3.25.

In the throw events sophomore Ana DeLeon finished first in the weight throw for the second-straight week (48-6.25) while fellow sophomore Jocelyn Parnell finished runner-up with a 48-2.75 throw. Freshman Jasmine Suydam earned second-place (38-8.25) in the shot put. Appalachian's next meet takes place at the ETSU Invitational on January 27 at Johnson City, Tenn.

Dohanic Leads ASU At Appaliachian Open

Appalachian State University men's track and field solid performance earned them 10 top-three finishers at the Appalachian Split Meet Open Thursday night to help prepare the squad for the 30-plus team meet next week at ETSU.

The Mountaineers' sprinters performed very well with junior Landon Powell earned a second-place finish (34.75) while freshman Stanley Broaden finished third (35.75) in the 300-meter dash. Junior Justin Thomas and senior AJ Dohanic tied for third in the 55-meter dash with the times of 6.56. Dohanic used his momentum for the 55-meter dash to excell in the 55-meter hurdles with the meets top time of 7.67. Broaden earned runner-up with a time of 7.70

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in the 55-meter hurdles.

Junior Michael Lilley earned a runner-up finish in the 3,000-meter run crossing the finish line 8:56.35.

In the field events junior Jared Stalling threw a meet best 52-7.25 to win the shot put, while senior Caleb Poplin finished in second-place (53-8.50) in the weight throw. Senior Jack Bell tied for third place in the pole vault after clearing 14-1.25.

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ASU Men's Tennis Falls In Season Opener

In the team's first match of the 2012 season, Appalachian State University men's tennis fell to No. 43 UNC Wilmington by a 6-1 margin on Thursday at the UNCW Tennis Complex. The Mountaineers (0-1) managed wins in one singles and one doubles match, while the nationally-ranked Seahawks (1-0) triumphed.

Appalachian seniors Philip Kloc (Melbourne, Australia/Mentone Grammar) and Alain Humblet (Montreal, Quebec/DE Mortagne), ranked No. 8 in the Carolina region, were successful at the top doubles spot, defeating Kosta Blank and Chris Coopriker, 8-6.

After UNCW took the third doubles match, the pairs point came down to Sebastien King (Montreal, Quebec/George Vanier) and Alex Markov (Pernik, Bulgaria/Hawai'i Pacific) at second doubles. Though the Apps managed to force a tiebreaker, UNCW won the tiebreaker by a 7-3 margin.

In singles, Humblet took the point at No. 3 singles, edging Pedro Mol with a 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) win. Steve Karendal (Kernersville, N.C./Lees-McRae) took his opponent to three sets at No. 5 singles but fell short, 1-6, 6-1, 4-6.

Appalachian returns to action for a match against South Carolina on Saturday. The Mountaineers are set to face the Gamecocks at 10 a.m. in Columbia, S.C.

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#43 UNCW 6, Appalachian State 1 **Jan 19, 2012 at Wilmington, N.C. (UNCW Tennis Complex)**

Singles competition

1. Chris Coopriders (UNCW) def. Alex Markov (ASU) 6-3, 6-4
2. Rafael Aita (UNCW) def. Philip Kloc (ASU) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3
3. Alain Humblet (ASU) def. Pedro Mol (UNCW) 6-4, 7-6 (7-5)
4. Kosta Blank (UNCW) def. Sebastien King (ASU) 6-3, 6-2
5. Kaue Pereira (UNCW) def. Steve Karendal (ASU) 6-1, 1-6, 6-4
6. Michael Reilly (UNCW) def. Matt Saltsgaver (ASU) 6-0, 7-5

Doubles competition

1. Philip Kloc/Alain Humblet (ASU) def. Kosta Blank/Chris Coopriders (UNCW) 8-6
2. Pedro Mol/Michael Reilly (UNCW) def. Sebastien King/Alex Markov (ASU) 9-8 (7-3)
3. Rafael Aita/Kaue Pereira (UNCW) def. Steve Karendal/Andrew McKinnon (ASU) 8-4

Match Notes

Appalachian State 0-1

UNCW 1-0; National ranking #43

Order of finish: Doubles (3,1,2); Singles (6,1,4,2,3,5)

Kloc/Humblet ranked #8 in Carolina region.