

ASU Grabs 17 Top-Six Finishers at ETSU

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Appalachian State women's track and field put together an impressive performance with 14 top-six finishes at the 34th annual Niswonger Invitational hosted by ETSU this weekend. On Friday, sophomore Shaquiela Robinson cleared 5-6 in the high jump to take the title while freshman Chelsea Farr

cleared 11-11.75 to finish first in the pole vault; and sophomore Cassie Crawford finished in third-place (11-5.75) in the pole vault.

Junior Erika Ivey earned a runner-up finish (39-3.25) in the triple jump, and in the weight throw sophomore Ana DeLeon threw a third-place finish (54-1.25) in weight throw.

On Saturday, Asia Dunlap, Breahna Morrison, Shenita Martin, and Breanna Alston finished in first-place (3:51.83) in the 4x400m relay and were less than six-tenths of a second from breaking the school record.

In the 200m dash the Mountaineers performed well with junior D'Shawrna McLucas earning a fourth-place finish (25.81) while Morrison finished in fifth (25.87) and Kristen Campbell finished in sixth (25.95).

The sophomore from Winston-Salem, N.C., Campbell sprinted a season-best time of 7.90 to take a fifth-place finish in the 60m dash.

In the distance events, junior Amanda Hamilton crossed the finish line in 17:41.72 to finish in fourth-place in 5,000m run while senior Hannah Orders wasn't far behind her teammate (18:04.51) to finish in sixth-place. Sophomore Justine Stocks finished in fifth-place in the seeded mile run, while Allison Cook (5:19.37) and Maria Stickley (5:20.73) took first and second, respectively, in the unseeded mile run. In the 800m run freshman Taryn Stern grabbed a sixth-place finish with a time of 2:27.18.

Freshman Tatyana Bryant leaped 18-3.25 in her collegiate long jumping debut to claim a sixth-place finish.

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Also on Saturday, the Mountaineers' distance squad found their groove to place six runners in the top-seven. Junior Alex Taylor led the way in the 3,000m run with a personal-best time of 8:24.93 to put him sixth all-time in ASU's record book and to take the meet title, while sophomore Will Raby finished in fourth (8:38.46) and senior Brian Graves in seventh-place (8:44.71). Senior Chris Moen made his season mile run debut with a first-place finish (4:12.55).

Junior Michael Lilley grabbed a sixth-place finish (15:02.62) in the 5,000m run, and freshman Raphael Rojas took a seventh-place finish in the 800m run (2:01.38).

In the 60m hurdles, senior AJ Dohanic took fifth-place finish (8.29), while freshman Stanley Broaden finished right behind the senior for sixth-place (8.31). David Riddleberger, Dohanic, Broaden, and Tyler Combs earned a fifth-place finish in the 4x400m relay.

Darius Purcell continued his strong start to the season and claimed the high jump title after clearing 6-10.75, while freshman Daryl Saunders finished in third-place (6-6.75). Freshman Jacob Stowe made his collegiate debut and grabbed a fourth-place finish (15-1) in the pole vault.

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