

Mountaineers Wrap Up Weekend at Auburn Invitational

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Appalachian State University men's track and field turned in another impressive performance at the Auburn Tiger Track Classic on Friday and Saturday at Hutsell-Rosen Track. Chris Moen and Darius Purcell paced the Mountaineers with top finishes in their respective events. Moen captured first-place

in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 8:59.70 while Purcell grabbed another high jump title with a leap of 7'1.75".

Appalachian also finished with two more runners in the top-three of the 3,000-meter steeplechase as Sean Soderman (9:07.49) and Josh Cox (9:07.78) took second and third, respectively. Alex Taylor turned in an impressive performance as he finished first in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 3:45.26. In the sprint events, Dennis Moore paced the Apps with top-10 finishes in both the 100 (sixth) and 200-meter dashes (10th). Moore also helped ASU's 4x100-meter relay team finish fourth in its event. The senior sprinter, along with teammates AJ Dohanic, Landon Powell and Justin Thomas turned in a time of 40.70 seconds.

Jared Stalling rounded out the Apps top-10 finishes with solid performances in the throw events. His toss of 55'9" was good for third in the shot put while his mark of 175'6" in the hammer throw placed him 10th.

On the women's side, Asia Dunlap and Cassie Crawford led the Mountaineers with two top-five finishes. Dunlap took fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:09.84 while Crawford's leap of 12'1.50" in the pole vault placed her fourth.

The Apps had three runners finish in the top-10 of the 1,500-meter run as Amanda Hamilton, Allison Cook and Justine Stocks finished in the sixth, ninth and 10th spots, respectively. Kaitlin Cagle also turned in an impressive performance in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:01.90 while Breanna Alston rounded out the track events with a 10th-place finish in the 200-meter dash (24.02 seconds). In field events, Shaqueila Robinson grabbed seventh in the seeded high jump (5'7") and Mary Theresa Montgomery finished eighth in the non-seeded event (5'3").

Gayshawna Watkins continued her impressive season with a solid showing in the shot put. The junior thrower finished fourth with a toss of 44'0.5".

The Mountaineers return to action with their only home meet of the season, the Appalachian Invitational, next Friday, April **13**.

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