

## ASU Track Competes At Clemson/Duke

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AJ Dohanic set a new personal record and moved in to sixth-place in Appalachian State history to help lead ASU's men's track and field team to an impressive performance at the Clemson Invitational over the weekend. Dohanic, who

posted a time of 14.10 seconds in the 110-meter hurdles, finished fifth in the event and broke his previous personal-best of 14.11 seconds, set earlier this season.

Darius Purcell posted another impressive effort in the high jump by finishing third with a leap of 6'8.25" while Jared Stalling turned in a solid performance in the throws.

Stalling finished second in the shot put (55'2.75") while taking fourth in both the hammer throw (187'8") and discus (151'11").

The Mountaineers also sent several distance runners to the Duke Invitational on Sunday.

Alex Taylor finished fifth in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:49.80 to set a new school record in the event. Sean Soderman and Josh Cox finished second and fourth, respectively, in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Soderman ran the event in a time of 9:01.38 while Cox finished with a time of 9:03.31.

On the women's side, the Mountaineers posted eight top-10 finishes at Clemson as several athletes looked to lock down NCAA Qualifying spots.

Breanna Alston led Appalachian's sprinters with a fifth-place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.01 seconds while also anchoring the Apps' 4x100-meter relay team in a third-place showing (46.81). ASU also had a solid showing from Cassie Crawford, who took third in the pole vault with a leap of 12'6".

As usual, the Mountaineers excelled in the throws competition by churning out five top-five performances between Jasmine Suydam and Gayshawna Watkins.

Suydam took third in the shot put (44'4") and finished fourth in the discus (137'5") and fifth in the hammer throw (133'4"). Watkins placed second in the discus (150-11) and third in the hammer throw (150'1).

The Apps return to action on Friday at the Georgia Tech Invitational. It will mark the final meet for the Mountaineers before the NCAA East Preliminaries begin on May 24.

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