

ASU Track Wraps Up Weekend At Tiger Classic

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Raphael Rojas highlighted another strong performance as Appalachian State University men's track and field on Saturday at the Auburn Tiger Classic.

Rojas, who finished seventh in the 800-meter run, set a new personal record with a time of 1:51.25 in the event to move into seventh-place in App State history. On the day, the Mountaineers snagged 13 top-10 finishes while eight student-athletes set new personal records. Josh Cox grabbed second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:12.90 while Michael Ellis set a new personal record and finished eighth with a time of 9:29.37.

Jared Stalling notched two top-10 performances on the weekend. The senior finished fourth in the discus throw with a toss of 50.50 meters (165-8) and 10th in the hammer throw with a mark of 56.65 meters (185-10).

Alex Taylor took 10th in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 3:49.63. A trio of distance runners set personal records in the 1,500 meters as Josh Ellis (3:57.08), Chris Garrett (3:57.49) and James Howard-Smith (4:03.42) took 21st, 24th and 34th, respectively.

Stanley Broaden took seventh in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 52.67 seconds and teamed up with Marshall McRae, Jamal Tiller and Justin Thomas to finish eighth in the 4x100-meter dash in a time of 42.28 seconds.

Tiller finished eighth in the triple jump with a leap of 14.21 meters (46-7.5) while Adedeji Adeneye set a new personal record with a mark of 13.46 meters (44-2). McRae set a new personal record in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.93 seconds to finish 13th.

Patrick Quinn took ninth in the pole vault with a mark of 4.75 meters (15-7) while Daryl Saunders took 10th in the high jump with a leap of 2.00 meters (6-6.75). Henry Bustle rounded out the performances with a personal-best mark of 6.70 meters (21-11.75) in the long jump to take 13th.

On the women's side, a trio of distance runners paced Appalachian State University women's track and field on Saturday at the Auburn Tiger Classic.

Amanda Hamilton, Justine Stocks and Kayla Schneider all set new personal records in the 1,500-meter run. Hamilton (4:31.84) took fourth and posted the fifth-best time in school history while Stocks (4:35.64) took eighth and notched the ninth-best time in Appalachian history. Schneider (4:41.94) grabbed 14th-place in the event.

A total of nine Mountaineers grabbed top-10 finishes at Auburn while five student-athletes set personal records. Tatyana Bryant posted a personal-best mark of 11.66 meters (38-3.25) to finish 16th in the triple jump while Taryn Stern ran the 400-meter dash in a personal-record time of 59.57 seconds.

Cassie Crawford tied her career-record and the second-best pole vault mark in school history with a vault of 12-9.5 to finish ninth. Jocelyn Parnell (107-9) and Brittany Pierce (104-10) finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in the javelin throw.

Mary Theresa Montgomery finished seventh in the high jump with a leap of 1.62 meters (5-3.75) and Breanna Alston grabbed eighth in the 200-meters with a time of 24.00 seconds.

Alston teamed up with Bryant, Breahna Morrison and D'Shawnna McLucas to take 10th in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 46.68 seconds and was part of the 4x400-meter relay squad, along with Stern, Morrison and Shelby Howell, that finished ninth in a time of 3:49.09.

The Mountaineers return to action when they host the Appalachian Open next weekend, the final meet before the 2013 Southern Conference Outdoor Championships.

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