

Ten L-R Athletes Earn All-Region Honors

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Ten members of the Lenoir-Rhyne Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Teams earned 2013 USTFCCCA NCAA Division II All-Southeast Region honors. USTFCCCA is the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. Of the 10 L-R athletes, seven were men including three who garnered all-region accolades in two events: seniors Artis Gilmore (Asheville, N.C.) and Jamont Jones (Washington, N.C.) and sophomore Jarrod Spears (Bunnlevel, N.C.).

Gilmore was named to the all-region team in the triple jump, where he holds the school record (48'3.5"), and the long jump (a season-best 22'6.5"). Both Jones and Spears teamed with freshman Victor Brannan (Powder Springs, Ga.) and sophomore Collis Clark (Marietta, Ga.) to pick up All-Southeast Region honors in the men's 400-meter relay, which broke the school record this year with a 41.47.

Jones also garnered all-region laurels in the 200-meter dash (21.46) as did Spears in the 100-meter dash (10.71). Both times are currently the second-best in school history. L-R redshirt freshman Kevin Baxter (Columbia, S.C.) accumulated all-region laurels in the men's 110-meter hurdles. Baxter holds the school record in the event at 14.05 seconds, which is also the ninth-best time in the nation this year.

Baxter has automatically qualified to the 2013 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field National Championships in the 110-meter hurdles. The championship takes place May 23-25 in Pueblo, Colo., at the Neta & Eddie DeRose ThunderBowl.

Lenoir-Rhyne junior Aaron Nelson (Mayodan, N.C.) is an all-region honoree in the men's pole vault, where he holds the program record with a 13'11.25".

On the women's side for the Bears, three athletes were named to the All-Southeast Region Team: freshman Vertrice Wilson (Carrollton, Ga.) in the 100-meter hurdles, freshman Tarryn Cornejo (Deland, Fla.) in the pole vault and senior Samantha Levine (Wanye, N.J.) in the javelin.

All three also hold school records in their respective events. Wilson has a personal-best 15.15 in the 100-meter hurdles as does Cornejo in the pole vault (8'6.25") and Levine in the javelin (122'8").

The top five from each region in individual events and each member of a relay ranked in the region's top three have earned the All-region distinction for this season.

A total of 1,283 student-athletes have earned a total of 1,836 USTFCCCA All-Region honors. The USTFCCCA regions for track & field match those used for NCAA Cross Country Championships.

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