

Spears All-Region In Three Events

Written by Staff Reports
Thursday, 15 May 2014 12:17

Ten members of the Lenoir-Rhyne Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Teams have garnered 2014 USTFCCCA NCAA Division II All-Southeast Region

honors. USTFCCCA is the United States Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association.

Of the 10 athletes, seven are men including Lenoir-Rhyne junior Jarrod Spears (Bunnlevel, N.C.). Spears earned all-region honors in three events: the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes and the 400-meter relay squad.

Spears was the 2014 South Atlantic Conference champion in the 100-meter dash (10.71) while the men's 400-meter relay squad for the Bears included sophomores Kevin Baxter (Columbia, S.C.) and Victor Brannan (Powder Springs, Ga.) and freshman Evin Sims (Greenwood, S.C.). The squad's season-best was 41.88 seconds.

Baxter also picked up all-region accolades in the men's 110-meter hurdles where he is currently ranked first in the nation after clocking a wind-aided 13.81 seconds on April 5 at the VertKlasse Meeting in High Point, N.C.

Spears All-Region In Three Events

Written by Staff Reports
Thursday, 15 May 2014 12:17

Baxter, for the second year in a row, has automatically qualified for the 2014 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships on May 22-24 in Allendale, Mich.

Both L-R senior Aaron Nelson (Mayodan, N.C.) and freshman Jawanza Harris (Pinebluff, N.C.) were selected to the all-region team in the men's pole vault.

In the field events, Lenoir-Rhyne junior Latham York (Huntersville, N.C.) was named to the All-Southeast Region Team in both the men's javelin throw (conference champion) and men's hammer throw (a school-record 144'4").

Nelson is a four-time all-region honoree while Spears was named to the All-Southeast Region Team for the third straight year.

On the women's side, freshman Brooke Robinson (Newton, N.C.), sophomores Ashley Wells (Arrington, Va.) and Vertrice Wilson (Carrollton, Ga.) for the Bears.

Spears All-Region In Three Events

Written by Staff Reports
Thursday, 15 May 2014 12:17

Robinson was the SAC Champion in the 400-meter run and holds the school record (56.54 seconds) in the event while Wells and Wilson garnered all-region accolades in the javelin throw and 100-meter hurdles, respectively. Wilson has a program-best 14.82 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles.

The top five individuals in each event from each region earned the All-Region distinction, in addition to each of the members of the regions' top three relay teams.

The regions used for this award match those used during the cross country season, and student-athletes must come from USTFCCA member institutions.

Photo Courtesy: Jarrod Spears, L-R Athletes