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Southern Arkansas Competes In Alabama Meet

Huntsville, Ala. - Southern Arkansas University competed in a track and field meet here Saturday, hosted by the University of Alabama-Huntsville and Alabama A&M University. Nine teams competed for the Men's Division championship while eight teams participated in the Women's Division.

In men's competition, Harding University ran away with the title with 174 points with Alabama A&M second with 120. Southern Arkansas was third with 79 points, Clayton State University (Ga.) was fourth with 72, Kennesaw State University (Ga.) was fifth with 69, Alabama-Huntsville was sixth with 35, Ogelthorpe University (Ga.) was seventh with 12, Stillman College (Ala.) was eighth with four, and the University of West Georgia ninth with two.

Bevill State Community College (Ala.) was first in the women's field with 165.5, Alabama-Huntsville second with 148, Harding third with 80.5, Kennesaw State fourth with 76, Alabama A&M fifth with 46, Southern Arkansas sixth with 26, Clayton State seventh with 23, and Ogelthorpe eighth with 10.

Muleriders placing in the 100-meter dash were Ed White fourth in 11.26 and Brandon Suell fifth in 11.28 and in the 200, Jermaine Logan was second in 22.08, Suell fourth in 22.97, and Rudy Stennis eighth in 23.33. Ricky Martinez was second in the 400-meter dash in 49.22, Anthony Gerhard eighth in 51.62, and Tirrel Grace ninth in 51.70. No one competed in the 800-meter run for SAU but in the 1,500, Adrian Romanos was ninth in 4:12.55, Matt Quinn 10th in 4:16.57, Tim Cannon 14th in 4:22.46, and Blaine Slack 18th in 4:36.92.

In the 3,000-meter run, Slack was 15th in 10:23.49 and A.J. Stewart 16th in 10:23.57. In the 5,000, Elliot Isom was sixth in 16:34.68, Stewart eighth in 16:51.50, and Nick Vinson 10th in 17:13.87. Tyler Johnson was second for the 'Riders in the 10,000-meter run in 34:14.89.

Eli Elias gave SAU a first-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles in 16.22 with teammate Kiley Smith second in 16.25. Smith was third in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles in 58.14 and Elias fourth in 58.92.

Southern Arkansas was also first in the 4X100-meter relay with a team of Logan, Suell, Martinez, and White turning in a 41.58 automatic time (41.19 hand). The 'Riders were third in the 4X400-meter relay in an excellent 3:19.31. Team members were Logan, Gerhard, Stennis, and Martinez.

In the field events, SAU competed only in the shot put with Suell ninth and Logan 12th.

In the women's events, Rebecca Landry of SAU was seventh in the 400-meter dash in 1:08.22, in the 1,500, Gaby Mendoza was eighth in 4:56.14 and Lindsay Musielak 14th in 5:29.60, Musielak was 12th in the 3,000 in 12:20.69 and Mendoza 13th in 12:20.72, Krystal James was ninth in the 100-meter hurdles in 18.15 and was eighth in the 400 hurdles in 1:17.82, Ashley Weeks was ninth in the triple jump in 29-1 $\frac{3}{4}$, Shelley Johnson was second in the discus throw with 110-6, Sara Rhodes ninth, and Jessie Mailhes 11th, Johnson was first in the javelin for the Lady 'Riders with 113-9 $\frac{1}{2}$, Mailhes 14th, and Rhodes 16th, and Johnson was second in the shot put with 34-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ with Mailhes ninth.

Southern Arkansas next competes in a meet Saturday at Monroe, La., hosted by the University of Louisiana-Monroe.