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Southern Arkansas Competes At Monroe

Monroe, La. - Southern Arkansas University was the lone NCAA Division II school competing in a track and field meet here Saturday. The Muleriders and Lady Muleriders competed against host University of Louisiana-Monroe, Northwestern State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, Louisiana Tech University, the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, Nicholls State University, and the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, all Division I members.

Of the 36 scheduled events combined in the mens' and womens' divisions, 23 were completed before the rest of the meet had to be canceled because of bad weather.

Lady 'Rider Gaby Mendoza chalked up the only first place for SAU when she won the women's 1,500-meter run in 4:50.49. The second best showing for SAU was a third-place finish in the 4X100-meter relay with a team of Jermaine Logan, Brandon Suell, Ricky Martinez, and Ed White in 41.20, a provisional qualifying time for the national meet. In the men's 400-meter dash, Martinez was fifth in 49.66 with teammates Stennis sixth in 50.86 and Anthony Gerhard ninth in 52 flat.

Others competing for SAU were Shelley Johnson, 15th in the women's shot put with 10.07 meters, Johnson was eighth in the javelin throw with 33.58 meters and teammates Jessie Mailhes 10th with 22.64 and Sara Rhodes 11th with 17.27, and Suell was 13th for the 'Riders in the 100-meter dash in 10.95 with teammates Ed White 15th in 11 flat and Tirrel Grace 18th in 11.16.

In the men's 1,500, Tim Cannon of SAU was ninth with 4:24.66 and teammates Nic Vinson 10th in 4:25.03, Elliot Isom 12th in 4:32.01, and Blaine Slack 13th in 4:38.03, Kiley Smith was seventh in the men's 110-meter high hurdles in 14.85 with Eli Elias ninth in 15.26. In the women's 800-meter run, London Hall was 11th for SAU in 2:48.22 and Ashley Weeks of SAU was ninth in the 1,500 in 5:48.29.

Southern Arkansas participates in a meet next Saturday at Arlington, Tex., hosted by the University of Texas-Arlington.