



SPC puts on a show at the Texas Relays

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AUSTIN, Texas – The SPC Texan and Lady Texan track and field teams continued their phenomenal season at the 83rd running of the Texas Relays where they recorded one NJCAA record, four school records, six first place finishes and 19 season bests.

On Friday, the day began with the Lady Texan 4x100 meter relay team mixing it up with the best in college track and field and the team of Angelique Lykes, Jura Levy, Nicquel Thomas and Janelle Redhead did not disappoint as they finished second in the third section and entered Saturday's final with the sixth fastest time. The quartet got the baton around in a season best time of 45.49 seconds in the preliminary round.

Lykes, Levy, Thomas and Redhead returned to action Saturday afternoon and again improved their time, only this time they also shattered the 2008 school record of 45.03 seconds.

The Lady Texan 4x200 meter relay team dominated the first-of-two sections when they won the race by nearly three seconds, clocking a time of 1:33.68 and breaking an 18 year old NJCAA record in the process. Only Texas A&M running in the second section would better that time and the team of Janelle Redhead, Jura Levy, Angelique Lykes and Nicquel Thomas finished second overall in the event. The previous NJCAA record was 1:35.45.

For the third time in as many meets, Kelly Closse broke her own school record in the women's shot put when she finished fourth in the 'A' section with a toss of 53-09.75 recorded on her third attempt.

Isaiah Gill, Troy Faulkner, Anton Kokorin and Rondell Bartholomew annihilated the school record in the men's 4x400 meter relay when they turned in a time of 3:03.74. They broke the 2009 record of 3:06.29 set by Latoy Williams, Sharif Webb, Rodney Campbell and Marcelis Lynch.

Harmony Phillips maintained the good fortune in the 100 meter hurdles when she crossed the line with a season best of 14.90 seconds to add her name to the list of Lady Texans qualified for the NJCAA meet.

Levy qualified for the final in the 100 meter dash after she posted the third fastest time, 11.38 seconds, in the preliminary round. Redhead was also in the race and ran a very respectable time of 11.65 seconds, just missing the final with the 11th fastest time.



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In a star studded final, Levy placed fourth in the women's 100 meter dash with a time of 11.28 seconds.

The Texan trio of Devin Hill, Kemar Marsden and Niko Williams-Richey dominated the college section of the 100 meter dash when they took three of the top four spots in the preliminary round of the event.

Hill entered the Saturday afternoon final with the top time of 10.59 seconds. Marsden finished third at 10.72 and Williams-Richey took the fourth position at 10.72 seconds.

In the final of the men's 100 meter dash, all three set season bests once again with Hill coming out on top with a time of 10.43 seconds. Williams-Richey finished fifth and Marsden seventh with season best times of 10.57 and 10.59 seconds, respectively.

Dellon Williams competed in the 'B' section of the men's long jump and won the event by 4 ½ inches when he soared to 24-11.75 on his second attempt.

Chante'sean White, Shakeeri Cole, Angelique Lykes and Angelle Miranda ran a season best time of 3:45.88 in the preliminary round of the women's 4x400 meter relay, good for 14th place overall.

Kyron Blaise competed with some of the best long jumpers the NCAA has to offer when he finished third in the afternoon 'A' section. Blaise's jump of 25-02.75 was a season best and was the third best jump in the competition.

Blaise added a second personal best in the men's 'A' section of the Triple Jump held Saturday afternoon when he leaped to 52-10.25 to finish in third place.

Kia Wansley leaped to a season best of 40-09.00 to finish second in the 'B' section of the women's triple jump.

The Lady Texan sprint medley relay team of Redhead, Levy, Shakeeri Cole and Lisa Forsberg ran a terrific time of 3:50.71. The sprint medley is a 1,600 meter relay that consists of 200 meters for the first two legs (Redhead and Levy), 400 meters for the third leg (Cole) and finally 800 meters for the anchor (Forsberg). Forsberg took the baton from Cole in third place and held off a late charge from Texas Tech to finish third.

The Texans took first in the college division of the sprint medley relay when they crossed the line with a time of 3:20.39. Devin Hill and Troy Faulkner got SPC off to a nice lead after the 200 meter legs and then Rondell Bartholomew maintained that lead with 45-second 400 meter leg. Anton Kokorin, who has run 46.45 seconds for 400 meters this season moved up and ran the 800 meter leg to anchor the Texans to the victory.



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Isaiah Gill began the final day of the Texas Relays with a bang when he ran a season best time of 51.83 seconds to dominate the college division of the 400 meter hurdles final.

In the university men's division of the 400 meter hurdles, former SPC star Bryce Brown nearly ran down two-time NCAA champion Jeshua Anderson but came up just short, finishing second in a time of 49.83 seconds.

In the men's 4x100 meter relay the team of Niko Williams-Richey and Devin Hill put the Texans into the early lead and Isaiah Gill and Rondell Bartholomew handled the rest as they easily outdistanced their competition to win in a season best time of 40.15 seconds.

Colleen Felix leaped to a season best of 41-10.00 in the women's triple jump when she finished 10th overall in the 'A' section. Felix recorded her best jump on her first attempt.

Freshman Anthony May cleared an outdoor season high of 6-09.00 in his second meet of the season and finished fifth place in the 'A' high jump, while former SPC jumper Darrell Roddick finished second in the event with a clearance of 7-02.25.

Coach Beene's track and field teams will continue their season on April 10th when they compete at the Texas Tech Invitational.

Notable accomplishments at 2010 Texas Relays

NJCAA Record

Women's 4x200 meter relay – Janelle Redhead, Jura Levy, Angelique Lykes and Nicquel Thomas broke the record previously set by Barton County Community College in 1992. The Lady Texan time of 1:33.68 easily bettered Barton's former record of 1:35.45.

Four School Records

In addition to the 4x200 meter relay, the women's 4x100 meter relay team of Lykes, Levy, Thomas and Redhead set a school record when they crossed the line with a time of 44.86 seconds, breaking the 2008 record of 45.03 seconds set by Thomas, Simpson, Shephard and Wilson.

Kelly Close broke her own school record in the shot put for the third consecutive meet when she finished fourth in the 'A' section of the shot put with a best toss of 53-09.75.

Isaiah Gill, Troy Faulkner, Anton Kokorin and Rondell Bartholomew in the men's 4x400 meter relay with a time of 3:03.74, breaking the 2009 record of 3:06.29 set by Latoy Williams, Rodney Campbell, Sharif Webb and Marcelis Lynch.



Six first place finishes

Winning Texas Relays titles for SPC were:

1. Dellon Williams (24-11.75) in the men's 'B' long jump
2. Devin Hill (200), Troy Faulkner (200), Rondell Bartholomew(400) and Anton Kokorin (800) in the 1,600 meter sprint medley relay with a time of 3:20.39.
3. Isaiah Gill (400 hurdles) with a season best time of 51.83 seconds
4. Niko Williams-Richey, Devin Hill, Isaiah Gill and Rondell Bartholomew in the men's 4x100 meter relay with a season best time of 40.15 seconds.
5. Devin Hill in the men's 100 meter dash with a season best time of 10.43 seconds.
6. Isaiah Gill, Troy Faulkner, Anton Kokorin and Rondell Bartholomew shattering the 2009 4x400 meter relay school record of 3:06.29 when they turned in a staggering time of 3:03.74.

19 season best performances

Kyron Blaise (long jump, triple jump), Devin Hill (100), Kemar Marsden (100), Niko Williams-Richey (100), Isaiah Gill (400 hurdles), Anthony May (high jump) men's 4x100 meter relay, men's sprint medley relay, men's 4x400 meter relay, Kia Wansley (triple jump), Shakeeri Cole (800), Lisa Forsberg (1,500), Chante'sean White (400 hurdles), Colleen Felix (triple jump), Kelly Closse (shot put), women's 4x100 meter relay, women's 4x200 meter relay, women's sprint medley relay.