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## **Texans dominate 4x400 relay in record setting fashion**

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FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. – The South Plains College Texan and Lady Texan track concluded the 2011 Tyson Invitational in spectacular fashion, with the men taking down their own NJCAA record in the 4x400 meter relay in the final event of the meet.

Some bumping early in the race put sophomore Anton Kokorin at somewhat of a disadvantage as he came through 200 meters in fourth position. Kokorin found some open space over the final lap and was able to hand the baton to Isaiah Gill with a slight lead, splitting 47.22 seconds. Gill's second leg of 46.75 seconds maintained the Texan advantage as he handed to Bralin Taplin 1/10 of a second quicker than his counterpart from LSU. Taplin (46.64) extended the Texans lead slightly and anchor Rondell Bartholomew blasted the field, splitting 44.54 seconds to bring the Texans home in a new NJCAA record time of 3 minutes, 5.14 seconds.

Prior to the Texans record setting performance, the Lady Texan 4x400 meter relay contingent of Sparkle McKnight, Janelle Redhead, Janeil Bellille, and Natoya Goule did some record setting of their own. Running out of the second section, McKnight opened the race up in 54.52 seconds to give SPC an early lead. Janelle Redhead (53.97) held off a late challenge from Texas Tech, giving Bellille the lead heading into the third leg. Bellille (54.32) did her part, handing the baton to their anchor Goule with the lead. Goule then dropped a bomb on the rest of the field when she covered 400 meters in 51.97 seconds to bring the Lady Texans across the line in 3:34.78, shattering the school record and narrowly missing the championship as LSU ran a slightly faster time of 3:34.54 in the first section.

Future Razorback Anthony May set his second school record in as many days when he cleared 7-00.50 to finish fifth in the men's high jump. May cleared the first three heights of 6-08.75, 6-10.75, and 7-00.50 on his first attempts, before going out at 7-01.75.

In all, SPC athletes claimed two NJCAA records and seven school records during the two day event. The track teams will return to action on Friday, February 18, when they return to the Texas Tech athletic training facility for their final competition before the NJCAA indoor championships scheduled for March 4-5 and hosted by Texas Tech.