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Texans claim 4x400M Relay crown at Texas Tech Open

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LUBBOCK, Texas – The team of Daniel Harper, Alistair Moona, Vernon Norwood, and Bralon Taplin earned top honors in the men's 4x400 M relay in the final event of the two day Texas Tech Open Saturday afternoon, while the Lady Texans lost a close race to host Texas Tech University to finish second in the women's relay.

The Texan quartet was able to earn the victory with a time of 3 minutes, 10.11 seconds even with a bobbled first exchange between leadoff leg Harper and Moona.

Returning all-American performers Shana-Gaye Tracey, Sparkle McKnight, Janeil Bellille, and Natoya Goule composed the women's 4x400 M relay team. The first three relay legs kept Lady Texan anchor Goule within a few meters of the Lady Raiders. Goule made the spectators inside the Athletic Training Facility gasp as she nearly pulled even with the Texas Tech anchor coming off the final curve, but was not quite able to completely close the gap on her opponent.

During the two day meet the Texans and Lady Texans were entered in only five events and came away with victories in three with Taplin winning the 600-yard dash and anchoring the Texan 4x400M relay; and with McKnight outleaning her teammate Bellille in the women's 600-yard dash.

South Plains College will likely be more completely represented in all events next weekend when they return to the Athletic Training Center January 20-21 to compete in Texas Tech's second invitational of the 2012 indoor season.

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