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Track and Field collects 17 top-ten finishes in first event of the season

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STATESBORO, Ga. – The Georgia Southern Track and Field team brought home 17 top-ten finishes in the Wake Forest Invitational at the JDL Fast Track. The Eagles also had four first place finishes during Saturday's competition.

"We had a great meet at JDL and I am proud of our performances," said head coach Kelly Carter. "We had a school record go down in Weight Throw today by Kelsey Arnold, another one just missed by Ashton Lord. We had plenty of PR's happen and we went top 10 in about 7 events in the Sun Belt. I'm really happy about our results."

Ashton Lord finished first in the 5000 meters posting an 18:16.18 time, followed by teammate Rebecca Parker who finished second with an 18:34.67 time. The Eagles 4 x 400 meter team finished second with a time of 3:56.54 time.

Jamelia Owens placed first in the Shot Put event with a 14.28m (46'10.25") throw, while Nia Hill finished first in the Long Jump with a 5.34m (17'6.25") jump. Kelsey Arnold set a school record in the Weight Throw with a 20.21m throw, enough to place first.

The Eagles will be in Greensboro, North Carolina next Sunday for the UNCG Duel Meet Madness. Events will begin at approximately 9:30.

5000 Meters

1. Ashton Lord – 18:16.18
2. Rebecca Parker – 18:34.67
4. Bianca Loza – 19:00.38
10. Chantelle Nicholls – 20:14.32

60 Meters

6. Desiree Blunt – 7.78

400 Meters

7. Breanna Thornton – 59.86
25. Anika Carter – 1:01.99
32. Chelsea Caldwell – 1:03.19

3000 Meters

22. Kaitlin Rocker – 11:40.43
24. Sholonda Snell – 11:49.03
28. Jinni Pethel – 11:56.42

800 Meters

4. Bailey Willett – 2:15.88
10. Jillian Sloane – 2:24.80

200 Meters

3. Desiree Blunt – 25.33
22. Chasin Gladdis – 26.92
40. Beyunka Foster – 27.62

1 Mile Run

7. [Ellunde Montgomery](#) – 5:13.49
11. [Ashton Lord](#) – 5:16.72
19. [Rebecca Parker](#) – 5:29.00
31. [Chandler Loving](#) – 5:57.16

4 x 400 Meter Relay

2. Blunt, Carter, Willett, and Thornton – 3:56.54

Shot Put

1. [Jamelia Owens](#) – 14.28m (46'10.25")
15. [Samantha Cook](#) – 10.88m (35'8.50")
27. [Aundria Douglas](#) – 9.91m (32'6.25")

Long Jump

1. [Nia Hill](#) – 5.34m (17'6.25")
9. [Tatiana Rayford](#) – 5.17m (16'11.50")
24. [Eugenia Tan](#) – 4.79m (15'8.75")

Triple Jump

9. [Twandalette Cotton](#) – 10.71m (35'1.75")

Weight Throw

1. [Kelsey Arnold](#) – 20.21m (66'3.75")
6. [Diamond Reese](#) – 16.57m (54'4.50")
13. [Alexis Gant](#) – 14.12m (46'4")

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PLAYERS MENTIONED

Kelsey Arnold

Throws

Senior

Desiree Blunt

Sprints

Sophomore

Anika Carter

Sprints

Sophomore
Samantha Cook
Throws

Senior
Twandalette Cotton
Jumps

Junior
Aundria Douglas
Sprints/Jumps

Sophomore
Beyunka Foster
Sprints

Sophomore
Alexis Gant
Throws

Sophomore
Chasin Gladdis
Sprints

Senior
Nia Hill
Sprints/Jumps

Senior

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