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Track and Field posts strong performances during second outdoor meet of the season

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REBECCA PARKER

**NEW SCHOOL
RECORD HOLDER**

**11:28.30- 3000M
STEEPLECHASE**

Track & Field/Cross Country | 4/3/2016 3:30:00 PM

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GAINESVILLE, Fla.- During the first day of the prestigious Pepsi Florida Relays filled with 10 women's nationally ranked teams, sophomore [Rebecca Parker](#) set a career-best time in the 3000 meter steeplechase, which broke the all-time best record in Georgia

Southern history.

"The Florida Relays has a long and strong tradition of great athletic performances that happen there," head coach [Kelly Carter](#) said. "Our team went there and competed well and it was great for Rebecca to come away with the school record."

In the meet, her time of 11:28.30 was good for 18th out of the country's elite which beat her time at the UNF Spring Break Invite last weekend by almost 30 seconds. With her new personal best, Parker now ranks third in the Sun Belt Conference.

In terms of relays, the Georgia Southern track and field team competed in three events at the Percy Beard Track -- the 4x400m, the 4x100m and the 1600 Sprint Medley. Running in the 4x400m, a team that is comprised of one sophomore and three freshmen— [Bailey Willett](#) (SO), [Jillian Sloane](#) (FR), [Desiree Blunt](#) (FR) and [Breanna Thornton](#) (FR)— took 30th. [Chasin Gladdis](#), [Jasmin Walker](#), [Desiree Blunt](#) and [Tatiana Rayford](#) clocked in a time of 47.16 seconds in the 4x100m. The Eagles placed 14th in the 1600 Sprint Medley with a time of 4:04.25, thanks to [Anika Carter](#), Blunt, Sloane and Willett.

Rayford also competed individually, running the 100m hurdles in 14.21 seconds.

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