

FSU track team shines in Indiana

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The Florida State men's track team boosted its number of NCAA qualifiers to six Saturday, adding three to the list with a strong showing at the Indiana (University) Invitational Relays.

FSU's Ronnie Taylor won the 440-yard dash with one of the top three times in the nation this year, 47.84 seconds, and Walter McCoy took first in the 600-yard dash with a clocking of 1:10.17.

The meet drew 20 teams from across the nation, all of them trying to qualify participants for the NCAA national meet that will be held in late spring.

FSU's Rob Gomez qualified by placing third in the

1000-yard run with a time of 2:10.11. Leon Hutchins qualified by placing second in the triple jump with a total of 51 feet 7½ inches.

The Seminole mile relay team (Ron Nelson, Eric Riley, Taylor and McCoy), which won the event at the NCAA championships last spring, qualified again by running a time of 3:11.82, fastest in the nation this season.

Also at the meet, Terron Wright of Memphis State set a world record in the 300-yard dash, winning in a time of 29.4 seconds.

"We came up here with a specific goal," said FSU coach Dick Roberts. "That was to qualify Rob (Gomez), Leon (Hutchins) and the mile relay team for the nationals, and we accomplished that."

The Seminoles finished third at the NCAA national meet during the first week of June 1980, trailing only traditional track powers Texas-El Paso and UCLA. It was the first time Florida State had cracked the Top 10 at nationals. The Seminoles finished 11th in 1979.