

Francis fires FAMU Relays

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If track and field is your bag, you should've been camped out at the Florida A&M University track Saturday. Camped out are the operative words.

When Florida State's Hillard Goldsmith sprinted across the finish line to anchor a come-from-behind win the day's last event, the 1600-meter relay, it brought to a close 9½ hours of running, jumping and throwing in the 40th annual

FAMU Relays.

The event is the first major outdoor meet of the college season and is unscored, which was too bad for the Rattlerettes, who won five of the 17 women's events.

Demetria Francis was the lady of the hour, or hours, if you please. She anchored wins in the 3200-meter, sprint medley and 1600-meter relays. In the sprint medley she was some 50 yards off the pace

coming out of the last turn and collapsed after nipping a tiring South Carolina State runner. She recovered in time to finish strong in the 1600-meter event in which the Rattlerettes won by more than six seconds.

Rattlerette Tiffany Daugherty set a complex record in the discus throw with a toss of 157 feet, and teammate Keisha King won the 100-meter hurdles.

Florida State led the way in the

men's competition, winning five events. The victory in the 1600-meter relay was perhaps the highlight as junior Chris Sloan overtook Florida A&M's David Stargel on the third leg and Goldsmith held off Davis Lucas at the wire.

A couple of future FSU football players also did well in the high school portion of the meet. Rickards' Corey Fuller won the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.80, and Godby's Steve Gilmer brought the Cougars from well off the pace to finish a respectable third in the sprint medley and 1600-meter relays.

Florida A&M Coach Bobby Lang, exhausted after the grueling day, was excited about his team's performance, and the meet overall, but conceded that maybe it was time to consider making the event a two-day affair.

"This was probably our latest finish ever," Lang said. "It was al-

most dark there when we ran the 1600-meter relay. We probably have grown a little too big for a one-day event without lights."

FAMU's only win in the men's competition came in the 3200-meter relay, but the Rattlers had four second-place finishes (Kelvin Lang, 100-meter high hurdles; David Stargel, long jump; John Johnson, discus; and 400-meter relay). The distance medley relay and sprint medley relay teams also finished third, as did Lynwood Davis in the long jump.

Florida State's other winners were Rod Lawson (100-meter high hurdles), Larry Carr (pole vault), Chris Mooney (1500-meter run) and Eric Chambers (discus). The Seminoles' Tyrone Bligen also took a second in the 400-meter dash, and Mark Hill and Bruce James took thirds in the discus and 400-meter intermediate hurdles, respectively.

Rickards Coach Willie Williams was very pleased with his team's showing, but Fuller said the best is yet to come for him.

"A 10.80 was not what I wanted," Fuller said. "Hard work is what's got me where I am, and hard work is going to make me better. I'll tell you this, there's

much more to come."

Fuller's time would have placed him third in the men's standings, but is well off the 10.46 he was clocked in at last year's State Class AAA meet where he finished second.

"I had him at 10.59 today, but mine was hand-held and the official time was electronic," said Williams.

Fuller's teammate, Trevino Williams, finished second in the 100 meters, just .09 off the pace.

"With him and me pushing each other like that it just makes each of us better," Fuller said. "I want to give my teammates a lot of credit. They've worked just as hard as me."

Williams calls this the quickest team he's ever coached.

"I had a fast team in 1984, but it wasn't as fast as this one. These kids just toyed with people out there today."

Joining Fuller in the winner's column for the Redskins was Chris Garye in the high jump and the 4x100 and 800 meter relay teams.

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College men

800 meter run — 1. Darrin Wilson (S.C. State), 1:51.71; 2. Rodney Williams (S.C. State), 1:55.82; 3. Ray Mitchell (Delaware State), 1:55.92.

400-meter dash — 1. Walter McCoy (Mazda TC), 47.50; 2. Tyrone Bligen (FSU), 48.70; 3. Willie Corweley (Edward Waters), 48.80.

Shot put — 1. Chades McLaughlin (Delaware State), 54-4; 2. Brian Heebsh (Edinboro), 48-0; 3. Brian Watson (Fl. Valley State), 47-11½.

400-meter relay — 1. South Carolina State, 40.32; 2. Florida A&M, 40.61; 3. Grambling, 40.71.

High jump — 1. Darrell Willis (Huntley-Jiffy TC), 7-2½; 2. Jeff Zajec (Edinboro), 6-10; 3. Rick Ranney (Cent. Florida), 6-8.

100-meter high hurdles — 1. Rod Lawson (FSU), 13.91; 2. Kelvin Lang (FAMU), 14.42; 3. Scott Ellison (Morehouse), 14.71.

Long jump — 1. Brian Carter (Santa Fe), 24-5; 2. David Stargel (FAMU), 24-4½; 3. Lynwood Davis (FAMU), 23-8.

800-meter relay — 1. South Carolina State, 1:25.90; 2. Edward Waters, 1:27.92; 3. Florida Memorial, 1:28.31.

Distance medley relay — 1. Edinboro, 10:02.95; 2. Santa Fe CC, 10:03.61; 3. Florida A&M, 10:06.10.

Pole vault — 1. Larry Carr (FSU), 17-0; 2. Jeff Bray (unattached), 17-0; 3. Dave Watson (Florida Athletic Club), 16-6.

5000-meter run — 1. David Kenn (Gulf Winds), 14:53.00; 2. Joe Golden (Lewis), 14:59.00; 3. Jacob Hooker (Albion), 16:02.91.

1600-meter relay — 1. Florida State, 3:11.03; 2. Florida A&M, 3:12.20; 3. Grambling, 3:12.91.

100-meter dash — 1. Ainsley Blackman (S.C. State), 10.58; 2. Desi Patterson (Alabama State), 10.79; 3. Rodney Miller (Morehouse), 10.89.

1500 meter run — 1. Chris Mooney (FSU), 4:04.09; 2. Sean Joseph (Grambling),

4:05.66; 3. Jon LaCombe (Santa Fe), 4:05.70.

Discus throw — 1. Eric Chambers (FSU), 163-5¼; 2. John Johnson (FAMU), 154-1¼; 3. Mark Hill (FSU), 149-2½.

Triple jump — 1. Richard Williams (Morehouse), 50-8; 2. Tim Abram (Morehouse), 49-6; 3. John Nixon (Fla. Memorial), 48-5½.

400 IM hurdles — 1. Reggie Davis (Mazda TC), 50.22; 2. Oliver Parker (S.C. State), 51.18; 3. Bruce James (FSU), 52.89.

Javelin throw — 1. Michael McRay (Edinboro), 191-0; 2. Steve Gilbert (Albion), 183-8; 3. Jules Sullen (Morehouse), 179-7.

Sprint medley relay — 1. Delaware State, 3:26.26; 2. South Carolina State, 3:27.10; 3. Florida A&M, 3:27.61.

College women

3000-meter run — 1. Mariann Eckendorf (Edinboro), 10:39.17; 2. Kim McLeon (Samford), 10:44.07; 3. Michelle Robinson (Delaware State), 10:54.40.

800-meter run — 1. Marcia Agard (Grambling), 2:13.41; 2. Kennetha Wright (S.C. State), 2:14.86; 3. Gloria Morgan (Alabama A&M), 2:16.12.

400-meter dash — 1. Charmine Walsh (Alabama A&M), 56.11; 2. Tanya Filmore (S.C. State), 56.46; 3. Des Matherson (Florida CC), 58.24.

High jump — 1. Carmelia Shivers (FSU), 5-8; 2. Ashleigh Thomas (Samford), 5-4; 3. (tie) Gwen Manning (S.C. State) and Virginia McCloud (Alabama State), 5-2.

Long jump — 1. LaTasha Rogers (Atlanta Track), 20-8¼; 2. Tameka Hutchens (Alabama A&M), 20-2½; 3. Shelly Bayless (Grambling), 18-8.

400-meter relay — 1. South Carolina State, 45.82; 2. Florida A&M, 46.38; 2. Grambling, 47.11.

100-meter hurdles — 1. Keisha King (FAMU), 13.94; 2. Taiwa Aladeba (Alabama A&M), 14.14; 3. Carmelia Shivers (FSU), 14.32.

3200-meter relay — 1. FAMU, 9:19.84; 2. Edinboro, 9:25.69; 3. Lewis, 10:15.30.

800-meter relay — 1. South Carolina State, 1:37.29; 2. Alabama A&M, 1:43.26; 3. Grambling, 1:43.91.

Discus — 1. Tiffany Daugherty (FAMU), 157-0; 2. Tonya Grannemann (FSU), 123-10¼; 3. Tonya Byrd (Albany State), 122-11¼.

Sprint medley relay — 1. FAMU, 4:03.49; 2. South Carolina State, 4:06.60; 3. Fort Valley, 4:30.30.

Triple jump — 1. Tameka Hutchin (Alabama A&M), 36-4½; 2. Candace Sheppard (Alabama A&M), 35-9½; 3. Kenyetta Gadsen (Delaware State), 35-4¼.

Shot put — 1. Esther Ikomi (Alabama A&M), 45-10½; 2. Tiffany Daughtery (FAMU), 44-8; 3. Kanyon Singletary (FAMU), 39-11.

1500-meter dash — 1. Loren White (Atlanta TC), 4:56.63; 2. Sylvia Sanchez (Florida CC), 4:56.65; 3. M. Robinson (Delaware State), 4:58.41.

Javelin — 1. Rosa Diaz (FSU), 147-0; 2. Dana McDavid (Samford), 115-3; 3. Tracey Ritter (Edinboro), 113-9.

100-meter dash — 1. Yvette Green (S.C. State), 11.78; 2. LaTonya Davis (S.C. State), 11.81; 3. Kathy Thompson (Fla. Memorial), 12.30.

1600-meter relay — 1. Florida A&M, 3:47.50; 2. Grambling, 3:53.22; 3. Alabama A&M, 3:54.90.