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Payne, FSU women in rip Southern Indoor

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Florida State women's track team broke six meet records and Lady Seminole Marita Payne was named the meets most valuable performer Saturday at the Southern Indoor Championships.

Ovrill Brown's meet and school record time of 1:22:52 in the 600-yard dash led a 1-2-3 FSU sweep of that event. Tanya Brown set a national qualifying time with her second place 1:23.64 and Kris Nicay was third in 1:24.38.

In the 60-yard hurdles, Tanya Brown qualified for the nationals with a second place meet and school record time of 7.98. Karen Faison was fourth in 8.02. The defending national champion 4 x 176-yard relay team of Kim Parrish, Payne, Alice Bennett and Randy Givens won the event in a meet and school record time of 1:18.18.

Payne tied a meet record when she won the 60-yard dash in 6.90 and ran the anchor on the mile relay squad with Angela Wright, Eunice Golden and Ovrill Brown, winning the event in a meet record time of 3:46.50. Margaret Coomber won the 1,000-yard run in 2:33.72, another meet and school record, Janice Bassford won the mile in 5:02.10 and Bennett set a national qualifying distance in the long jump, winning the event in 19'9.

The Lady Seminoles have qualified more than half of their team for the National Indoor Track Meet in Iowa March 12-13. They will next compete against Louisiana State in the LSU Women's Invitational.