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Bradley sets track mark; Smith exits

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Florida State track fans bid goodbye to one record-setter and said hello to another Saturday afternoon at the FSU track.

During nine-team (or was it 10?) competition in which the "I" in Invitational should have stood for Informal, Seminole Vesco Bradley streaked to a 9.3 finish in the 100-yard dash to set a school and track record. He had shared the old school record of 9.5 with several others, including yesterday's departing star, Danny Smith.

Seminole Junior College's Don Merrich also was clocked in 9.3 in the 100 and was declared the winner by an eyelash over Bradley.

An hour before, Smith, competing as an unattached entrant, won his last event on the FSU track, recording a 13.8 in the 120 high hurdles.

The Seminoles captured 10 events, not including Smith's victory, in their Florida State Invitational, while Princeton managed four, Dartmouth three, Seminole Junior College two and Yale one. Unattached competitors won three events.

Team point scores weren't kept in this informal spring get-together which serves primarily as a warm-up exercise for outdoor teams. FSU Coach Mike Long and his assistants weren't even certain what schools or individuals were competing until participants lined up to compete.

Other participants included Otterbein, Oberlin, College of Wooster and Ohio Wesleyan.

The Florida State relay team of Gary Bassa, Bradley, David Williams and Jesse Forbes recorded a 40.2 in the 440 relay, the fastest time in the event thus far this season in the United States. The time also is a Florida State record, and surpasses the NCAA outdoor qualifying time of 41.0.

Zach Perkins, FSU basketball player, proved his versatility by leaping 6-6 in the high jump, good enough for third place. Seminole Jeff Nedimver won with 6-10.

Seminole's Manny Wetherbee, who will attend FSU next year, won the pole vault with 15-6, while former Leon star Hilmar Skagfield, also of Seminole, managed 15-3.

FSU Invitational

Results of the Florida State Invitational Meet:

Hammer Throw — 1, Curt Starr (Dartmouth) 177.10; 2, Mike Fitzgerald (Dart.) 168.04; 3, Gene Mancino (Princeton) 164.06; 4, Joe Chodosh (Yale) 160.11.

4-Mile Relay — 1, Unattached (Phil Tall, John Hexson, Vince Moreno, Charles Messinger) 17:15.0; 2, FSU (Simpkins, Cook, West, James) 17:35.0.

2-Mile Relay — 1, FSU (Vaught, Koenig, Caruthers, Kettenacker) 7:36.6; 2, Dartmouth 7:39.4; 3, Yale 7:51.4; 4, College of Wooster 8:06.1.

440 Relay — 1, FSU A team (Bassa, Bradley, Williams, Forbes) 40.2; 2, Seminole Jr. College 41.0; 3, FSU B team 41.3; 4, Otterbein 42.6.

Mile Run — FSU RECORD Ron Bunnell (Princeton) 4:20.1; 2, Perry Shaw (Unattached) 4:21.1; 3, Mike Gibson (Seminole JC) 4:25.2; 4, John Berens (Otterbein) 4:25.5.

120-High hurdles — 1, Danny Smith (Unattached) 13.8; 2, Gary Bassa (FSU) 14.1; 3, Harry Davis (Yale) 14.8; 4, Roger Rutherford (Otterbein) 14.8. Shot Put — 1, Charles Palmer (Yale) 50-812, 2, Vincent Billitto (FSU) 49-2; 3, Bill Rouse (Un) 47-10; 4, Bob Vorke (Princeton) 49-9.

Javelin — 1. Chester Gapinski (Dart) 231-11; 2. Steve Francks (Prin) 209-5; 3. Nat Treadway (Prin) 207-6¹2; 4. Skip Cummings (Dart) 187-11¹2.

High Jump — 1, Jeff Nedimver (FSU) 6-10; 2, David McMenamin (Florida Track Club) 6-6; 3, Zach Perkins (FSU) 6-6; 4, David Cleaves (Prin) 6-4.

Long Jump — 1, Vasco Bradlev (FSU) 23-10³4; 2, Oscar Johnson (FSU) 23-1; 3, Harris (Un) 22-7¹4; 4, Taylor (Seminole JC) 22-7.

440 — 1, David Williams (FSU) 47.1; 2, Ken Norman (Dart) 48.0; 3, Eli Thorne (Seminole JC) 48.8; 4, Glenn Hodges (FSU) 49.2.

100 Dash — 1, Dan Merrich (Seminole JC) 9.3; 2, Vesco Bradley (FSU) 9.3; 3, Jessee Forbes 9.6; 4, Danny Smith (Un) 9.7.

800 — 1, Craig Masback (Prin) 52.7; 2, Charles Hedrich (Prin) 53.1; 3, Nate Perkins (Seminole JC) 54.6; 4. Charlie Nadier (Dart) 55.9.

440 Hurdles — 1, Mark Herman (FSU) 53.6; 2, Marvin Dixon (FSU) 54.6; 3, David Duncan (Dart.) 54.7; 4, David Law (Seminole JC) 54.9.

Triple Jump — 1, Gary Bassa (FSU) 48-812; 2, Harris (Un) 47-1012; 3, Bates (Prin) 46-814; 4, Johnson (FSU) 46-6.

Distance Medlev Relay — 1, FSU (Kettenacker, Koenig, James, West) 10:07.8; 2, Princeton (Duffy, Aneser, Norelli, Rice) 10:10.8; 3, Yale 10:21.9; 4, Wooster 10:47.2.

Pole Vault — 1, Manny Wtherbee (Sem. JC) 15-6; 2, Hilmar Skagfield (Sem. JC) 15; 3, Danny Silliges (Prin) 14-6; 4, Dave Fullerton (Prin) 14.

220 — 1, Pierre Gourdon (Prin.) 22.1; 2, Mike Kincaid (FSU) 22.1; 3, Glenn Hodges (FSU) 22.2; 4, Clifton Mayberry (Yale) 22.3.

Discuss — 1, Kurt Reiman (Dart) 153-5 2; 2, Bob Yorke (Prin) 152-4 2; 3, Curt Starr (Dart) 150-1 2; 4, Greg Dubinetz (Yale) 150-1.

3 Mile — 1, Ron Bunnell (Prin) 14:20.4; 1, Jerry Kooimans (Prin) 14:20.4; 3, Danny Schlesinger (Yale) 15:05.2; 4, Larry Trachtenburg (Prin) 15:05.2

Mile Relay — 1, FSU (Dave Williams, Marvin Dixon, Warner Miller, Vesco Bradley) 3:10.9; 2, Seminole JC 3:12.5; 3, Dartmouth 3:15.

Steepleachase — 1, Phil Tall (Un) 9:53.7; 2, Perry Shaw (UN) 10:03.6; 3, Dave Brown (Otterbein) 10:12.8; 4, Donnie Cook (FSU) 10:12.9.

Sprint Medlev — 1, FSU 3:29.8; 2, Seminole JC 3:39.6; 3, Wooster 3:46.5.