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FSU Track & Field Set 10 Regional Qualifying Times At Florida Relays
Senior Laura Gerber raced to an all-time best time in the 800m.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida State track and field team had an impressive showing during Friday's competition at the Florida Relays down in Gainesville, Fla. Competing amongst some of the elite schools in the nation, the Seminoles went on to record 10 regional qualifying times at Percy Beard Stadium on the campus of the University of Florida.

For the second straight week, senior Laura Gerber continued her torrid running winning the women's 800m in recording setting fashion. She recorded an all-time best time of 2:05.11, good for an NCAA Regional Qualifying mark. That time also moves Gerber to third place on the all-time top performance list at Florida State in the women's 800m. In the men's 800m, senior Maarten van den Heuvel placed second in a regional qualifying time of 1:50.55. He was the top college performer finishing behind only Derrick Peterson who ran the race unattached.

Junior Tamara Campbell ran to a season best time of 53.82 in the 400m, good for third place and a spot at the NCAA Regional Championships. In the men's 400m, Sean Campbell established a season top time of 47.18 qualifying him for the NCAA Regional in May.

For the second consecutive week, Kim Jones set another regional qualifying time in the 100m hurdles at 13.55. She went on to finish fifth in that event. The men's hurdle events saw the Seminoles' Danyne Brown set regional qualifying times of 14.23 in the 110m hurdles (12th place) and 51.90 in the 400m hurdles (7th place) on Friday afternoon. Junior Brian Dzingia ran to a team top time of 10.45 in the 100m dash and in the process earned a regional qualifying bid.

The Tribe's Willie Johnson and Dan Royal also earned a spot at the NCAA Regional Championships with their marks in the triple jump and discus throw competition respectively. Royal finished second in the discus after establishing a mark of 165' 2" (50.35m), while Johnson placed third in the triple jump with his best jump coming at 49' 0.25" (14.94m).

Other top ten finishers for the Garnet and Gold included women's triple jump: Sharneka Brown, eighth (38' 7.75"); women's 100m dash: Kim Walker, tenth (11.90); men's 1500m: Andrew Bautel, tenth (3:54.50).

The Seminoles will wrap-up competition at the Florida Relays on Saturday, March 29. All track and field fans who wish to follow Florida State on the final day of competition in Gainesville, should type in the live stats link located at the end of this story. For complete results of all tomorrow's competition, stayed tuned to seminoles.com, the official athletic website of the Florida State Seminoles.

Florida Relays live stats link: <http://www.deltatiming.com/events/2003/flarel/index.htm>



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Track & Field Records Nine More Regional Qualifying Marks At Florida Relays
Freshman Garrett Johnson sets a school record in the men's shot put.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - On the final day of competition at the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla., the Florida State track and field team posted nine more NCAA regional qualifying marks to run their weekend total to 19. Leading the way for the Seminoles was Freshman Garrett Johnson who set a school record throw in the men's shot put after establishing a mark of 61' 11" (18.87m). He would finish second in that event. This would be the third school record set this weekend by the Garnet and Gold.

Sophomore Lacy Janson won the women's pole vault with a mark of 14' 4" (4.37m), her second best mark and top outdoor mark of the season. Janson's vault also qualified her for the NCAA East Regionals in May.

In the jump events, senior Kim Jones placed second in the women's long jump at 20' 10" (6.35m), establishing an NCAA Regional qualifying mark. In the men's long jump, Kolby Jones finished in eighth with his jump at 23' 6.75" (7.18m), a season best. Freshman Rafeeq Curry competed in his first triple jump competition of the outdoor season finishing fourth. His jump of 51' 11.75" (15.84m) was good for seventh place in FSU history and a qualifying spot at the NCAA Regional.

Senior Josh Bowling had a season best throw of 185' 2" in the men's hammer earning an NCAA Regional qualifying spot. Other regional qualifiers on the day included in the men's 4x400 relay: Sean Campbell, Rafeeq Curry, David Johnson, Cedrick Robinson, fifth (3:07.65); women's 4x100 relay: Kim Walker, Shauna Quinn, Kim Jones, Sharneka Brown, sixth (45.60); women's 4x400 relay: Tamara Campbell, Laura Gerber, Marla Jackson, Kim Adams, fourth (3:36.18); women's shot put: Cerenity Young, 12th (47' 0.75").

The best relay finish for the Seminoles came in the men's distance relay event. The team of Giscard Titus, Cedrick Robinson, David Johnson and Maarten van den Heuvel placed second in a season best time of 9:47.66.

The Florida State track and field team will next compete at the Georgia Tech Invitational Saturday, April 5th in Atlanta, Ga.