

SPORTS

Track Team Turns In Outstanding Performance

by Will Parker
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The outdoor track season is well under way and recently, in the Emory Classic at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, the Brevard College Track teams turned in another outstanding performance.

The schools participating were Anderson, Emory, Alabama A&M, Albany State (Ga.), Fort Valley State (Ga.), Furman, Berry College, Davidson, Georgia State, Belmont Abbey, Berea, Duke, Vanderbilt,

University Alabama at Birmingham, Samford, Alabama State, Oglethorpe, Rhodes, Clarke, Lane, UNC-Asheville, Spellman, Morris Brown, and West Georgia. In all, 34 schools took part.

The men finished 3rd in the meet with 51 points. Alabama A&M won with 112 points and Albany State was second with 56 points.

The standouts on the men's team were as follows: The 4x400 relay team broke the school record with a time of 3:16.5. The team was made up of

Steven Kahn, Robert Johnson, Andre' Innis, and Bobby Gardner. The previous Brevard College record was 3:17.74 set in 1971. Andre' Innis won the 800 meter run with a time of 1:53.1. Charles Miller won the discus with a throw of 151'4" to move to 5th on the all-time Brevard list. Charles won the discus with his last throw.

Robert Johnson came in second in the triple jump. Steven Kahn came in fourth in the 400 dash. Yuan Johnson came in fifth in the 400 and 200 dashes. Chris Huffstickler came in fourth in the

3,000 meter steeple chase. Prest Davies placed sixth in the 10,000 meter run. Charles Miller placed fourth in the javelin.

The women were fifth in the meet, with outstanding performances by Franz Battle who was third in the 1,500 meter run with a time of 4:48, which qualifies her for the national championships. Anne Gaines ran an excellent 3,000 meter race while Tracy Strau just missed qualifying in the 10,000 meter run. Paisley Tuffile ran an excellent 200 meter dash to qualify for the finals.

Andre Inniss Brings Home National Championship

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Last month, on March 5 and 6, the Brevard College Men's and Women's Indoor Track Teams participated in the National Championships at Kansas State University. There were 365 men's teams competing and 29 in the women's.

Top Brevard finishers were as follows: Andre' Innis is the National Champion in the 1,000 meter run, with a time of 2:28.8. He was also selected as an All American. Chris Huffstickler, Steven Kahn, Bobby Gardner, and Eric Smoot came in second in the 4x 800 relay, and all four earned All-American status.

James Porter came in fourth place in the 800 meter run with a time of 1:54, and also made All-American. Franz Battle came in fourth place in the women's 1,000 meter run with a time of 2:55.4, which was a school record. She also earned All-American status.

In the Men's Distance Medley, with a time of 10:07.8 and coming in second place were Eric Smoot, Steven Kahn, Andre' Innis, and Chris Huffstickler. Robert Johnson came in seventh place in the triple jump with 48'7", and Vida Jones came in ninth place in the 55 meter dash with a time of 6:40.

Coach Dave Rinker said, "We had an excellent meet overall. Seven athletes made All-American and the men's team ended up in seventh place. Andre' Innis obviously did a great job in the 1,000. He ran a tremendous race from a tactical standpoint. He grabbed a position near the front, stayed away from being boxed, then unloaded on the field over the last 200.

"Our men's 4 x 400 relay was a real surprise. Each man did exactly what they were supposed to do and on top of

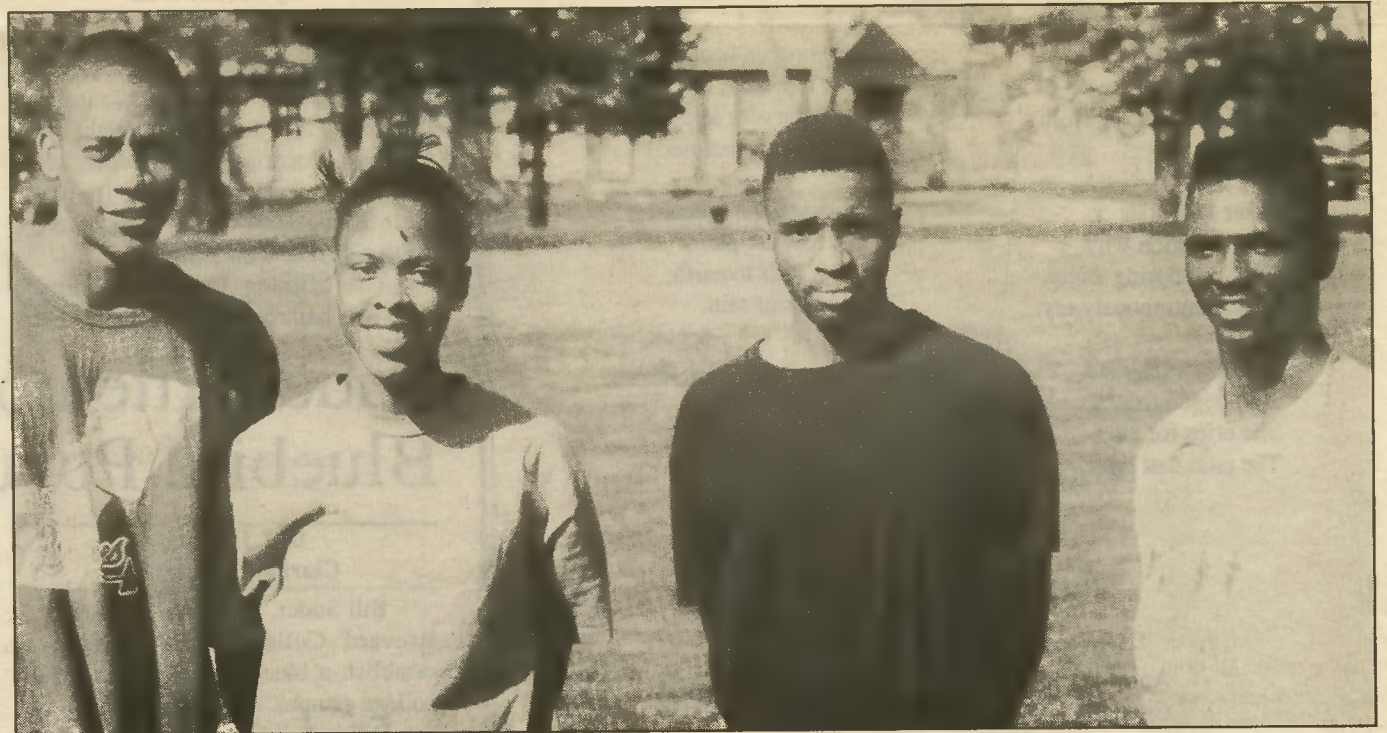
that, they ran up to their present potential," Rinker said. Chris Huffstickler led off and did a great job of keeping us in the race. After Chris, Steven moved us into fourth place, Bobby ran his fastest 800 ever to move

us to the shoulder of third place. Eric Smoot anchored us home with a great carry of 1:51.6.

"Franz Battle was our lone female All-American," continued Rinker. "She did a super job as she ran 6 seconds

faster than she had ever run before.

"James Porter was our seventh All-American, and although his time was not that fast, he ran a smart race. He was running against probably one of the toughest fields in the meet."



From left to right: Robert Johnson, Franz Battle, André Inniss, and Bobby Gardner.

Tennis Season Underway

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The tennis season is underway and so is the Brevard College Women's Tennis team. Currently the team is 2 and 3, however, several matches have rescheduled due to the weather.

The top players on the team are

Lori Tomlin, Heidi Fais and Paige Tarr, all of whom are freshman. The sophomore leaders are Beth Chapman, Vicki Faulkner, and Carie Alter.

The team has had victories over Young Harris and Piedmont College. The team has also had good wins in doubles with Heidi Fais and Paige Tarr, Lori Tomlin and Beth Chapman, Carie Alter and Vicki Faulkner.

The team has seven matches left in the year and regional playoffs were scheduled for April 17 at Piedmont College. Region Finals are scheduled for April 24 at Peace College in Raleigh.

Last year the team was second in the region. The team consists of four freshman, and according to Coach Bartlinski things are shaping up great for next year.