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Photo by Craig T. Greenlee

The Falcons' victory in the men's 4x400 relay put the icing on the cake for St. Augustine's. On the victory stand are (front from left) Duane Johnson, Kenny Brokenburr, (in rear from left) Trevor Graham and Donovan Callum.

THE FLYING FALCONS

St. Augustine's reigns supreme as NCAA Division II track & field kings

By Chronicle Staff

HAMPTON, Va. -- The college track and field pundits proved themselves to be accurate prognosticators as St. Augustine's captured the men's team title in this year's NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships last weekend at Hampton University.

Coach George Williams' crew totaled 107 1/2 points to outdistance second place Angelo State (Tex.) who finished with 84 points. Cal State - Los Angeles was third (39 points) and Abeline Christian, who had won seven straight men's championships, fell to fourth place with 37 points.

This year marks a coupe for the flying Falcons who also won the '89 men's indoor title in March.

Depth was the key

St. Aug's depth proved to be decisive as they captured first place in 200, 110-meter high hurdles, long jump, plus the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relays. The team also had strong showings in the triple jump, long jump, 100, 200 and 400.

For the women, Hampton University finished third in the team

standings (48 points). Cal - Poly San Luis Obispo (103 points) won the team championship and Abeline Christian (70 points) was

Hampton's Brett Fortune who finished second (13.93). Fortune won the '89 national indoor hurdles title.

Winston's Deb Alexander places fourth in triple jump - page C3

the runner-up.

The major performer for St. Aug's men was sprinter Kenny Brokenburr who dazzled the fans with his performances in both sprints and in both relays. Brokenburr lost a close race in the 100 to three-time champ Norm McGee of North Dakota. McGee won in 10.34 to Brokenburr's 10.46. But in the 200, Brokenburr got his revenge by putting McGee away down the straightaway to win in 20.89. McGee was second in 21.06.

Charles Johnson crowned himself king of the sticks by winning the high hurdles race with a personal best of 13.70, downing

Mason's versatility

Mark Mason proved to be extremely valuable on two fronts for the Falcons. Mason, who had been plagued by injuries earlier this year, won the long with an effort of 25-9 1/2, then was called on to run a leg in the 4 x 100 relay when teammate and fellow long jumper Tarrell Carpenter fell prey to muscles cramps in the preliminary rounds of the 100.

The relays were the sole property of St. Aug's. In each case, they won convincingly. Brokenburr broke the stick home in the 4 x 100 as the Falcons clocked a 40.05 to cap solid legs by Mason, Trevor Graham, and Aston McCatty.

The 4 x 400 was no contest as the Falcons breezed to a 3:05.42 with the foursome of Donovan Callum, Duane Johnson, Brokenburr, and Graham. Brokenburr's split on the third leg opened a huge gap. For spectators, it then became a matter of waiting until the end of the race to witness the finishing order for the remainder of the field.

Sprint champ foiled

In the women's competition, the major story was Hampton's Vivienne Spence, the collegiate sprint champ in the 100 and 200 in '88. Spence broke even this time around, winning the 200 (24.07), but she faltered in the 100, placing fifth (12.31) and falling prey to the upset by Abeline Christian's Alesia Turner who won in 11.99.

Spence may have taken on more than she could handle at this year's nationals, taking on a mountainous task by competing in five events. She entered the meet hoping to capture three individual titles (the 100, 200, and 400). In addition, she ran legs on the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relay. Spence

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Dunlap-Exum racing team competes against the odds

By CRAIG T. GREENLEE
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Competing in auto racing is a tough enough task in itself, even when you have sufficient resources

to be successful. But when your operation isn't backed by major sponsorship and you can still be competitive, people begin to take notice.

Such is the case with the racing

team of Paul Dunlap and Thurman Exum. The men have always had an interest in auto racing. They were always aware of each other. Blacks aren't very plentiful around auto racing tracks. In this instance, they

became regular acquaintances at the Piedmont Motorsport Raceway in Greensboro.

Mutual interest in racing

A year ago, they decided to form a partnership and make a dent

in racing circles. Dunlap, of Winston, is the driver, while Exum of Greensboro, is the crew chief, who has a wealth of expertise about automotive systems.

Over the past few months, the

team hasn't fared badly. Their speed machine is an '88 Beretta, which has a 460 cubic inches Chevy engine and a four-speed Lencq transmission. The team competes in Top Sportsman Division in races sanctioned by the International Hot Rod Association.

Last weekend, the team qualified at No. 3 in a Quick 32 competition held at the Cumberland County Dragway in Jacksonville, NC. Out of 150 cars in the field, the Dunlap-Exum team made the final 32 and placed third, covering the one-eighth of a mile distance in 5.17 seconds (approximately 139 mph). In addition, the team posted the lowest qualifying time for their class finishing No. 1 in 5.32 seconds at Kinston Dragway in Kinston. In early April, the Beretta qualified as No. 12 in a Quick 16 at 5.30 seconds.

Getting the most use

The Dunlap-Exum team has been able to hold its own primarily because both members of the team have found ways to get the most out of their not-so-substantial resources. To give you an idea of what a difference resources can mean, consider these items.

The top auto racers have huge budgets which allow them to buy larger engines which in most cases produce faster times. And in this sport, speed is the thing. The faster your machine is, the more purses you win. And the higher one finishes, the bigger the share of the total purse.

Exum, who is also the director of North Carolina A & T's Automotive Technology Dept., designs all of the car's components and ensures that those components are properly maintained.

As the crew chief, Exum has found ways to make their 460 Chevy engine run more efficiently

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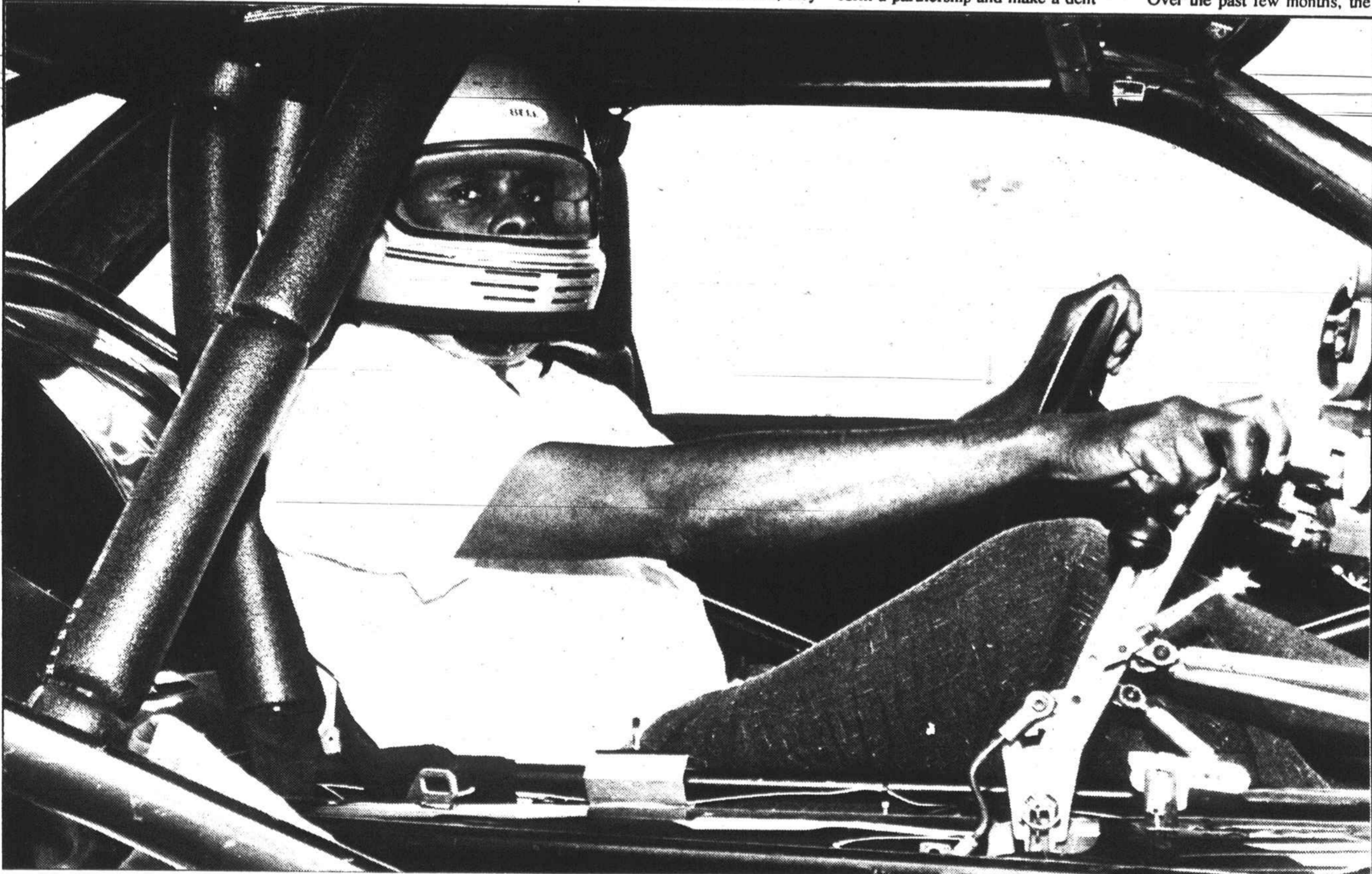


Photo by Max Dunhill

Paul Dunlap and his '88 Chevy Beretta are more than holding their own in the Top Sportsman Division of IHRA racing. Dunlap and partner Thurman Exum are working to improve their performances while attracting a major sponsorship in the process.

Bishop McGuinness tennis player set to play in Europe

By Chronicle Staff

Brett Murphy of Bishop McGuinness High School will get a taste of life on the other side of the ocean this summer as she takes part in the Tennis Europe program for junior tennis players.

Murphy, 18, is one of this region's top junior players. Currently, she is ranked No. 8 among

18-year olds in North Carolina. In the Southeast Section, she is ranked among the top 50 in her age group.

Murphy was voted MVP of her high school tennis team, finishing her senior season as a prepster with a 10-3 record. She played No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles, and advanced to the semifinals of the PACIS District Tournament

and the NCISAA State Tournament this spring.

Locally, Murphy has continued to improve her game, playing in numerous tournaments around the Winston-Salem area. Last summer, in the finals of the women's open division in the Garber-Lash Tennis Tournament, she held her own against women's champion Robin Barksdale who played her

collegiate tennis at Marquette University.

Murphy's forte is her baseline game. She's developed a level of consistency that has enabled her to be a tough opponent in her age group. The left-hander is very active on the court and doesn't hesitate to cover as much ground as she has to in order to put pressure

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