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### SEC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (JANUARY 29)

#### SEC Men's Runner of the Week: Florida Men's 4x400-Meter Relay Team

- Turned in the world's fastest time in the men's 4x400-meter relay, clocking a 3:05.93, using the quartet of Hugh Graham, Dedric Dukes, Leonardo Seymore and Arman Hall. Impressively, the relay group consists of three underclassmen.
- Time went down as the fastest in the SEC and the nation this season and came against a stiff field at the Razorback Team Invitational that included relay teams from Arkansas, LSU and Baylor, all of which currently rank among the nation's top 4x400-meter relay four-somes.
- Helped Florida cap off a second-place finish at the Razorback Team Invitational, second only to No. 1 Arkansas.

#### SEC Men's Field Athlete of the Week: Kevin Lazas, Arkansas

- Won the heptathlon at last weekend's Razorback Team Invitational with a school-record and NCAA-leading performance of 6,042 points.
- Became just the eighth collegiate heptathlete to top 6,000 points and is now ranked No. 6 on the all-time collegiate performance list. His score also is the ninth-highest performance in NCAA history.
- With his weekend performance, Lazas took the national lead in the heptathlon by 223 points.
- During the two-day, seven-event competition, he won four of the seven events and established three personal bests.
- Heptathlon score is the No. 2 total in the world this year and adds more than 100 points to his previous career-best score of 5,930 points.

#### SEC Men's Freshman of the Week: Malcel Ulbo, Georgia

- Competed in his first collegiate heptathlon and came away with the second-best tally in Georgia school history.
- Charted career-best efforts in six of his seven events to score 5,755 points for a runner-up finish at the Razorback Team Invitational.
- Finish put him fourth on the national performance list and second on the SEC list.
- Highlighted his heptathlon by winning the high jump with the best jump of his life at 6-11.75.

#### SEC Women's Runner of the Week: Natoya Goule, LSU

- Turned in a national-leading and personal-best performance in winning the Razorback Team Invitational crown in the women's 800m on Saturday.
- Battled teammate Charlene Lipsey for the event title, as she slashed more than two seconds off of her previous indoor PR with a season-opening 2:03.49 to grab the No. 1 spot in the national rankings. Lipsey, who placed second in the highly competitive event, ranks second nationally in the women's 800m.
- Became the No. 2 all-time 800m indoor runner in LSU school history.
- Returned to the track to anchor the Lady Tigers to the NCAA's sixth-fastest time in the 4x400-meter relay with a season-best 52.41 split, teaming with Siedda Herbert, Lipsey and Montenae Roye-Speight to run a 3:36.45 time. The three 4x400m relay teams that placed ahead of LSU at the Razorback Team Invitational currently rank in the top-five nationally.

#### SEC Women's Field Athlete of the Week: Makeba Alcide, Arkansas

- Became the No. 3 all-time collegiate performer in the pentathlon last Friday with a victory at the Razorback Team Invitational. In the win, broke the Arkansas school record and posted an NCAA-leading score of 4,464 points in the five-event competition.
- In her first pentathlon of the season, established the sixth-highest collegiate score ever and racked up four lifetime-best performances, including a school-record effort of 1.89m/6-2.25 in the high jump, becoming the first-ever Razorback over six feet in the event and is currently ranked third among NCAA athletes this season.
- Established a national record for her home country of St. Lucia and replaced the previous school record of 4,141 set 11 years ago by former Razorback All-American DeeDee Brown.
- Added more than 300 points to her pentathlon best, having entered the weekend with a PR of 4,126 points.

#### SEC Women's Freshman of the Week: Chance Porter, Georgia

- Is now 2-for-2 in collegiate competitions after winning the long jump with the nation's best mark this year (21-0.50).
- Her opening attempt shot her to No. 4 on Georgia's all-time top-10 list with the best mark for Georgia since Hyleas Fountain set the school record in 2004.
- Currently ranks No. 1 in the nation and No. 13 in the world in the women's long jump this season.

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**USTFCCCA NATIONAL POLLS**

WEEK 2: JANUARY 29, 2013

NEXT POLL: FEBRUARY 5

**MEN**

Rank	Institution	Points
1.	Arkansas	216.78
2.	Florida	121.26
3.	Texas A&M	120.88
4.	Oregon	97.51
5.	Arizona State	86.05
6.	LSU	81.40
7.	Minnesota	71.17
8.	Indiana	70.11
9.	Auburn	67.35
10.	Arizona	64.23
11.	Texas	62.37
12.	Penn State	59.44
13.	Florida State	55.28
14.	Wisconsin	53.77
15.	Mississippi State	52.59
16.	Virginia Tech	51.05
17.	Ole Miss	49.88
18.	Kansas State	48.25
19.	BYU	48.16
20.	Stanford	47.01
21.	Oklahoma State	44.89
22.	Oklahoma	43.78
23.	UCLA	42.43
24.	Northern Arizona	42.03
25.	UT Arlington	41.69

**WOMEN**

Rank	Institution	Points
1.	Clemson	157.83
2.	Kansas	152.70
3.	Oregon	149.53
4.	Arkansas	148.85
5.	LSU	146.81
6.	Texas A&M	127.98
7.	Florida	106.70
8.	Washington	79.88
9.	UCF	73.24
10.	Iowa State	69.95
11.	Georgia	66.27
12.	California	62.98
13.	Arizona	60.74
14.	Texas	58.59
15.	Dartmouth	50.03
16.	Stanford	47.86
17.	Indiana State	44.38
18.	Baylor	41.69
19.	Florida State	39.57
20.	Arizona State	38.86
21.	South Carolina	38.31
22.	Michigan State	36.62
23.	San Diego State	33.42
24.	Auburn	32.36
25.	Connecticut	31.85

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**SEC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

Each week, the Southeastern Conference will announce six Athlete of the Week honors for the sport of track and field. The conference will honor a runner of the week for both the men and the women, a field athlete of the week for both the men and the women and a freshman of the week for both the men and the women. Athletes of the week are announced each Tuesday by 12 p.m. CT from the SEC office.

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**2012 SEC INDOOR TRACK & FIELD**

**MEN**

Eight SEC teams scored at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships with Florida winning its third consecutive national championship.

**NCAA Championships Participants:**

Florida	52	National Champion
Arkansas	47	2nd
LSU	27	5th
Mississippi State	9.5	22nd
Georgia	9	T-23rd
South Carolina	8	T-26th
Auburn	6	T-35th
Ole Miss	2	T-56th

**SEC Champion:** Arkansas

**Coach of the Year:** Chris Bucknam, AR

**Runner of the Year:** Luis Orta, UK

**Field Event Athlete of the Year:** Ricky Robertson, UM

**Freshman Runner of the Year:** Patrick Rono, AR

**Freshman Field Athlete of the Year:** Andrew Irwin, AR

**WOMEN**

The SEC had three teams finish in the top 10 at the NCAA Indoor Championships with LSU finishing third.

**NCAA Championships Participants:**

LSU	27	3rd
Arkansas	24	T-5th
Florida	22	9th
Georgia	8	T-28th
Alabama	8	T-28th
Auburn	3	T-48th
Tennessee	3	T-48th
South Carolina	1	T-62nd

**SEC Champion:** Florida

**Coach of the Year:** Mike Holloway, UF

**Runner of the Year:** Kristen Gillespie, AR

**Field Athlete of the Year:** Tina Sutej, AR

**Freshman Runner of the Year:** Erika Rucker, SC

**Freshman Field Athlete of the Year:** Erica Bougard, MS

TEAM NOTES

ALABAMA

Alabama All-America high jumper Krystle Schade notched her third consecutive victory of the 2013 indoor season and pole vaulter Alexis Paine set a school record at the Indiana Relays as the Crimson Tide closed out competition on Saturday with several strong individual performances. Schade's event victory marked the sixth of the competition by Alabama athletes after Crimson Tide athletes won five events on Friday at the meet that featured competitors from more than 30 schools from across the nation. Schade cleared the winning height of 6 feet, 1 1/4 inches (1.86 meters) on her first attempt, outdueling Vanderbilt's Brionne Williams who missed all three of her tries at the same height. In the women's invitational pole vault, Paine set an Alabama school record with a clearance of 13-5 1/4 (4.10m) on the way to a third-place finish in the pole vault. Paine's personal-best performance surpassed Lynda Cooper's 13-1 1/2 height cleared in 2009. Paine bettered her previous best in the vault (12-11 3/4) by 5 1/2 inches. Alabama returns to action this weekend at the Frank Sevigne Invitational in Lincoln, Neb.

ARKANSAS

**Men** - The top-ranked Arkansas men totaled 124 points on their way to a first-place finish at the Razorback Team Invitational last weekend at the Randal Tyson Track Center. The Razorbacks collected six wins over the two-day competitions with victories from Akheem Gauntlett at 400 meters, Patrick Rono at 800 meters, Caleb Cross in the 60-meter hurdles, Andrew Irwin in the pole vault, Tarik Batchelor in the triple jump and Kevin Lazas in the heptathlon. Lazas also broke the school record and set an NCAA-leading mark in the heptathlon with 6,042 points. Batchelor's 16.37m/53-8.5 in the triple jump is also an NCAA-best mark this season. Arkansas returns to action Feb. 1-2 with the Army Collegiate Invitational in New York. **Women** - In last week's coaches poll, the Arkansas women moved up to No. 5 in the country. During the weekend's Razorback Team Invitational, the team had two first-place performances with Regina George at 400 meters and Makeba Alice in the pentathlon. George extended her NCAA lead in the event with a run of 52.26, while Alcide broke the school record and posted an NCAA-leading mark of 4,464 points. During the pentathlon, Alcide also broke the school record in the high jump with a final clearance of 1.89m/6-2.25 to become the first-ever Razorback over six feet. Grace Heymsfield turned in an SEC-best time in the mile, crossing the finish line 4:35.44 with the second-fastest time in school history. The Razorbacks travel to New York next weekend to compete Feb. 1-2 at the Army Collegiate Invitational.

AUBURN

Auburn enjoyed a successful home meet in Birmingham on Jan. 19 at the CrossPlex ... The Tigers won three event titles and had 15 athletes establish new personal bests ... Leading the charge was senior sprinter Marcus Rowland as he earned the titles in both the 60 and 200 meters ... Rowland had the second-fastest 60m preliminary time of 6.70 seconds and then placed first in the final ... Rowland also had the top time in the one round 200m competition with his mark of 21.07, a new meet record ... That mark ranks 10th in the nation thus far in 2013 ... Senior Harry Adams made his debut at the meet, placing first in the 60m prelims in 6.67 and then narrowly behind Rowland in the 60m finals (6.64) ... Rowland and Adams now rank 1-2 nationally in the 60 meters in 2013 ... Also earning the title in Birmingham was distance runner Niklas Buhner ... One week after getting the win in the men's mile, Buhner, a junior from Germany, placed first in the men's 3000 meters to lead three Tigers in the top five ... Buhner's new PR of 8:15.60 made him one of five Auburn runners to establish new career best marks in the race ... Also recording notable new personal bests were Spencer Ferguson (400m, 48.97) ... Larisa Debich equaled her PR from the week prior at 12-1.5 (3.70m) a mark that was also tied by fellow freshman Jessie Johnson in the pole vault ... Both now hold the Auburn freshman record ... Auburn's other athlete ranked in the top 20 nationally is high jumper Maya Pressley, who's mark of 5-11.5 (1.82m) from the Auburn Invite is tied for 7th nationally ... Auburn heads to Nebraska on February 1.

FLORIDA

**Men** - The Florida men came in second in the team standings at the Razorback Invitational, scoring 79.50 points over the course of the two-day meet. The Gator men's 4x400-meter relay joined in on the fun with women's relay, as they also won their race in a world-leading time. Hugh Graham, Jr., Dedric Dukes, Leonardo Seymore and Arman Hall clocked in at 3:05.93, the seventh-fastest in program history. Three Gators all scored in the men's weight throw, as senior David Triassi turned in a runner-up finish in the event with his throw of 20.24m/66-5. Sophomore Kyle Strawn

threw a personal-best 18.44m/60-6 on Saturday, tying teammate David Levin for fifth all-time in program history. Levin scored for the Gators with his eighth-place throw of 16.55m/54-3.75. Bowerman Watch List honoree Omar Craddock competed in his first triple jump of the 2013 season, finishing second with his mark of 16.26m/53-4.25. His leap is second in the NCAA this year and is the second-best season-opening jump of his collegiate career. Junior hurdler Eddie Lovett also turned in a runner-up finish on Saturday, racing to the fastest time in the semifinals with a time of 7.68 and finishing second in the finals in 7.70. **Women** - The Gator women captured the Razorback Invitational this weekend, edging LSU by one point, 101-100. Florida's women's 4x400-meter relay clinched the team victory at the Razorback Invitational. The foursome of Lanie Whittaker, Destinee Gause, Kyra Jefferson and Ebony Eutsey turned in a time of 3:31.68, the fastest in the world this year and the second-fastest time in Florida program history. Jefferson also torched the track on Friday night, claiming the first title of her young career with a lifetime best of 23.48 in the women's 200 meters. Her time ranks sixth all-time in Florida program history and eighth in the NCAA this year, first among freshmen. Eutsey ran a personal best in the women's 400 meters on Saturday, finishing second overall in 52.89. Her time is the second-fastest in the NCAA this year and comes in at eighth all-time in UF history. Saturday marked the first time in her career to race a sub-53 second quartermile indoors. Junior Lorraine Graham competed in her first collegiate indoor pentathlon, finishing third with 3,927 points. Her point total is third all-time in Florida history behind school-record holder and teammate Brittany Harrell, who scored 4,050 last season, and Dorchelle Webster, who held the UF record for exactly 22 years with her 3,999 points in 1990. The Florida women's distance medley relay, comprised of Agata Strausa, Lanie Whittaker, Mandy Perkins and Cory McGee, won Friday night's DMR with a time of 11:15.07. The SEC-leading time goes down as the seventh-best time in Florida program history and the fourth-fastest in the NCAA this season. Ciarra Brewer tied her career best in the women's triple jump to take the Razorback Invitational title with her leap of 13.06m/42-10.25. The mark, which she also leapt at the 2012 NCAA Indoor Championships, is fourth all-time in Florida program history. Strausa won the women's invitational 3,000 meters with a time of 9:18.51, good for fifth in the NCAA and second among SEC runners. Next up for the Orange and Blue is the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational in Lincoln, Neb. on Friday and Saturday, February 1-2.

GEORGIA

**Men** - Georgia battled in its second indoor meet of the season and managed to have success in a wide range of events at the Razorback Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., on Jan. 25-26. A Bulldog trio of heptathletes all posted career-high scores to take second, third and fourth and highlight the meet. True freshman Maicel Uibo tallied six personal bests in his seven events to score 5,755 points for runner-up honors. The Polva, Estonia, native shot to fourth on the national performance list and second in the school record books with his showing. Sophomore Garrett Scantling was third in the heptathlon after picking up five personal bests en route to a score of 5,619, which is No. 4 on Georgia's all-time list and sixth on the current national performance list. In addition, true freshman Devon Williams won the hep's 60-meter hurdles with the sixth-best time in school history (8.04) to take fourth overall in the multi-events. Williams' score (5,376) was good enough for seventh in the Bulldog history books. In just his second meet with the Bulldogs, sophomore Nick Vena launched the longest shot put toss of his career (62-6.75) to take second and boost himself to fourth on the school's all-time list. Also in the shot, junior Caleb Whitener had an indoor personal-best mark of 59-11.25 for third place. Sophomore Justin Scott-Wesley blazed to the third-fastest 60 time in school history (6.75) before taking seventh in the finals. Sophomore Luke Baker opened his indoor career by winning the 5000 with a time of 14:42.18. In the 3000, senior Matt Cleaver finished second in a 28-man field after clocking an 8:11.70. Cleaver also joined Daniel Grass, Corey Ashbourne and Kisean Smith in the distance medley relay as the trio took sixth with the 10th-best time in school history. Georgia returns to action at the Akron Invitational in Akron, Ohio, on Feb. 1-2. **Women** - The Lady Bulldogs posted four victories, two school records and two national-leading marks at the Razorback Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., on Jan. 25-26. Sophomore Morgann Leleux set a meet record and took over the national lead by clearing a personal-best height of 14 ft., 9 in. in the pole vault. Leleux, who nearly set a new collegiate record after making three tries at 14-11.75, moved into a tie for No. 6 on the current world list and No. 6 on the all-time collegiate indoor list. She is now second in the school record books behind Thorey Elisdottir, who reached 14-9.50 in Fayetteville in 2001. True freshman Chanice Porter won her second consecutive meet in the long jump with the nation's best jump (21-0.50). The reigning SEC Freshman of the Week is now No. 4 in the Lady Bulldog record books. Another pair of Georgia competitors set school records despite not winning their events. Junior Hilenn James launched a

career-best shot put toss of 55-1.50 to take over the No. 1 spot on Georgia's all-time list (Rhonda Hackett, 2000, 54-1). James' effort is the seventh best in the country this year and is ranked second in the SEC. Sophomore Carly Hamilton also topped a school record after finishing the 3000-meter run in 9:20.89. This bettered the former No. 1 mark of 9:23.10 set by Jolly Earle in 1990. In the mile, junior Stella Christoforou left the Randal Tyson Track with the sixth-best time in school history (4:48.87) to tally a victory. Senior Leslie Boozer also registered a victory in the 5000 after running in the race for the first time in her indoor career. Boozer finished in 17:10.02. To complement Georgia's success in the heptathlon, pentathlete Lucie Ondraschkova scored the third-most points in school history (4,072) to finish second. Ondraschkova had three career-best efforts to pace her finish. Georgia returns to action at the Akron Invitational in Akron, Ohio, on Feb. 1-2.

## KENTUCKY

**Men** - Matt Hillenbrand won men's 3,000 meters in his first collegiate race at that distance with a time of 8:10.04 on Saturday at the Rod McCravy Memorial Meet. That time ranks third in the SEC this season. Kadem Kushimo boasted multiple impressive finishes on Saturday as he placed second with a PR 6.75 in the men's 60m and fourth in the 400m. He was also part of a men's 4x400 team also featuring Ben Mason, Keith Hayes and Brandon Bagley that won its heat. The Kentucky throwers continued a strong string of placements to start the season as Bradley Szyпка and Isiah Kent went 2-3 in the shot put. Szyпка threw 18.12m/59-05.5 and Kent threw 17.59m/57-0. **Women** - Cally Macumber won the 3,000 meters at the McCravy Meet on Saturday inside Nutter Field House. Macumber's time of 9:10.34 is currently the fastest 3K in the SEC and seventh-best in the nation this season. Further it set a new Nutter Field House as well as McCravy Meet record. Macumber's time was third fastest in school history behind times posted by two national champions, Valarie McGovern and Lisa Breiding. Chelsea Oswald was alongside Macumber for much of the race and her time of 9:19.01 also broke the previous meet record. In all four Wildcats completed the women's 3K and all notched PRs. The women's 4x400 meter relay team also picked up a win for UK as Angelica Whaley, Shiara Robinson, Devinn Cartwright and Morganne Phillips took their heat comfortably in 3:43.81. Kayla Parker took third in the women's 60-meter hurdles, and was the second-highest collegiate finisher as she set a new PR 8.38 in the prelims. Parker's qualifying time made her the No. 2 qualifier into the finals behind only the 2012 NCAA Champion in the event. Keilah Tyson notched a personal best long jump of 6.14m/20-01.75 to take second in the invitational event.

## LSU

**Men** - Sophomore sprinter Aaron Ernest continues to lead the No. 6-ranked Tigers this season as one of the NCAA's elite sprinters as he again smashed his personal record in the 60-meter dash during Saturday's action at the Razorback Invitational held at the Randal Tyson Track Center in Fayetteville, Ark. Ernest, who already owns the third-fastest 200-meter time in the NCAA this season with a PR of 20.79 seconds, slashed more than one-tenth of a second off of his previous 60-meter PR with a run of 6.70 for the No. 8-ranked performance in school history. Ernest entered the season with a previous PR of 6.86 set as a freshman a year ago, but has now established himself as an All-America contender in both sprints during his sophomore campaign. Also cracking the Top 20 of the NCAA rankings with his performance at the Razorback Invitational was fellow sophomore Andreas Duplantis, who cleared an indoor PR of 17 feet, 5 inches in the pole vault for a runner-up finish. Duplantis, the son of former Tiger standout Greg Duplantis, emerged from the competition tied as the No. 13-ranked performer in the NCAA this season. He is also now ranked No. 9 on LSU's all-time indoor performance list and within an inch of his father's indoor best of 17-5 1/2 set during his collegiate career. Other Tigers setting strong personal bests during the meet were senior Damar Forbes (6.77) in the 60 meters, junior Thomas Reinecke (17-1) in the pole vault, sophomore Quincy Downing (47.38) in the 400 meters, freshman Darrell Bush (47.66) in the 400 meters and freshman Nethaneel Mitchell-Blake (21.40) in the 200 meters. The Tigers will head back on the road this weekend as they make their annual trip to The Armory in New York City for this year's Armory Collegiate Invitational being held at the New Balance Track & Field Center on Friday and Saturday. **Women** - The Lady Tigers were impressive with their performance Saturday at the Razorback Invitational as they turned in seven performances that rank among the Top 10 of the NCAA rankings for the 2013 indoor season. Senior Charlene Lipsey and junior Natoya Goule led the way by running the NCAA's two fastest times this season in the women's 800 meters while battling one another for the invitational title on Saturday afternoon at the Randal Tyson Track Stadium. Goule smashed her previous indoor personal record by more than two seconds with a winning time of 2 minutes, 3.49 seconds as she out-

lasted her teammate to the finish line as Lipsey followed with an indoor PR of her own at 2:03.76 for the fastest time by an American in 2013 and the second-fastest time in the NCAA this season. They now rank No. 2 and No. 3, respectively, on LSU's all-time indoor performance list with their effort. Both Goule and Lipsey also ran on LSU's 4x400-meter relay team that set a seasonal-best in the final event of the meet as they teamed with senior Siedda Herbert and sophomore Monteneae Roye-Speight to run 3:36.45 for the sixth-fastest time in the country this season. Lady Tiger senior and reigning Bowerman Award winner Kimberlyn Duncan also smashed her indoor PR in winning the women's 60-meter dash title on Saturday as she cruised to an easy victory in 7.22 for the NCAA's No. 3-ranked performance of the year. Also cracking the Top 10 of the NCAA rankings with their performance were juniors Keri Emanuel in the triple jump, Denise Hinton in the weight throw and Jasmin Stowers in the 60-meter hurdles. Emanuel set an indoor PR of 42-8 3/4 for the NCAA's No. 4-ranked performance in 2013, while Hinton threw a seasonal-best of 67-6 for the No. 8 ranking and Stowers ran a seasonal-best of 8.25 for the No. 10 ranking in their respective events. The Lady Tigers head back on the road this week as they make their annual trip to The Armory in New York City for this year's Armory Collegiate Invitational being held at the New Balance Track & Field Center on Friday and Saturday.

## OLE MISS

**Men** - Ole Miss, ranked 23rd in the most recent USTFCCCA national poll, boasts some of the nation's top marks as the team enters the meat of the 2013 indoor schedule. A trip to Notre Dame for the high-level Meyo Invitational is up next for the Rebels this Friday and Saturday. Senior jumper Ricky Robertson has been on a tear in the last couple of weeks. Six days after setting the NCAA's top mark in the triple jump (52-8.25) in Birmingham, Ala. (and being named SEC Field Athlete of the Week for it), he soared to an NCAA-best 7-6 in the high jump to demolish the competition Friday at the ASU Invitational in Jonesboro, Ark. The Hernando, Miss., native broke his own school indoor record that had been at 7-5.75 since a 2011 meet at the same ASU Convocation Center. He tied Kansas State's Erik Kynard and Indiana's Derek Drouin for the top clearance in the nation and fourth-best in the world this year. He now ranks third nationally in the triple jump (in which he did not compete in Jonesboro) and 32nd in the long jump (24-1.5), having participated in that event just once this indoor season. Sophomore Sam Kendrick has been a hit in his second Ole Miss season. The Oxford, Miss., native is tied for second in the NCAA in the pole vault with a school-record 18-1.75. Other Rebels who rank among the top 100 nationally in their event include Morris Kersh in the triple jump (53rd, 48-11.5), Montez Griffin in the 400 (61st, 47.99), the 4x400 relay team (77th, 3:15.71), Robert Semien in the 60-meter hurdles (88th, 8.11) and Peyton Moss in the heptathlon (89th, 4,629). **Women** - The Ole Miss women have improved throughout the early indoor season as the team enters the meat of the 2013 schedule. A trip to Notre Dame for the high-level Meyo Invitational is up next for the Rebels this Friday and Saturday. Freshman Asia Cooper has three victories in four collegiate meets under her belt after winning the 55 meters at the ASU Invitational on Friday. Her time of 7.01 ranks her sixth-best in school history. She is 30th in the nation (seventh among freshmen) in the 60 meters with a time of 7.44. Sophomore Taryn Hartfield clocked a time of 7.88 in the 55-meter hurdles to move into second place on the all-time Ole Miss chart and finish in third place in Jonesboro. She ranks 46th nationally in the 60-meter hurdles with a converted time of 8.48. Other Rebels who rank among the top 100 nationally in their event include Jazmin Miller in the weight throw (33rd, 62-8.75), the distance medley relay (49th, 11:57.48), Marci Morman in the triple jump (53rd, 40-0.75) and long jump (71st, 19-2), Sofia Hellberg-Jonsen in the 800 (59th, 2:11.18), Fabia McDonald in the long jump (71st, 19-2), Deonna Walton in the triple jump (75th, 39-5.75), Haley Cutright in the mile (81st, 4:50.47), Allegra Wells (82nd, 19-1.25) and Cooper in the 200 (97th, 24.54).

## MISSISSIPPI STATE

Following a two-week break from competition, Mississippi State will spend Groundhog Day in New York for the New Balance Invitational on Feb. 1-2. Other members of the Bulldog squad will compete in the Meyo Invite in South Bend, Ind., this weekend. The team is coming off a successful showing at the Auburn Indoor Invitational, where MSU captured nine Top 10 finishes, highlighted by a broken meet record. The 4000-meter distance medley, comprised of Patrick and Andrew Monaghan, Tavaris Tate and Brandon McBride, broke the meet record in the event by capturing a first-place finish with a time of 9:57.68 seconds. This accomplishment, coupled by convincing performances in numerous field events, serve as great motivation to continue greatness as the Bulldogs head north. Action this weekend will begin on Friday at 4 p.m. in South Bend, Ind., and at 9:30 a.m. in the Big Apple, where the Bulldogs will face 99 teams and some of their fiercest competition yet.

### MISSOURI

The Mizzou squads had a record-breaking weekend as they hit the road for the first time this season. The predominately young Tigers team made the trek to Lexington, KY, for the Rod McCravy Memorial Meet, where freshman Markesh Woodson continued to make his mark on MU history by breaking the men's 60m dash school record. After tying the 14-year old record last weekend, he surged to a 6.60 finish in the final heat on Saturday, taking the win and new top Missouri time by 0.01 seconds. The time was also good enough to put him at No. 16 in the TFFRS national rankings, the fourth-fastest freshman time yet this season. Fellow-freshman Tony Carodine also continued to stand out in the triple jump, earning the No. 28 spot in the national rankings and the No. 5 spot in Missouri history with his PR of 15.32m (50-3.25). He currently holds the second-best mark for a freshman this season in the event. Carodine also took the win in Friday's open long jump competition with a mark of 6.82m (22-4.50). Senior Malcolm Pennix also continued to dominate the long jump, coming back after breaking the Missouri Invitational record last weekend to take first in the invitational long jump competition on Friday with a best mark of 7.49m (24-7). He is still currently at the No. 2 spot in the national rankings for his record-breaking mark of 7.78m (25-6.25). The women also saw some good performances, starting with the first pentathlon of the season from senior Kelcy Varnarsdall, who took home a fifth-place finish overall. Senior Laura Roxberg came back after running a new Missouri Invitational 1,000m record to take home the win in the mile, crossing the line in 4:42.88. Fellow-senior Bailey Belvis also had a good showing in the 3k, taking third overall in 9:41.33. The Tigers are back in action this weekend, traveling to Nebraska for the Feb. 1-2 Husker Invitational.

### SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina collected six wins at their midweek home meet last Wednesday. Freshmen Paris Smalls (400-meters) and Dondre Echols (55-meter hurdles) along with sophomore Colin Buxton (Pole Vault) won their first collegiate competitions for the men's team. Sophomore Daniel Novak won the 800-meters for his second win of the season. On the No. 20 women's side, sophomores Chalese Davis and Megan Wall won the 55-meter hurdles and the pole vault, respectively, for their first collegiate wins. Over the weekend, the Gamecocks traveled to Blacksburg, Va., for the Hokie Invitational, racking up 10 wins and 39 top-5 finishes on the road. Sophomore Dameire Byrd highlighted the weekend with his victory in the 60-meter dash. After tying his PR in the prelims at 6.70, Byrd ran a 6.66 to get the win while setting a new personal best. The time ranks him fourth in the Gamecock record books, is seventh in the collegiate ranks this season and is the second-best among football players in the indoor season. Other wins on Friday included junior Clayton Gravesande in the 300m (33.62), redshirt junior Dorian Johnson in the long jump (14.98m // 49'1 3/4) and senior Kierre Beckles in the 60-meter hurdles (8.28). On Saturday, senior Breanna Radford won the shot put with a throw of 52'3 3/4 (15.94m), setting her second PR of the weekend after setting a weight throw best the night before. Redshirt sophomore Kaycee Sullivan also set personal bests in both the shot put and the weight throw in Blacksburg. Junior Jeannelle Scheper won the women's high jump with a clearance of 6'0 (1.83m) and is currently ranked fifth in the NCAA this season. For the men, Jarrod Hutchen won the long jump with a mark of 25'2 (7.67m) while Chris Royster ran a 21.86 to win the 200-meters. The Gamecocks won the men's and women's 4x400-meter relays. Sophomores Erika Rucker and Christal Green teamed with seniors Kierre Beckles and Nadonna Rodrigues to run a 3:37.70 for the win. For the men, Gravesande, senior Andre Carter, Byrd and freshman Jermaine Collier came together to cross the finish line first with a time of 3:10.97. The Gamecocks travel to New York City for the Armory Collegiate Invitational this weekend.

### TENNESSEE

The Tennessee track & field team collected five victories and seven runner-up finishes, while also providing 38 other point-producing performances at the annual Texas A&M Mondo Challenge this weekend to help the Southeastern Conference prevail over the Big 12 and Pac-12. The Vols and Lady Vols joined forces with meet-host and new-league member Texas A&M to represent the SEC, which combined for 317 points on the men's side and 324 points in the women's competition. The Big 12, which was represented by TCU and Texas Tech, scored 137 points in the men's challenge and 136 points in the women's. The Pac-12, united by Arizona State and USC, finished second in the women's contest with 152 points and third in the men's with 75. The USC men did not compete. Rookie pole vaulter Jacob Blankenship highlighted the action for the Vols, posting a first-place finish in the event while setting a Mondo Challenge meet record. Blankenship eclipsed 17 feet, 4 1/4-inches (5.29m) on his first attempt at the height to earn 10 points for the SEC. The Vols

also picked up an event title in the men's shot put, as Tavis Bailey joined the 60-foot club with a toss of 60-0 1/4. That mark currently ranks third in the SEC, 18th in the nation and 10th in the Vols' indoor all-time records. Completing the field events for the Vols, senior Drew Thomas notched the top toss of his UT career in the men's weight throw with a third-place mark of 59-7. On the oval, Vols Austin Whitelaw and Peter Okwera went 1-2 in the men's 3000m, crossing the line in 8:20.45 and 8:20.60, respectively. It was a career-best for Whitelaw. After a second-place finish in the distance medley relay on Friday night, the Lady Vols went 1-2-4 in the mile as freshman Alexis Panisse, senior Kelsey Kane and sophomore Amirah Johnson all went under five minutes. Panisse won the event in 4:53.49, while Kane and Johnson posted personal-bests in 4:53.73 and 4:59.41, respectively. Newcomer Hannah Davidson added a title in the 3000m in 9:44.19. A week after setting the school record in the event, junior pole vaulter Linda Hadfield placed second at the Mondo Challenge with a vault of 13-2 1/4, a mark that is tied for second in UT's indoor record book. To conclude the field events, rookie throw Cassie Wertman bested her PR with a second-place shot put toss of 51-8 1/2 to earn eight points for the league. Tennessee returns to action this week in New York City, as the Vols and Lady Vols compete in the annual New Balance Collegiate Invitational at The Armory on Friday and Saturday.

### TEXAS A&M

The Aggies, who totaled 14 victories, teamed up with Tennessee to sweep the team titles at the Texas A&M Mondo Challenge, which featured a pair of teams each from the SEC, Big 12 and Pac-12. In the men's competition the SEC scored 317 points for the win over the Big 12 (137) and Pac-12 (75). The SEC women tallied 324 points to defeat the Pac-12 (152) and Big 12 (136). TCU and Texas Tech represented the Big 12 while Pac-12 included Arizona State and USC. After hosting three consecutive meets, the Aggies travel to New York City this weekend for the Armory Collegiate Invitational on Friday and Saturday. **Men** - Henry Lelci lowered his school record to 4:00.41 in challenging Texas Tech's Kennedy Kithuka in the mile. Kithuka, the NCAA cross country champ, won in 3:59.53. Casey Strong recorded his fourth consecutive win in the weight throw. While this was his first win of the season without improving his school record, Strong produced the second best throw in school history with a 64-9.5 (19.74) effort. Defending NCAA Indoor 200m champion Ameer Webb ran for the first time this season and claimed the 200 in 21.12, which lead an Aggie 1-2-3 with Michael Bryan (21.19) and Aldrich Bailey, Jr. (21.20) also winning sections. Newcomer Bralon Taplin ran a 400m leg on the runner-up distance medley and then led off the winning 4x400 relay as the Aggies clocked 3:06.61 for a comfortable victory. Carlyle Roudette anchored the A&M 4x400 in 46.4 after winning the 400m in a career best 47.27. **Women** - A school record effort from Brea Garrett in the weight throw placed her second as she bettered a 13-year-old Aggie record by a foot with a toss of 64-7 (19.68). A&M swept the short sprint events with Ashley Collier leading a 1-2-3 in the 60 with a 7.29 victory. In the 200 it was Ashton Purvis clocking 23.28 for the win. In relays A&M ran 3:36.15 to win the 4x400 over Arizona State (3:36.67) and Texas Tech (3:37.92). In the distance medley relay the Aggies recorded the second fastest time in school history, missing the A&M record by four seconds with an 11:33.93 win that bettered Tennessee (11:34.95). Annie Kunz improved her career best in the pentathlon by three points as her score of 3,826 placed third. LaQue Moen-Davis, already No. 2 on the A&M all-time long jump list, finished second in the triple jump with a 41-11.25 mark that places her No. 8 on the Aggie all-time list.

### VANDERBILT

The Vanderbilt track and field team competed at the Indiana Relays, January 26-27, in Bloomington, Ind. The weekend's action was highlighted by freshman Sara Barron setting a school record in the mile, finishing third in a time of 4:44.44 that beat the school mark by over two seconds and her personal best by over five seconds. She now holds the top mile time by a freshman in the SEC and the fifth-best mile time nationally. Another freshman, Skyler Carpenter, picked up a win in the long jump, clearing 5.64 meters. The Commodores were also strong in the 3,000 meters, with Hannah Jumper finishing third (9:40.45) and Lily Williams placing fourth (9:45.21) in the invitational field. On day two, Brionne Williams set a school record in the high jump, finishing second by clearing 1.83 meters (six feet). Her mark ties for ninth nationally as she looks to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships. Ellie Tidman was also solid in the high jump, placing third with a jump of 1.77 meters (5' 9.75"). Next up for the Commodores is a trip to New York City for the Armory Collegiate Invitational. The meet featuring over 100 collegiate teams in uptown Manhattan is set for February 1-2.