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SEC WEEKLY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- Arkansas hosts Tyson Invitational (Fayetteville, Ark.)
- Arkansas at Husky Classic (Seattle, Wash.)
- Auburn at Tyson Invitational (Fayetteville, Ark.)
- Auburn at Virginia Tech Elite Meet (Blacksburg, Va.)
- Auburn at Samford Invitational (Birmingham, Ala.)
- Florida at Virginia Tech Elite Meet (Blacksburg, Va.)
- Florida at Husky Classic (Seattle, Wash.)
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- Kentucky at Tyson Invitational (Fayetteville, Ark.)
- Kentucky at Husky Classic (Seattle, Wash.)
- LSU at Tyson Invitational (Fayetteville, Ark.)
- Ole Miss at Don Kirby Invitational (Albuquerque, N.M.)
- Mississippi State at Tyson Invitational (Fayetteville, Ark.)
- Mississippi State at Samford Multi Invite (Birmingham, Ala.)
- Missouri at Tyson Invitational (Fayetteville, Ark.)
- Missouri at Husky Classic (Seattle, Wash.)
- South Carolina at Tiger Paw Invitational (Clemson, S.C.)
- South Carolina at Tyson Invitational (Fayetteville, Ark.)
- South Carolina at Husky Classic (Seattle, Wash.)
- Tennessee at Tyson Invitational (Fayetteville, Ark.)
- Tennessee at Husky Classic (Seattle, Wash.)
- Vanderbilt at Samford Invitational (Birmingham, Ala.)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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- Tennessee at Husky Classic (Seattle, Wash.)
- Texas A&M hosts Texas A&M Invitational (College Station, Texas)
- Vanderbilt at Samford Invitational (Birmingham, Ala.)

SEC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (FEBRUARY 5)

SEC Men's Runner of the Week: Detric Dukes, Florida

- Set a Frank Seigne Husker Invitational meet record en route to a victory in the men's 200-meter dash in a personal-best time of 20.95, a feat made even more impressive by the fact that there was only one other athlete in his finals heat.
- Was named the Husker Invitational Men's Most Valuable Performer efforts.
- Currently has the fourth-fastest 200m time in the SEC this season and the ninth-best nationally.
- His performance is the fastest for Florida since Tony McQuay ran a time of 20.61 at the 2011 SEC Indoor Championships.
- Third-fastest performance by a Gator in the last seven years in the men's 200m.

SEC Men's Field Athlete of the Week: Damar Forbes, LSU

- Made his season debut in the long jump at the Armory Collegiate Invitational, turning in one of the nation's leading performances in defense of his title at The Armory.
- Opened with a series-best and the NCAA's No. 2 mark at 25-10.25 to take the Armory Collegiate Invitational title for the second consecutive season.
- Is now the No. 2 ranked long jumper in both the NCAA and the SEC.

SEC Co-Men's Freshman of the Week: Jake Blankenship, Tennessee

- Won his second consecutive and third overall meet of the 2013 season with a personal-record vault of 5.50m/18-0.50 on his second attempt in a 19-man field at the Armory Collegiate Invitational.
- That mark ties Olympic silver medalist and former Vol Lawrence Johnson's freshman school record set in 1993.
- His mark currently ranks second in the SEC, is tied for fourth in the nation and also is tied for 27th-best in the world in 2013.
- Leads SEC freshmen in the category and ranks second among freshmen in the country.

SEC Co-Men's Freshman of the Week: Arman Hall, Florida

- Recorded his third personal-best time in the men's 400-meter dash this season, clocking a time of 46.61 at the Frank Seigne Husker Invitational.
- Captured the event to earn the third victory of his freshman campaign.
- Currently is the nation's top freshman in the event and ranks sixth nationally overall.

SEC Women's Runner of the Week: Kimberlyn Duncan, LSU

- Already holding one of the nation's top-two times in the women's 200m, Duncan turned in a dominating victory in the women's 60-meter dash at the Armory Collegiate Invitational, clocking a time of 7.16.
- After winning her heat with the second-fastest time of the qualifying round at 7.33, Duncan returned to the track to smash her personal best and finish one tenth of a second ahead of Clemson's former NCAA leader Dezerea Bryant with a meet-record time of 7.16 to take home the No. 1 performance in the SEC and the NCAA This season.
- Finished well ahead of Bryant's second-place time finish at 7.26.
- Beat four other sprinters who currently rank among the top-10 in the NCAA rankings in the 60-meter dash this season.
- With her performance, Duncan broke LSU great Kelly-Ann Baptiste's previous five-year-old meet record of 7.17 set in 2008 and moved into the No. 3 spot on LSU's all-time performance list in that event.

SEC Women's Field Athlete of the Week: Denise Hinton, LSU

- Finished within two inches of the top-five of the NCAA rankings in a runner-up finish in the women's weight throw championship at The Armory on Saturday afternoon.
- Tied her school record with a season-best throw of 69-9.75, a mark which currently leads the SEC and ranks sixth nationally.
- Finished second only to the winning mark and NCAA's No. 2 ranked throw of 71-4.75 by Kansas' Alkena Krechyk.
- The only SEC athlete to rank among the top-20 of the NCAA rankings in the women's weight throw.

SEC Women's Freshman of the Week: Shaunae Miller, Georgia

- Left the Georgia school record behind in the 400-meter dash during her first collegiate race in the event at the Akron Invitational.
- Sped to a finish of 52.96, finishing more than two seconds ahead of the competition to top Georgia's previous school record of 53.19, set 17 years ago.
- Mark currently ranks fourth best in the NCAA this season (the top by a freshman) and she is 19th on the current IAAF world list (top by a Bahamian).
- Returned to race in her first collegiate 200 and finished with the sixth-best time in Georgia history.
- Meet marked only the second time in her life that Miller had competed indoors.

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USTFCCCA NATIONAL POLLS

WEEK 2: FEBRUARY 5, 2013

NEXT POLL: FEBRUARY 12

MEN

Rank	Institution	Points
1.	Arkansas	221.74
2.	Florida	121.53
3.	Texas A&M	118.03
4.	Oregon	95.89
5.	Arizona State	89.56
6.	LSU	77.35
7.	Indiana	72.21
8.	Minnesota	67.79
9.	Auburn	66.61
10.	Arizona	62.06
11.	Texas	60.16
12.	Mississippi State	59.68
13.	Penn State	56.01
14.	Nebraska	53.89
15.	Wisconsin	53.34
16.	Florida State	52.46
17.	Ole Miss	49.19
18.	Stanford	46.85
19.	Virginia Tech	46.39
20.	BYU	45.19
21.	Kansas State	44.53
22.	Oklahoma	43.02
23.	Oklahoma State	42.45
24.	Northern Arizona	41.90
25.	UT Arlington	41.48

WOMEN

Rank	Institution	Points
1.	Kansas	173.37
2.	Clemson	158.21
3.	LSU	152.31
4.	Arkansas	147.26
5.	Oregon	135.84
6.	Texas A&M	108.76
7.	Florida	102.79
8.	Washington	79.27
9.	UCF	74.96
10.	Georgia	72.07
11.	Iowa State	69.78
12.	California	62.14
13.	Arizona	59.02
14.	Texas	53.74
15.	Dartmouth	47.86
16.	Stanford	45.43
17.	Arizona State	44.38
18.	Indiana State	43.83
19.	Baylor	40.85
20.	South Carolina	39.42
21.	Florida State	38.20
22.	San Diego State	34.08
23.	Wichita State	33.95
24.	Michigan State	33.92
25.	Auburn	32.10

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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 Jan. 26 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 Jan. 25 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 Nebraska Triangular in Lincoln, Neb.

ARKANSAS

Men - The No. 1 Razorback men posted five top-three championship finishes at the Armory Collegiate Invitational in New York. Arkansas' effort was paced by a victory from Tomas Squella at 800 meters in a personal-best time of 1:49.51. The team also had a runner-up result from Jarrion Lawson in the long jump and third-place finishes from Caleb Cross in the 60-meter hurdles and its 4x400-meter and distance-medley relays. The DMR team of Anthony Lieghio, Eric Janise, Patrick Rono and Kemoy Campbell posted a season-best time of 9:35.50. The Razorbacks return to their home facility this weekend (Feb. 8-9) for the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville.

Women - The fourth-ranked Razorbacks capped their weekend at the Armory Collegiate Invitational with a victory in the 4x400-meter relay. The relay foursome of Sparkle McKnight, Martine Borge, Gwendolyn Flowers and Regina George combined for a season-best time of 3:35.20, nearly three seconds faster than the runner-up team. Arkansas also got a win from Keri Wood and placed four inside the top seven in the college section of the mile. On day one of the New York meet, the Razorbacks' distance-medley relay team of Borge, George, Grace Heymsfield and Dominique Scott had a runner-up finish with a time of 11:04.93, the third-fastest time in program history. Arkansas returns to Fayetteville this weekend (Feb. 8-9) to host the Tyson Invitational.

AUBURN

Freshman Jessie Johnson staked her claim in the Auburn record book in the women's pole vault ... The Argyle, Texas native cleared the bar at 12-8.25 (3.57m) to establish a new indoor school record and also a new freshman record. She finished eighth overall ... In her first career indoor meet, Valentina Muzaric set a new Auburn indoor program and freshman record as she placed third in the women's shot put with a long throw of 52-3.25 feet (15.93m) ... A native of Croatia, Muzaric redshirted the indoor season at Virginia Tech in 2012 ... Senior Maya Pressley continued her strong start to the indoor season with her first high jump title of the new year ... The former SEC Champion cleared a new indoor personal best of 6-0 (1.83m) as she improved upon her height for the third-straight week ... Marcus Rowland won his third 60 meter title in three meets this season with a mark of 6.66 seconds in the finals on Saturday ... He narrowly clipped teammate Harry Adams in second place in 6.68 seconds ... Griffin Jaworski shattered his previous PR in the men's 3000m by more than a minute, crossing the finish line in 14:20.18 ... Competing in his signature event of the shot put for the first time in 2013, junior Stephen Saenz posted a top throw of 63 feet (19.20m) on Saturday ... He finished second overall in the event and was the highest finishing collegiate ... Saenz (18.85m/61-10.25) had previously set a new PR in the weight throw in his seventh-place finish ... Auburn currently has seven performances that rank in the top 20 nationally ... Sprinters Marcus Rowland and Harry Adams both own top times in the 60 and 200 meters ... Rowland ranks fifth nationally in the 60m at 6.63 and 13th at 200m with his time of 21.03 seconds ... Adams is 5th at 60m (6.64) and 14th at 200m (21.06) ... Both Adams and Rowland are former SEC Champions at 60 meters ... Griffin Jaworski ranks 20th nationally at 5000 meters with his new PR of 14:20.18 ... SEC Champion Maya Pressley is ninth nationally at 6-0 in the women's high jump ... Stephen Saenz is 8th nationally in the shot put at 63 feet ... Rowland and Adams rank 1-2 in the 60 and 6-7 in the 200 in the SEC ... Niklas Buhner ranks fifth in the league in the mile at 4:06.86 ... Buhner is also eighth at 3000m (8:15.60) ... Jaworski and Sam Mueller rank 2-3 in the 5000m ... Pressley is 4th in the SEC in high jump ... Saenz is the top conference performer in the shot put ... He also ranks sixth in the weight throw ... Freshman

Daina Levy is seventh in the weight throw ... Auburn is in action next Feb. 8-9 when the team splits four ways and heads to Virginia Tech, Arkansas, Samford and Boston University.

FLORIDA

The University of Florida track & field teams finished competition on the second day of the 38th Annual Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational Saturday at Devaney Center Indoor Track at the University of Nebraska. Sophomore Detric Dukes set a new Husker Invitational record in the men's 200 meters, racing to a personal best 20.95 to claim the victory. The win was even more impressive as there was only one other runner in his heat. Dukes broke a record set by Jeremy Dodson, who ran 20.96 in 2011, and Dukes was named the men's Most Valuable Performer for his efforts. Senior Leonardo Seymore finished fourth in the finals of that race, crossing the finish in 21.36. Freshman Arman Hall won the men's 400 meters with a new personal best of 46.61, barely edging out fellow Gator Hugh Graham, Jr. who finished second in a season's best 46.78. In the consolation final of the women's 200 meters, freshman Shayla Sanders won in a personal best 24.00, while racing to another PR in the women's 60 meters consolation final in her runner-up finish of 7.41. Her time in the 60 meters matches her PR from the Razorback Invitational last weekend and is tied for the seventh-fastest in program history. Sophomore Ciarra Brewer continued her winning ways, capturing her third event in four tries during the 2013 season. On Saturday, it was the women's triple jump. Brewer leapt 12.94m/42-5.50 on her second attempt to put herself out in front for the duration of the competition. The SEC Outdoor Champion in the women's triple jump, Brewer now has five victories for her career. Next up for the Orange and Blue is a split weekend of competition, as the Gators head to Seattle for the Flotrack Husky Classic and Blacksburg, Va. for the Virginia Tech Elite Meet. Next weekend is the final weekend of action before the SEC Indoor Championships, hosted by the University of Arkansas, February 22-24.

GEORGIA

Men - The Bulldogs combined for five victories to highlight the Akron Invitational in Akron, Ohio, over the weekend. Sophomore Justin Scott-Wesley matched his career best in the 60-meter dash (6.75, which is tied for No. 3 in the school record books) to tally his first collegiate win. Scott-Wesley's teammate, transfer Johnathan Smith, earned runner-up honors with the eighth-best time in UGA history at 6.77. Smith returned to win the 200 after crossing the finish line in 21.50. In the 400, sophomores Drew Branch and Chris Foster each had personal bests to finish first (47.72) and second (47.77), respectively. Sophomore Charles Grethen took the track for the first time in his Bulldog career after transferring from Texas State and won the 800. Grethen shot to No. 5 on the all-time top-10 list and into contention in the SEC with a 1:50.59. Daniel Grass ran in another 800 contest and left with a third-place finish and the eighth-best time in school history (1:50.84). The Bulldogs went 1-2 in the shot put with a pair of 60-foot performances. Junior Caleb Whitener picked up his first win of the year after launching the 10th-best throw in school history (60 feet, 9 1/4 inches). Sophomore Nick Vena worked up to a third throw of 60-4 to take second as both are now in position to score at the SEC level. Also of note, freshman heptathlete Devon Williams dropped his career best in the 60 hurdles to 8.00, which ties for fifth on Georgia's all-time top-10 list. His multi-event counterpart, freshman Maicel Uibo, soared over the pole vault bar at a personal-best height of 16-5.50. The Bulldogs travel to Blacksburg, Va., for the VT Elite Meet and to Seattle, Wash., for the Husky Classic on Feb. 8-9. **Women** - - The Lady Bulldogs highlighted their trip to Akron, Ohio, by winning seven events and setting the third school record of the year at the Akron Invitational over the weekend. Freshman Shaunae Miller, who was named the SEC Freshman of the Week, was credited with a pair of the victories after she shattered the school record in the 400-meter dash and clocked the sixth-best time in UGA history in the 200 (23.99) to finish first. Miller finished with the fourth-best time in the NCAA this season (top by a freshman) after completing her laps in the 400 in 52.96. This topped the previous school record mark of 53.19 set by Gudrun Arnardottir at the 1996 SEC Championships. Fellow freshman Briana Vaughn captured her first collegiate victory in the 60 after shooting across the finish line with the fourth-best mark in school history. Vaughn finished in 7.43 to top sophomore teammate Tynia Gaither (7.53), who is tied in the school record books with Vaughn. Gaither was also the runner-up in the 200 with a time of 24.22. In the 800, juniors Megan Malasarte and Stella Christoforou both left the facility with the fastest times of their career to finish first (2:07.68) and second (2:10.30), respectively. In addition to Miller, sophomore Carly Hamilton has also set a school record this season after her time in the 3000 last week. In Akron, Hamilton won the mile with the fourth-best time in school history (4:43.46) as she moved into scoring position in the SEC. Junior Saniel Atkinson cruised over the high jump bar at 6 feet to win and join a group of 6-footers at the top of the national performance

list. True freshman Chanice Porter continued her dominance in the long jump by winning her third consecutive meet, this time with a 20-7.25 mark. The Lady Bulldogs travel to Blacksburg, Va., for the VT Elite Meet and to Seattle, Wash., for the Husky Classic on Feb. 8-9.

KENTUCKY

Men - The Kentucky track and field teams completed the first road trip of the new year this past weekend. The Wildcats split squads between the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational in Lincoln, Neb., and the Notre Dame Meyo Invitational in South Bend, Ind. At Notre Dame Matt Hillenbrand continued his strong start to the 2013 season as he finished sixth with a personal record 4:02.78 in the prestigious Meyo Mile. Hillenbrand bested his previous record time by more than three seconds. His mile time was the fastest in the SEC over the weekend, ranks third overall in the conference this year and is No. 33 in the nation. The junior won the 3,000 meters last weekend in a time that is fourth fastest in the SEC this season. In Nebraska Keith Hayes took third in the men's 60-meter hurdles finals with 2013-best time of 7.89. Darryl Bradshaw finished fifth in the same race with a personal record 7.94. Bradley Szyzka took fourth with a new PR shot put mark 18.50m/60-08.50, giving him the fourth-best shot put in the SEC this season. **Women** - The Kentucky women's track and field team hit the road for the first time in 2013 at the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational in Lincoln, Neb., this past weekend. Morganne Phillips excelled in her first collegiate 400 meters race as she took second in a time of 54.75. Keilah Tyson's 200-meter fifth-place time of 23.98 registers as 11th-fastest in the SEC this season. Kayla Parker provided one of the most eye-catching performances in Nebraska on Friday as she took fourth in the women's long jump, with a PR 5.88m/58-08.0. It was her first competition at that distance this season. Julie Nunn won the women's 400m consolation final with a season-best time of 56.28. Joanne Imbert tied her personal-best 1.76m/5-09.25 to finish fourth in the women's high jump. Michelle Canterna reached a new pole vault PR 3.87m/12-08.25 to place ninth, a mark which ranks No. 9 in the SEC in 2013. The Wildcats will split squads again next weekend with meets in both Seattle, Wash., and Fayetteville, Ark., site of the SEC and NCAA Championships.

LSU

Men - Senior Damar Forbes turned in one of the NCAA's leading performances in the long jump and sophomore Aaron Ernest remained unbeaten with an emphatic victory in the 200-meter dash as they took home a pair of event titles at the Armory Collegiate Invitational held Friday and Saturday at the New Balance Track & Field Center at The Armory in New York. A three-time NCAA silver medalist in the long jump, Forbes made his season debut in the event on Friday night as he defended his crown at The Armory with the NCAA's No. 2-ranked performance for 2013. Forbes jumped 25 feet, 10 ¼ inches in his opener to position himself as a national championship contender in the event this season. He becomes LSU's first two-time champion in the event at The Armory since John Moffitt in 2003 and 2004 while other Tiger winners include Walter Davis (2002), Will Copping (2009) and Zedric Thomas (2010). The Tigers have now won six men's long jump titles in 12 appearances all-time at the Armory Collegiate Invitational. While Forbes defended his long jump crown, Ernest proved to be one of the stars of the meet with a dominating victory in the 200-meter final on Saturday as he remained unbeaten in the event for 2013. After running the fastest time of the qualifying round at 21.14 seconds to win his heat, Ernest raced to the third-fastest time in meet history with a winning run of 20.83 to finish four-tenths of a second ahead of Texas A&M's Prezel Hardy, Jr. (21.23) for the crown. Ernest is now a perfect 3-0 in 200-meter finals on the year as he also won the event at the Crimson Tide Indoor Opener at 20.80 and Texas A&M Triangular at 20.79 as the NCAA's No. 3-ranked performer in the event this season. Not only that, but Ernest also cracked the Top 20 of the NCAA rankings in the 60 meters as he ran a PR of 6.69 for a third-place finish in the championship final on Friday night. Other Tigers setting impressive personal bests on the weekend include sophomore Quincy Downing (1:50.96) in the 800 meters and freshmen Darrell Bush (47.26) in the 400 meters and Nethaneel Mitchell-Blake (6.82) in the 60 meters. The Tigers will look to continue their march toward the championship season this weekend as they make a return trip to the Randal Tyson Track Center in Fayetteville, Ark., to compete at the annual Tyson Invitational on Friday and Saturday. **Women** - The Lady Tigers were impressive in capturing their sixth team title in 12 appearances all-time at the Armory Collegiate Invitational while making their annual trip to New York City held Friday and Saturday at the New Balance Track & Field Center at The Armory. Led by record-setting event wins by seniors Laura Carleton, Kimberlyn Duncan and Charlene Lipsey, the Lady Tigers scored 73 points in two days of action to take the team title over the likes of Clemson (69), Kansas (57.5) and South Car-

olina (48) in the final women's team standings. Duncan proved to be the star of the weekend for the Lady Tigers as she snatched the NCAA's No. 1 ranking in winning the 60-meter dash on Friday night with a new meet record and personal best. While sprinting to the finish line in 7.16 seconds, Duncan emerged as an NCAA title threat as the new national leader while beating Clemson's former NCAA leader Dezerea Bryant (7.26) to the finish line by one-tenth of a second. Duncan's winning 7.16 takes down the previous 5-year-old meet record of 7.17 set by former LSU sprint star Kelly-Ann Baptiste in 2008. The Lady Tigers also won a pair of distance titles on Friday afternoon as Lipsey broke her own meet record to defend her 1,000-meter crown and Carleton smashed the indoor school record in claiming the 5,000-meter title. Lipsey finished the 1,000-meter race in 2 minutes, 44.20 seconds to eclipse the meet record of 2:44.34 she set in winning the event title at The Armory for the first time in 2012. Carleton demolished LSU's previous indoor 5k mark by more than one minute with a winning time of 16:11.58 to become the first Lady Tiger to win the women's 5,000-meter championship in the history of the Armory Collegiate Invitational. She also cracked the Top 10 of the NCAA rankings at No. 7 for 2013 after she eclipsed the previous school record of 17:16.95 set by Bridgette Cusack in 2000. Also flying up the NCAA rankings with their performance this weekend were juniors Keri Emanuel and Denise Hinton. Hinton tied her own school record in the weight throw while throwing the NCAA's No. 6-ranked mark at 69 feet, 9 ¾ inches for second place, while Emanuel set a new indoor personal best of 20-4 ¼ in her seventh-place finish for the No. 11-ranked performance nationally this season. The Lady Tigers will look to continue their march toward the championship season this weekend as they make a return trip to the Randal Tyson Track Center in Fayetteville, Ark., to compete at the annual Tyson Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

OLE MISS

Three individual event victories highlighted the Ole Miss Rebels' performance at this past weekend's Meyo Invitational, hosted by the University of Notre Dame. The No. 17 Ole Miss men competed against a field of nearly 50 teams that included other nationally ranked teams in No. 7 Minnesota, No. 8 Indiana, No. 14 Wisconsin, No. 15 Mississippi State and No. 22 Oklahoma, while top-25 women's teams include No. 17 Indiana State, No. 18 Baylor and No. 21 South Carolina. Morris Kersh claimed the men's triple jump title, while Asia Cooper won the women's 60 meters and Allegra Wells won the women's long jump at the 26th edition of the Meyo Invitational. A school record also went down as Haley Cutright shattered the Rebel record in the 3,000 meters - her second school record in as many meets this season. Other highlights for the Rebel men included Montez Griffin placing fifth in the 400 meters with a personal-best 47.47 and freshman Onyi Afoaku's 53-7 in the shot put to move up to No. 3 in the school record books. The women's distance runners had several personal bests, including three in the 5,000 meters with Katie Breathitt (7:19.51), Amy McCrory (17:26.86) and Kayleigh Skinner (17:28.32) all moving into the top five in school history in the event. Ole Miss will return to action next weekend for the Don Kirby Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

A trip in which the Mississippi State indoor track and field team split action, the Maroon and White shined in a dual-meet weekend at Notre Dame's Meyo Invitational and the Armory Collegiate Invitational hosted by New Balance in New York. Highlighted by freshman Brandon McBride's unrivaled performance in the 800-meter run on day two in South Bend, MSU excelled at showcasing its talents on a national stage. McBride's 800-meter time of 1:47.74 seconds is the Canadian Junior National Record, as well as the No. 2 time in the country. Day one of weekend action for the Bulldogs saw seven Top 20 finishes across the two meets. The Big Apple hosted more than 100 of the nation's top track and field programs, including various international teams from France and Canada. Facing some of its toughest competition yet, MSU posted four Top 10 finishes on the day, which included a first-place victory from D'Angelo Cherry (6.67) in the 60-meter dash. Additionally, Kanisha Carey crossed the line in the 500-meter dash in 1:16.50 seconds to give her a tenth-place finish and Nathan Arnett posted a time of 7.88 seconds, finishing sixth in the 60-meter hurdles. To close day one in New York on a high note, Jarrett Samuels (23:05.25) long-jumped his way to an impressive eighth-place. Across states in Indiana, distance veteran Katie Huston finished the day for the Lady Bulldogs with a time of 2:52.22 seconds in the 1000-meter run, landing her a sixth-place finish. As action continued on Saturday, MSU added to its commendable accomplishments by concluding the day with six Top 3 finishes. In addition to McBride's 800-meter dash victory, Jason Harper (51-11.25) and Marcus Jackson (7-03.25) captured first-place finishes in New York in the triple jump and high jump, respectively. To cap off the day for the men at the Meyo Invitational, Daundre Barnaby earned a third-place finish in the 400-meter dash with a time of 47.12 seconds. The Lady Bulldogs

maintained MSU's success at the Armory Collegiate Invitational as Ebony Brinker (39-09.25) picked up a third-place finish in the triple jump and Jody-Ann Muir posted a top speed of 54.23 seconds in the 400-meter dash. After returning to Starkville, the team turns its focus to next weekend's action, where the Bulldogs will split meets again as they travel to Birmingham for the Samford Multi Invite and to the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville.

MISSOURI

The MU Tigers were on the road this past weekend as they traveled to Lincoln, Neb., for the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational. The small group of competitors left the two-day meet with seven new personal bests. Day one of the competition saw the season's first pentathlon for sophomores Katrine Haarklau and Morgan Whitson. Haarklau ran to a personal best time of 8.97 in the 60m hurdles, and Whitson hit a best mark of 5.43m (17-9.75) in the long jump. Junior Bethany Pfeiffer and sophomore Drake Stuedemann also earned new personal best marks in their respective events: the weight throw and 400m dash. The Tigers had a couple of podium finishes on day with Kearsten Peoples placing second in the shot put, and Mitch Hatten earning a PR of 2.05m (6-8.75) in the high jump to take third. Sophomore Jasmine Webb hit a PR mark in the 800m, and senior Heather Green vaulted to a new indoor best mark of 3.87m (12-8.25). The Tigers will be back on the road this weekend, with a small group of distance men and women flying to Seattle, Wash., for the Husky Invitational, and the rest of the team traveling to Fayetteville, Ark., for the Tyson Invitational.

SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina traveled to the Armory Collegiate Invitational in New York this week and brought home four wins. The No. 21 Gamecock women finished fourth overall in a field that included the top seven teams in the rankings. Freshman Kayla Lampe captured fourth place in the championship section of the 5,000-meters with a time of 16:39.15, breaking a 20-year old school record. The time is the second best in the SEC and 20th best of the collegiate season. Sophomore Erika Rucker claimed her second win of the season in the 400-meters, winning the championship group with her top time of the year at 52.93. The time ranks her third in the country this season. Both the men's and the women's 4x200-meter teams were victorious in their races. The men won with a time of 1:25.81 and the women ran 1:38.07, both of the times are the third fastest recorded this year. Redshirt junior Dorian Johnson captured the win in the college group of the men's triple jump with a leap of 49'4 1/4 (15.04m). Senior Breanna Radford set a personal best in the shot put for the third time this season, placing fourth in the championship group with a throw of 52'6 1/2 (16.01m). The mark puts Radford into fifth place in all-time in South Carolina history and moves her into the 26th spot in the collegiate ranks. Junior Jeannelle Scheper placed second in the women's high jump and currently sits at fifth in country. Senior Kierre Beckles and sophomore Chalese Davis advanced to the 60-meter hurdle final. The two placed fifth and 10th, respectively. Freshman Dondre Echols ran a collegiate best in the 60-meter hurdle final at 7.85 to take fourth in the championship division. Sophomores Damiere Byrd and Kendall Kee advanced to the 60-meter dash finals on the first day of competition. Byrd took sixth while Kee took eighth. This week, the Gamecocks split up, sending squads to the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., the Tiger Paw Invitational in Clemson, S.C., and the Washington Invitational in Seattle, Wash.

TENNESSEE

Competing in the 12th edition of the historic Armory Collegiate Invitational, the Tennessee track & field squad posted multiple Big Orange rookie records and added 13 top-five finishes in a loaded field at The Armory in New York City. The Vols put together their best meet of the season, finishing fourth in the scoring with 46 points – five ahead of top-ranked Arkansas. Freshman pole vaulter Jake Blankenship paced the Tennessee vaulters with his second-straight win. Competing in a loaded 19-man field, Blankenship cleared 18-feet 1/2-inch on his second attempt to win the meet and tie an elusive UT freshman record held by former Vol and Olympic silver medalist Lawrence Johnson. Blankenship, who has now won three meets this season, is currently tied for fourth in the nation, ranked second in the SEC and is also tied for 27th-best in the world in 2013. He also leads SEC freshmen in the category and ranks second among freshmen in the country. Junior Chase Brannon took second in the event with a personal-best vault of 17-8.5 on his first attempt. He also ranks in the top 10 in the nation this season. On the oval, the Vols also set a freshman record, as Austin Whitelaw navigated the men's championship 5,000-meter in 14:18.11 to take third in the event. Whitelaw currently ranks 18th in the country in the event. Rookie Kyle Walter also picked up a win for the Orange and White, finishing with a

PR 3K time of 8:25.05. Sophomore sprinter Jamol James tied the best 60m time of his career on Friday, winning the first heat of the championship finals in 6.72 seconds. James finished fifth overall. On the field, sophomore shot putter Matthew Hoty placed fourth with a best mark of 59-3.5. For the Lady Vols, junior pole vaulter Linda Hadfield continued to pace the way in the field. Hadfield tied for third place in the event. Rookie Cassie Wertman continued to improve her shot put mark, finishing fifth with a PR of 51-10.5. On the oval, senior Nijgia Snapp posted the nation's 15th-best 800m time of the 2013 season, crossing the line in 2:07.24 to finish in fourth place. The Big Orange track & field team is back in action when it splits up and travels to Fayetteville, Ark., Seattle, Wash., and Birmingham, Ala. The majority of the squad will compete in the Tyson Invitational at the University of Arkansas from Feb. 8-9, while distance runners Peter Okwera and Hannah Davidson will head to the Flotrack Husky Classic at the University of Washington on Friday. Lastly, the pole vaulters will compete in Samford's Multi and Invitational on Saturday.

TEXAS A&M

Texas A&M, with the men ranked No. 3 and the women No. 6 nationally, will host its final home meet of the indoor season this weekend with teams visiting from Cal State Northridge, Houston, Rice, TCU, Texas State and UTEP. **Men** – Four wins at the Armory Collegiate Invitational provided the Aggies with enough points to defend their team title. Texas A&M totaled 62 points to top LSU (53.5), Clemson (48), Tennessee (46) and Arkansas (41) among the 100-plus teams competing in New York City. Casey Strong broke his school record in the weight throw with a toss of 66-9 3/4 (20.36) to top the collegians in the field. Deon Lendore bettered an elite field in the 400 with a winning time of 46.49 and earned A&M a 4x400 relay victory in 3:09.62 with a tactical anchor leg over LSU (3:10.68) and Arkansas (3:11.65). Henry Lelei neared his school record in the 3,000 with an 8:03.71 win. Prezel Hardy, Jr. finished second in the 200 (21.23) while Dave Brown finished third in the triple jump with a mark of 50-3 1/2 (15.33). Overcoming a dropped baton on the first leg, the Aggies placed third in the 4x800 relay with A&M's third-fastest time ever, 7:31.79. **Women** – Texas A&M tied with Arkansas in fifth place at the Armory Collegiate Invitational as each team totaled 39 points. LaQue Moen-Davis notched a victory in the triple jump with a leap of 42-0 3/4 (12.82) after finishing fifth in the long jump. Ashton Purvis placed second in the 200 (23.30). Amanda Jenkins lowered her previous best in the championship 5,000 meters by 34 seconds in placing fifth and moving to No. 5 on the Aggie all-time list. Hillary Montgomery (16:56.15) and Grace Fletcher (16:57.38) finished first and third in the college 5,000 meters and joined Jenkins on the A&M all-time list at No. 9 and No. 10. With the Aggies leading, a fall on the first leg of the 4x400 prevented A&M from challenging Arkansas and LSU in the final race of the night.

VANDERBILT

Brionne Williams won the championship division of the high jump to highlight Vanderbilt's trip to the Armory Collegiate Invitational in Manhattan. Williams cleared 1.81 meters (5'11.25") on her second try to win the event. Commodore action began with Janetra Gleaves running a personal best of 7.86 in the 60 meter dash. She was just one-tenth of a second from qualifying for the finals in the college division. The 200 meters saw a trio of Vanderbilt runners set personal bests. Faith Washington posted the best time of 24.81, a personal record, and a time that was good for eighth place. Jennifer Cannon crossed the line in 25.18, also a personal best. Kristen Findley and Katherine Delaney both ran in the 1,000 meters championship field. Findley finished 16th in 2:52.08, while Delaney ran a PR and finished 21st in 2:54.67. Jordan White ran in the championship field of the 5,000 meter run and finished eighth with a time of 15:58.52. Day two saw Grace Orders with a personal best of 9:46.99 in the 3,000 meters. Lily Williams and Vanessa Valentine set PRs in the mile, while Sara Barron and Katherine Delaney ran bests in the 800 meters. Next up for Vanderbilt is the Samford Multi and Invitational, February 8-9, in Birmingham, Ala.