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SEC WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23
- South Carolina hosts USC Indoor Open (Columbia, S.C.)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25
- Alabama at Indiana Relays (Bloomington, Ind.)
- Arkansas hosts Razorback Team Invitational (Fayetteville, Ark.)
- Florida at Razorback Team Invitational (Fayetteville, Ark.)
- Georgia at Razorback Team Invitational (Fayetteville, Ark.)
- Kentucky hosts Rod McCravy Memorial (Lexington, Ky.)
- LSU at Razorback Team Invitational (Fayetteville, Ark.)
- Ole Miss at A-State Invitational (Jonesboro, Ark.)
- Missouri at Rod McCravy Memorial (Lexington, Ky.)
- South Carolina at Hokie Invitational (Blacksburg, Va.)
- Tennessee at Mondo Challenge (College Station, Texas)
- Texas A&M hosts Mondo Challenge (College Station, Texas)
- Vanderbilt at Indiana Relays (Bloomington, Ind.)

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SEC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (JANUARY 22)

SEC Men's Runner of the Week: Deon Lendore, Texas A&M
- The USTFCCCA National Men's Athlete of the Week for Jan. 21.
- Won the 400m at the Texas A&M Triangular in a world-leading time of 45.91, which goes down as one of the fastest times ever recorded in the month of January. Only three individuals have ever run faster in January, and two of those marks were set on the last weekend of the month.
- Bettered Trinidad & Tobago's national indoor record of 45.92 set in 1992 by Alvin Daniel.
- Broke the meet record of 46.03 set in 2010 by Demetrius Pinder, moving him into third on Texas A&M's all-time 400m list behind Pinder (45.33) and Tabarie Henry (45.81).
- Anchored the Texas A&M 4x400-meter relay in a time of 45.9 as the Aggies won the event in 3:07.21 over LSU's 3:07.74.
- Helped his team win the Texas A&M Triangular over No. 1 Arkansas and current No. 6 LSU.

SEC Men's Field Athlete of the Week: Ricky Robertson, Ole Miss
- A six-time All-American and five-time SEC Champion in the high jump, Robertson took the day off of his primary event to focus on the triple jump and, against stiff competition at the Auburn Invitational that included four nationally ranked teams, he soared to the NCAA's best triple jump mark this season with a meet-record leap of 52-8.25.
- That mark is 6.5 inches farther than the next closest this year by Arizona State's Chris Benard and is the best mark this season by any American at low altitude.
- The mark was a personal best and moves him to third in Ole Miss school history in the indoor triple jump.
- Robertson now leads the SEC in both the triple jump and high jump.

SEC Men's Freshman of the Week: Cale Wallace, Arkansas
- Collected his second win in as many weeks Saturday with a victory in the 3,000 meters during the Texas A&M Triangular.
- He led a 1-2 finish for the Razorbacks in the event with a final time of 8:21.27.
- Already the conference leader in the mile, recorded the league's fourth-fastest time at 3,000 meters in the SEC and the best by a freshman.

SEC Co-Women's Runner of the Week: Kimberlyn Duncan, LSU
- Shot to the top of the world rankings in her first 200-meter race of the 2013 indoor season, by taking the 200-meter title at the Texas A&M Triangular with a season-opening run of 23.15.
- Extended her historic winning streak to 19 consecutive 200-meter victories against collegiate competition between the indoor and outdoor seasons, dating back to her sophomore season indoors in 2010.
- Also led the Lady Tigers to the tri-meet victory, as the team scored 107.5 points on the afternoon to defeat both Texas A&M (103.5) and Arkansas (103) with their performance.

SEC Co-Women's Runner of the Week: Regina George, Arkansas
- Opened her 2013 season with a pair of NCAA-best performances for the Razorbacks at the Texas A&M Triangular.
- Individually, ran to a nation-leading time of 53.30 and a win at 500 meters. It marked the fastest season opener of her career.
- Capped the tri-meet competition with a 4x400-meter relay victory with teammates Makeba Alcide, Gwendolyn Flowers and Chrishuna Williams, who combined for an NCAA-leading time of 3:36.03, taking more than a second off the then-national leader.
- Added a fourth-place finish at 200 meters on Saturday.

SEC Women's Field Athlete of the Week: Sandi Morris, Arkansas
- Took the national lead in the pole vault with her first-place performance on Saturday at the Texas A&M Triangular.
- Secured the event title with a final clearance of 4.31m/14-1.75, marking her second in as many competitions this season.
- With the result, Morris also set the Texas A&M dual meet record and established a new personal best.
- Was the only performer in the nation over 14 feet during the weekend and one of only two to accomplish that feat this season.

SEC Women's Freshman of the Week: Chanice Porter, Georgia
- Recorded a mark of 20-4.25 on the first collegiate attempt of her career to win the women's long jump at the Auburn Invitational this past weekend.
- Logged the second-longest jump in the SEC this year (behind Texas A&M's LaQue Moen-Davis, who holds the national lead of 20-11.25, recorded a week ago), and the third-best in the nation in 2013.
- Her mark goes down as the sixth-best in Georgia school history and the best for the program since 2007.

USTFCCCA NATIONAL POLLS

WEEK 1: JANUARY 22, 2013
NEXT POLL: JANUARY 29

MEN

Rank	*Institution*	*Points*
1.	**Arkansas**	**218.88**
2.	**Texas A&M**	**124.47**
3.	**Florida**	**118.53**
4.	Arizona State	93.74
5.	Oregon	88.36
6.	**LSU**	**82.09**
7.	Indiana	75.00
8.	Minnesota	74.99
9.	**Auburn**	**69.40**
10.	Wisconsin	63.63
11.	Texas	61.71
12.	Penn State	61.68
13.	Arizona	61.19
14.	**Mississippi State**	**53.22**
15.	Virginia Tech	51.87
16.	Kansas State	51.69
17.	BYU	49.78
18.	Stanford	48.14
19.	NC State	44.05
20.	UCLA	43.03
21.	Florida State	43.01
22.	Northern Arizona	42.23
23.	**Ole Miss**	**41.06**
24.	UT Arlington	40.05
25.	Pittsburgh	38.41

WOMEN

Rank	*Institution*	*Points*
1.	Clemson	169.23
2.	Kansas	145.02
3.	Oregon	142.39
4.	**Texas A&M**	**133.61**
5.	**Arkansas**	**126.22**
6.	**LSU**	**123.72**
7.	**Florida**	**110.86**
8.	Washington	86.35
9.	Iowa State	75.22
10.	UCF	75.00
11.	California	69.46
12.	Arizona	62.04
13.	Texas	58.64
14.	Stanford	56.65
15.	Dartmouth	49.43
16.	**Georgia**	**46.82**
17.	Baylor	46.16
18.	Wisconsin	44.81
19.	Indiana State	44.53
20.	**South Carolina**	**43.35**
21.	Michigan	41.28
22.	San Diego State	34.65
23.	Nebraska	34.15
24.	Michigan State	33.51
25.	**Auburn**	**32.95**

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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

More than 20 newcomers have made their Alabama debuts for the Crimson Tide in the first two indoor meets of the season, and a handful have already won events - something that was a rarity the last several years. One of those new additions, Ken Taylor, a transfer from Benedict College, was the 2012 NCAA Division II Men's Track Athlete of the Year for the South Region before joining the Tide. Taylor, from Spartanburg, S.C., has won the 800 in both meets thus far this season. At last weekend's Auburn Indoor Invitational, freshman Justin Fondren won the men's high jump in 6-10 1/4 and another freshman, Elias Hakansson, won the men's weight throw with a throw of 63-10 1/2. Fondren hails from Oxford, Miss., while Hakansson is from Halmsted, Sweden. As for returning talent, senior high jumper Krystle Schade has won the women's high jump in both indoor meets this season. Schade was an All-American in the event in 2012.

ARKANSAS

Men - In their second meet of the year and first on the road, the top-ranked Razorbacks collected five event wins, four personal bests and a meet record last Saturday at the Texas A&M Triangular. During the tri-meet competition also featuring No. 4 Texas A&M and No. 10 LSU, Arkansas picked up wins from Tarik Batchelor in the triple jump, Caleb Cross in the 60-meter hurdles, Kevin Lazas in the pole vault, Tomas Squella at 800 meters and Cale Wallce at 3,000 meters. Lazas' clearance of 5.27m/17-3.5 in the pole vault set the Texas A&M dual-meet record and moved the Razorback junior into sixth place on the program's all-time list. Arkansas finished second in the tri-meet team standings with 99 points. Two weeks into the season, the Razorbacks have three SEC leaders—Squella (800m), Wallce (mile) and Raymond Higgs (long jump)—and one NCAA leader in Higgs. Arkansas returns to action this weekend by hosting the Razorback Team Invitational at the Randal Tyson Track Center. Competition begins Friday and Saturday at 11 a.m. (CT). **Women -** The seventh-ranked Razorbacks racked up three NCAA-leading marks, seven event wins, 12 career-best performances and two meet records last Saturday at the Texas A&M Triangular. During the meet with No. 4 LSU and No. 6 Texas A&M, Arkansas collected wins from Regina George at 400 meters, Martine Borge at 800 meters, Diane Robison at 3,000 meters, Ivanique Kemp in the 60-meter hurdles, Sandi Morris in the pole vault, and the 4x400-meter and distance-medley relays. The marks by George (53.30), Morris (4.31m/14-1.75) and the 4x400m relay (3:36.03) are the top performances in the NCAA this season. In addition to those three events, the Razorbacks own five SEC-best efforts along with Diane Robison at 3,000 meters and Tamara Myers in the triple jump. Arkansas returns to action this weekend by hosting the Razorback Team Invitational at the Randal Tyson Track Center. Competition begins Friday and Saturday at 11 a.m. (CT).

AUBURN

Auburn enjoyed a successful home meet in Birmingham on Saturday 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) … Reigning SEC Freshman of the Week Larisa Debich equaled her PR from a week ago 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 is off this week before heading to Nebraska on February 1 … 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.

FLORIDA

The No. 3 Florida men and No. 7 Gator women played host to the 2013 Gator Invitational last Thursday, which saw junior hurdler Eddie Lovett break a 23-year-old Florida record in the men's 55-meter hurdles. Lovett won the men's 55-meter hurdles in 7.10, breaking Earl Diamond's record of 7.15 from 1990. The West Palm Beach, Fla. native is the two-time defending SEC Champion in the men's 60-meter hurdles and was the youngest competitor in the men's 110-meter hurdles at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials this summer. His time is the top time in the NCAA so far this year and coverts to 7.64 in the men's 60-meter hurdles, putting him at second in NCAA qualifying times. Freshman Destinee Gause was phenomenal at the O'Dome, taking both the 55 meter and 200 meter titles on Thursday. In her first race of the evening, Gause claimed the top spot in both the prelims (6.95) and finals (6.96) of the 55 meters. In the 200, Gause was unstoppable, racing 24.16 (converted to a personal best 23.7) to take home her second title of the evening. Fellow freshman Antwan Wright put up a big performance on Thursday, claiming victory in the 55 meters with his time of 6.29. Sophomore Jayla Bostic continued her success from last Saturday's Crimson Tide Indoor Opener, setting a new personal best in the women's weight throw on Thursday. Bostic claimed her first career victory with a throw of 19.78m/64-10.75, a mark she reached on her second attempt. In the men's weight throw, the Gators took all three podium finishes. Senior David Triassi claimed the victory in his first meet of the season, throwing 19.95m/65-5.50 on his first attempt to claim the title. Kyle Strawn took second with his personal best toss of 17.85m/58-6.75 and sophomore David Levin finished third with his mark of 17.63m/57-10.25. Junior Caitlin Schuessler earned the first pole vault victory of her career, clearing 3.55m/11-9.75 to tie her indoor career best from last weekend at the Crimson Tide Indoor Opener. Fellow vaulter Max Lang matched his mark from last weekend, clearing 4.90m/16-0.75 to finish second in the men's pole vault. The Gators swept the triple jump titles on Thursday, as sophomore Marquis Dendy leapt 15.33m/50-3.50 on the men's side to take his event. Sophomore Gissell Warner narrowly missed her personal best by jumping 11.93m/39-1.75, the second-best triple jump of her career. Sophomore high jumper Taylor Burke improved on her first outing last weekend, winning the women's high jump title with her mark of 1.80m/5-10.75. Next up for the Orange and Blue is the Arkansas Invitational, January 25-26. The two-day meet features some of the nation's top teams, including the host Razorbacks and fellow conference foes LSU and Georgia, as well as non-conference opponents FSU, Nebraska, Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma State, Oklahoma and Baylor.

GEORGIA

Men - Newcomer Nick Vena highlighted Georgia's first indoor meet of the season at the Auburn Invitational in Birmingham on Saturday. Vena, who transferred to UGA after winning ACC outdoor titles in the shot put and discus at Virginia in 2012, had a top shot put mark of 61 feet, 4 1/4 inches to win his event and move to No. 7 on Georgia's all-time top-10 list. He has the fifth-best toss in the nation this year and the best for the Bulldogs since 2007. Two spots behind Vena at the meet was his junior teammate Caleb Whitener. Whitener only had one fair throw, but his opening attempt was an indoor personal best (59-4.25). In his first collegiate meet, true freshman Maurice Freeman cleared a personal-best 6-10.25 to finish fourth in the high jump. The three finishers ahead of him also had marks of 6-10.25 during the competition but had fewer misses. Multi-event specialist Garrett Scantling reached a new career best in the pole vault after lifting himself over 16-0.75. Scantling had never jumped higher than 15 feet in his career before Saturday. Sophomore Zack Sims grabbed a fifth-place finish in the 3000-meter run (8:32.77) while freshman Steven Spevacek was seventh on the track. The Bulldogs will make their first of three trips to Fayetteville, Ark., in the coming weekend. Georgia will compete at the Razorback Invitational on Jan. 25-26. **Women -** The Georgia women opened up their 2013 indoor campaign at the Auburn Invitational in Birmingham on Jan. 19. Sophomore Morgann Leleux and true freshman Chanice Porter quickly established themselves as two of the dominant competitors in their events nationwide. Porter soared 20 feet, 4 1/4 inches on the first long jump attempt of her collegiate career to win and shoot to No. 6 on Georgia's all-time list. Her effort was the longest for the Lady Bulldogs since 2007 and ranks her second in the SEC and third nationally. Leleux, who was the runner-up at the 2012 NCAA Indoor Championships, went over the pole vault bar at 13-11.25 to cruise to her second career indoor collegiate victory. She is ranked second in the SEC and fourth nationwide following Georgia's first action of the year. Georgia went 4-5-6 in the 3000-meter run with Nicole DiMercurio (9:46.81), Bret McDaniel (9:48.58) and Stella Christoforou (9:49.70) finishing in that order. Freshman Sarah Perry also finished eighth in the mile with a 4:59.40. The Lady Bulldogs will make their first of three trips to Fayetteville, Ark., in the coming weekend. Georgia will compete at the Razorback Invitational on Jan. 25-26.

KENTUCKY

Three Wildcats opened 2013 with event titles at home on Saturday inside Nutter Field House. Cally Macumber, Bradley Szypka and Darryl Bradshaw all won their events at the Kentucky Invitational. Macumber won the mile in PR time of 4:42.30 against a field, which included two unattached runners who competed in the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials. The cross country All-American's time – in her first run of the indoor season – currently ranks as the second best mile in the country this season, and leads the SEC. Szypka won the shot put for the second consecutive meet with PR mark of 18:36m/60-03.00, which came on his final throw of the afternoon. He is now second in the SEC in the event, and has the No. 10 shot put in the nation this season. Bradshaw won the men's 60h in 8:07, while Brandon Bagley took fifth in the event with a time of 8.24. Kentucky hosts the Rod McCravy Memorial Meet this weekend in Nutter Field House.

LSU

Men - Led by two personal-best performances from star sprinter Aaron Ernest, the Tigers scored 82.5 points in 15 events contested Saturday afternoon at the Texas A&M Triangular meet to take home a third-place finish in the final team standings in the event held at the Gilliam Indoor Track Stadium in College Station, Texas. After smashing his personal record with a run of 6.82 seconds for fourth place in the 60-meter final earlier in the afternoon, Ernest returned to the track and lowered his indoor PR to 20.79 in the 200-meter dash while taking the event title over Texas A&M favorite Prezel Hardy, Jr. Ernest strengthened his No. 3 position in the NCAA rankings as he pulled to within one one-hundredth of a second of Hardy Jr.'s SEC-leading 20.78. Ernest dominated the race as Hardy Jr. finished runner-up with a run of 21.05 in Saturday's 200-meter final. Ernest was not the only Tiger to take home an event title during the competition as sophomore Rodney Brown captured the shot put crown following his top mark of 54 feet, 9 ¼ inches. Brown also set a PR of 61-5 ½ for a second-place finish in the weight throw competition to move into the No. 9 spot on LSU's all-time performance list in the event in what was just his second appearance in the event in his collegiate career. The meet was also highlighted with a seasonal-best performance by the Tigers in the 4x400-meter relay in the final event of the afternoon. While running with a team of freshman Cyril Grayson, sophomore Quincy Downing, senior Caleb Williams and freshman Darrell Bush, the Tigers lowered their seasonal-best by more than two seconds with a run of 3 minutes, 7.74 seconds in a runner-up finish to Texas A&M (3:07.21) in the event. LSU will return to action this weekend with its first of four trips to the Randal Tyson Track Center in Fayetteville, Ark., as the Tigers and Lady Tigers compete at the Razorback Invitational on Friday and Saturday. **Women -** In perhaps the most anticipated scored meet of the 2013 indoor season, the Lady Tigers took home the women's team title at the Texas A&M Triangular by scoring 107.5 points in 15 events contested Saturday at the Gilliam Indoor Track Stadium in College Station, Texas. The Lady Tigers emerged as the winners in a tight team race as Texas A&M finished runner-up with 103.5 points and Arkansas was third with 103 points on the afternoon. Senior sprinter Kimberlyn Duncan claimed her first SEC Women's Runner of the Week honor for her performance as she sprinted to a world-leading 23.15 seconds in her 200-meter debut for 2013. Duncan quickly moved into the No. 1 position in the SEC, NCAA and world rankings for 2013 while claiming her 19th-straight 200-meter victory against collegiate competition between the indoor and outdoor seasons dating back to her sophomore season indoors in 2010. The Lady Tigers were also led to the team title by another quartet of event winners including senior Charlene Lipsey in the mile, junior Keri Emanuel in the triple jump, junior Denise Hinton in the weight throw and sophomore Tori Bliss in the shot put. Lipsey set a new personal record by nearly one second with her victory in the mile as she crossed the finish line in 4 minutes, 44.20 seconds to enter the NCAA rankings at No. 5 following Saturday's meet. Hinton became the No. 1-ranked thrower in the SEC with her seasonal-best mark of 65 feet, 1 ¼ inches on her second throw in the weight throw, while Emanuel won the triple jump crown with a mark of 40-9 ½ on her sixth and final attempt of the competition. Bliss won her second shot put title in as many weeks with a series-best of 51-7 to help lead the Lady Tigers to the victory. LSU will return to action this weekend with its first of four trips to the Randal Tyson Track Center in Fayetteville, Ark., as the Tigers and Lady Tigers compete at the Razorback Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

OLE MISS

Men – Ranked No. 23 in the nation, Ole Miss competed against the likes of No. 11 Auburn, No. 16 Florida State and No. 20 Mississippi State at the Auburn Indoor Invitational in Birmingham on Saturday, and it was once again senior Ricky Robertson and sophomore Sam Kendricks putting on a record-breaking show for the fans. Robertson did not compete in his signature event, the high jump, but all he did instead was win the triple jump with a meet-record leap of 52-8.25 that is the best jump in the NCAA so far this year. A personal best, the mark ranks him third in school history in the event. Robertson is currently tied for seventh in the NCAA in the high jump (7-2.5) and tied for 25th in the long jump (24-1.5). He leads the SEC in both the triple jump and high jump. Kendricks broke the meet record in the pole vault, clearing 17-8.5 before missing on three attempts at what would have been a school-record 18-4.5. He broke his own school record the previous weekend with a vault of 18-1.75, tied for the best by an American this indoor season. Other Rebels ranked top 50 in the nation in their events include Morris Kersh in the triple jump (37th, 48-11.5) and Montez Griffin in the 400 meters (50th, 48.20). Ole Miss will return to action this upcoming Friday at the A-State Invitational in Jonesboro, Ark. **Women –** Sophomore Haley Cutright broke the Ole Miss women's indoor mile record to lead the Rebels at the Auburn Invitational against nationally ranked teams in No. 1 Clemson, No. 11 UCF, No. 17 Georgia and No. 24 Auburn. Cutright was victorious in the 1-mile run with a time of 4:50.47. The previous school record of 4:50.71 had been held by Rachel Ellison since the 2004 SEC Championships. Cutright, who hails from Roanoke, Va., also placed eighth in the 3,000 meters with a personal-best time of 9:53.06 that ranks her fourth-best in school history. Senior Anne Threlkeld, a native of Oxford, Miss., was sixth in the 1-mile with a time of 4:58.02 that ranks her fourth-best in school history and finished seventh in the 3,000 meters with a time of 9:52.98 that ranks her third-best in the school record books. The women's distance medley relay team made up of Tia Leake, Monica Williams, Sofia Hellberg-Jonsen and Margaret Harkness placed second with a time of 11:57.48 that ranks the unit second-best in school history. Freshman sprinter Asia Cooper continued her assault on the Rebel record books for the third meet in a row. The Jackson, Miss., product crossed the finish line fifth in the 60-meter finals with a season-best time of 7.44 that ranks her tied for fifth in school history. Rebels who rank top 50 in the national rankings include Asia Cooper in the 60 (22nd, 7.44), the distance medley relay team (23rd, 11:57.48), Sofia Hellberg-Jonsen in the 800 (28th, 2:11.28), Jazmin Miller in the weight throw (28th, 62-8.75), Haley Cutright in the mile (36th, 4:50.47), Marci Morman in the triple jump (40th, 40-0.75) and long jump (47th, 19-2) and Fabia McDonald in the long jump (47th, 19-2). Ole Miss will return to action this upcoming Friday at the A-State Invitational in Jonesboro, Ark.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Returning to the CrossPlex on Saturday after showcasing impressive competition the previous weekend, Mississippi State indoor track and field captured nine Top 10 finishes at the Auburn Indoor Invitational, highlighted by numerous field victories and a broken meet record. Leading the way for the Lady Bulldogs were returning veterans Rochelle Farquharson (5.81m, 7th) and Alyssa Hall (1.67m, 7th), who posted top scores in the long jump and high jump, respectively. MSU continued to shine with top speeds from Brandon McBride (47.37) and Tavaris Tate (21.16). McBride seized a second-place finish in the 400-meter dash and Tate took a second-place spot in the 200-meter dash. Another pair of Top 10 field victories from Megan Walker (3.70m) and Jason Harper (14.53m) in the pole vault and triple jump, respectively, then added to the Maroon and White's collection of convincing performances. Additionally, distance runner Emma Neigel (5:03.08) used her veteran experience in the mile run to capture another top finish for Coach Steve Dudley's team. Later in the day, both the men and women proved their talents in the 4000-meter distance medley. The Lady Bulldogs, including Chloe Phillips, Brittany Covington, Emma Neigel and Katie Huston posted a time of 11:56.01 seconds to improve upon the Auburn Indoor Invitational record of 12:14.75 seconds. In similar fashion, the MSU men, which included Patrick and Andrew Monaghan, 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. After a two-week break from competition, MSU returns to action on Feb. 1. The athletes will split meets as some travel to South Bend, Ind., for the Meyo Invite and others set out for success at the New Balance Invitational in New York.

MISSOURI

The Tigers were at home on Friday, hosting the Missouri Invitational to kick off their SEC debut season. With 17 personal-best performances and seven new Top Ten All-Time marks, both squads came out of the meet with confidence and high hopes for the upcoming months. **Men –** Freshmen and seniors alike achieved high marks, beginning with senior Malcolm Pennix, who picked up where he left off last season to break the meet record in the long jump, hitting a mark of 7.78m (25-6.25) to win the event. Freshman Markesh Woodson had a memorable first meet in the black and gold, winning the 60m and tying the school record, crossing the line in 6.70. Both Pennix and Woodson made it on the national rankings at #2 and #15, respectively. Seniors Brooks Mosier and Jacob Bullinger are also entering the season in the national rankings. Mosier is currently at #17 for the shot put, and Bullinger is #6 in the weight throw. **Women –** The women also came out of the night with a new meet record, as well as a couple near misses for school records. Senior Laura Roxberg started her season off with a Missouri Invitational record of 2:45.63 in the 1000m, only 0.22 away from tying the current Missouri school record. Freshman Chelsie Stevens had an even closer look at a new record, missing the 12-year old 60m dash school record by 0.01 after finishing the prelim with a time of 7.61. The women throwers have some presence on the national rankings as well, with sophomore Kearsten Peoples currently at #20 for the weight throw and #4 in the shot put, and sophomore Jill Rushin at #16 in the shot put. Next up for the Tigers is the Jan. 25-25 Rod McCravy Memorial Invitational at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The South Carolina track and field program will host the second USC Indoor Meet of the season on Wed., Jan. 23. The South Carolina track and field team posted 13 top-five finishes including five wins against stiff competition at the Auburn Invitational at the Birmingham CrossPlex on Saturday. Junior Jeannelle Scheper highlighted the day by setting a new school record by two inches in the high jump. South Carolina got their first win of the day in the men's long jump. Senior Jarrod Hutchen started off his season with a jump of 24'9 (7.54m) to win the section. Hutchen's jump ranks ninth in the country. On the women's side, senior Ceci Kryst recorded the best finish, recording a jump of 17'8 ¾ (5.40m) to take 20th. Senior Breanna Radford captured her second win of the season in the women's shot put with a throw of 51'11 (15.82m). One week after being named St. Lucia's Female Junior Athlete of the Year for the second consecutive year, Scheper set a new PR, school record, facility record and meet record with her clearance of 6'2 (1.88m). Scheper and junior Krystle Schade from Alabama both cleared 6'2, but Schade got the win as she recorded fewer misses in the event, leaving Scheper in second place.

TENNESSEE

The Tennessee track & field team was back in action for its second meet of the 2013 indoor season, as the Vols and Lady Vols traveled to Blacksburg, Va., for the Virginia Tech Invitational. After picking up one event win and three runner-ups on Friday, Tennessee rallied for seven titles and seven second-place finished on day two of the invitational. Junior Lady Vol Linda Hadfield highlighted the action for Tennessee, besting a UT indoor school record in the women's pole vault. On her third attempt, Hadfield cleared 13-5.75 (4.11m) to destroy both her personal and the nearly 10-year old school record. Former Lady Vol Christie Elwin set the former record of 13-2.25 on March 2, 2003. Hadfield's mark, which was good for second at the event, currently ranks fourth in the SEC and ninth in the nation. Newcomer Lady Vol Hannah Davidson, a graduate student transfer from Providence College, helped UT tremendously in her first meet. The Saratoga Springs, N.Y., native anchored the women's distance medley relay team to cruise to a first-place finish. The squad improved its time this season by nearly six seconds with Davidson at the anchor, crossing the line in 11 minutes, 31.37 seconds. That mark, which was nearly nine seconds ahead of the second-place team, currently ranks as the second-fastest time in the conference and the third-quickest in the nation. Davidson also posted a runner-up finish in the women's mile, crossing the line just .23 seconds behind the race winner. Freshman thrower Cassie Wertman also won the women's shot put in her first meet at UT with a PR toss of 50-2.50/15.30m, while her teammate Jessie Harrison took second in the weight throw. Rookie Chelsea Blaase won the women's 5000m and sophomore pole vaulter Erin Champion added a third-place mark in the event. For the Vols, sophomore Jamol James – one of the team's top sprinters – got things going by winning the men's long jump in his first career attempt at the event at UT. After fouling his first two attempts, James recorded a leap of 24-2.5 (7.38m) to best 20 competitors and earn the win. James also anchored the men's 4x400m relay squad to a victory in 3:15.14. New Vol Terrance Livingston put up a great mark in the men's 500m, winning the event in 1:03.65. That time ranks seventh in Tennessee history. The Orange and White men added a win in the distance medley relay, while former Vol Robert Rasnick, who was competing unattached, took the men's pole vault title. Current Vols Jacob Blankenship, Chase Brannon and Tyler Porter finished 2-3-4, respectively, in the men's pole vault to sweep the top four slots in the event. Tennessee also had runner-up marks in the men's weight throw, shot put and 200m.

TEXAS A&M

The Aggies will host a conference challenge between the SEC, Big 12 and Pac-12 during the Texas A&M Mondo Challenge on Friday and Saturday, January 25-26. A&M and Tennessee represent the SEC with TCU and Texas Tech from the Big 12 while Arizona State and USC represent the Pac-12. **Men -** While hosting the Texas A&M Triangular the No. 4 Aggie men (No. 2 in dual rankings) defeated No. 1 Arkansas (also No. 1 in dual rankings) and No. 10 LSU (No. 8 in dual rankings) by scoring 128.5 points to 99 for the Razorbacks and 82.5 for the Tigers. Deon Lendore posted a world-leading 45.91 in the 400 and anchored the winning 4 x 400 relay in 45.9 while two other members of the relay, Aldrich Bailey, Jr. (47.28) and Carlyle Roudette (47.38) placed third and fourth in the 400. Henry Lelei claimed the mile in 4:10.95 and anchored the A&M distance medley relay to victory. Prezel Hardy, Jr. won the 60m in 6.73 and finished second in the 200 (21.05) while leading the Aggies with 12 points. Casey Strong won his third consecutive weight throw, improving his school record to 65-0.75 (19.83), while wins were also claimed by Devion Harris in the high jump (6-10.25) and Jonathan Turner in the long jump (23-7.25). **Women -** The No. 6 A&M women (No. 2 in dual rankings), came within four points of No. 4 LSU (No. 1 in dual rankings) during its Triangular meet. LSU won with 107.5 points over 103.5 for the Aggies with Arkansas third with 103 points. Ashley Collier won the 60 in 7.38 in leading an Aggie 1st through 4th place finish. Kamaria Brown was second to LSU's Kimberlyn Duncan in the 200 (23.15 to 23.21). Chelsea Utley won the high jump with a clearance of 5-9.25 (1.76) as she cleared her all seven of her successful attempts on one try. LaQue Moen-Davis won the long jump with a mark of 19.7.5 (5.98) to record a second victory in the event this season.

VANDERBILT

The Vanderbilt track team opened 2013 at the Kentucky Invitational in Lexington, getting strong performances in the high jump and distance medley relay. The Commodore distance medley team of Kristen Findley, Skyler Carpenter, Sara Barron and Hannah Jumper placed second with a time of 11:35.72. A Kentucky quartet won the even with a time of 11:30.19. Brionne Williams was edged out in the high jump by Louisville's Michelle Kinsella. Both cleared 1.81 meters (five feet, 11.25 inches) on their third attempt and failed to clear 1.85 meters. Kinsella earned the tiebreaker for clearing 1.78 meters on her first try, while it took Williams two attempts. In the 3,000 meters, senior Allie Scalf led seven Vanderbilt runners in the top 14, placing fourth with a time of 9:51.38. Amira Joseph placed sixth with a time of 9:54.16, followed by Grace Orders in eighth (10:07.20), Vanessa Valentine in ninth (10:07.90) and Rebecca Chandler rounding out the top 10 (10:11.35). The mile saw Hannah Jumper get off to a solid start in 2013. The 2012 SEC Cross Country Freshman of the Year posted a time of 4:52.03 to finish fourth. She was followed across the line by fellow freshman Lily Williams in 5:00.36. Senior Kristen Findley was eighth in 5:04.04. Next up for Vanderbilt is the Indiana Relays on January 25-26 in Bloomington, Ind.