

METRO CONFERENCE INDOOR TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP

CHARLES RECTOR FIELDHOUSE

FEBRUARY 28, 1987

35 LB. WEIGHT - 1. RICKY BUTLER, VA. TECH, 50'7"; 2. ROBERT TAYLOR, VA. TECH, 48' 9 1/2"; 3. MIKE ZWICK, CINCINNATI, 43'2"; 4. GREG CHEW, CINCINNATI, 42'7"; 5. FRANK CIMMENTO, CINCINNATI, 38'5"; 6. JOHN BOEPPLE, SO. MISS., 37'10"  
SHOT PUT - 1. JOHN POEHLEIN, SO. CAROLINA, 54'10"; 2. FRANK CIMMENTO, CINCINNATI, 49'2"; 3. JEFF CHAMBERLIN, VA. TECH, 48' 9 1/2"; 4. SHAWN WILSON, SO. MISS., 47' 5 1/2"; 5. MIKE ZWICK, CINCINNATI, 46'9"; 6. GREG CHEW, CINCINNATI, 44' 4 1/2"

HIGH JUMP - 1. PAUL WIECHERN, SO. CAROLINA, 6'9"; 2. DAMON KURTZ, CINCINNATI, 6'8"; 3. CHRIS BEAN, CINCINNATI, 6'8"; 4. DWAYNE PACKER, SO. MISS., 6'8"; 5. J.T. ULLERY, CINCINNATI, 6'2"

MILE - 1. GARY COBB, VA. TECH, 4:08.1; 2. STEVE TAYLOR, VA. TECH, 4:10.7; 3. RON VOIGT, VA. TECH, 4:12.2; 4. DAVID TOPHAM, MEMPHIS ST., 4:13.9; 5. TOM HOWE, SO. CAROLINA, 4:17.0; 6. PHILLIP BLAKE, MEMPHIS ST., 4:22.0

LONG JUMP - 1. CHRIS BEAN, CINCINNATI, 23' 11 1/2"; 2. ANTHONY WOOD, SO. CAROLINA, 23'9"; 3. PHIL SAUNDERS, VA. TECH, 22' 8 1/2"; 4. DAMON KURTZ, CINCINNATI, 22'3"; 5. RICH HALL, CINCINNATI, 22' 1 1/4"; 6. RANDY BUNGARD, VA. TECH, 21' 9 1/2"

500 - 1. ANTHONY BEASON, SO. CAROLINA, 1:03.4; 2. BRAD REED, VA. TECH, 1:05.8; 3. PARIS DAVIS, VA. TECH, 1:06.1; 4. JEFF LONGBOTTOM, VA. TECH, 1:06.3; 5. DON SUTTON, SO. CAROLINA, 1:06.4; 6. ROBERT PITTMAN, CINCINNATI, 1:07.1

1000 - 1. GARY COBB, VA. TECH, 2:22.5; 2. LEWIS JOHNSON, CINCINNATI, 2:23.1; 3. RON VOIGT, VA. TECH, 2:27.2; 4. JAY OUSTRICH, VA. TECH, 2:28.7; 5. RAJIV NAYAR, SO. CAROLINA, 2:30.0; 6. ARNO HART, SO. CAROLINA, 2:32.1

55M HIGH HURDLES - 1. ROBERT PITTMAN, CINCINNATI, 7.55; 2. NICO PERKINS, MEMPHIS ST., 7.59; 3. TERRI STRONG, CINCINNATI, 7.30; 4. ERVIN HARVILLE, SO. MISS., 7.82; 5. CHRIS BEAN, CINCINNATI, 7.83; 6. JEFF LONGBOTTOM, VA. TECH, 8.05

55M DASH - 1. OLLIE TAYLOR, SO. CAROLINA, 6.31; 2. ERIC NEWTON, MEMPHIS ST., 6.41; 3. DARRYL SWANN, CINCINNATI, 6.42; 4. ANTHONY TYSON, MEMPHIS ST., 6.53; 5. ROBERT JOHNSON, SO. MISS., 6.57; 6. MARK MOORE, SO. MISS., 6.65

POLE VAULT - 1. DALE GERKE, SO. CAROLINA, 16'0"; 2. BILL RIFFLE, CINCINNATI, 16'0"; 3. PAT PHILLIPS, VA. TECH, 16'0"; 4. GARY MORRIS, VA. TECH, 15'6"; 5. JEFF McCAULLEY, CINCINNATI, 15'0"; 6. BRIAN PANTER, CINCINNATI, 14'0"

3000 - 1. TONY WILLIAMS, VA. TECH, 8:24.9; 2. HOWARD NIPPERT, VA. TECH, 8:26.2; 3. DAVID TOPHAM, MEMPHIS ST., 8:28.2; 4. ROBERT KING, SO. MISS., 8:28.3; 5. TOM HARDING, VA. TECH, 8:29.7; 6. KEN COSTELLO, SO. CAROLINA, 8:35.8

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TRIPLE JUMP - 1. PHIL SAUNDERS, VA. TECH, 50' 8 1/2"; 2. CHRIS BEAN, CINCINNATI 47' 11 1/4"; 3. ANTHONY WOOD, SO. CAROLINA, 47' 4 1/2"; 4. DON GARRETT, SO. MISS., 45' 2 3/4"; 5. DWAYNE PACKER, SO. MISS., 44' 0"; 6. DAMON KURTZ, CINCINNATI, 43' 1 3/4"

1600M RELAY - 1. SO. CAROLINA, 3:19.5; 2. SO. MISS., 3:21.3; 3. 3. CINCINNATI, 3:21.3; 4. VA. TECH, 3:22.3; 5. MEMPHIS ST., 3:28.8

3200M RELAY - 1. SO. CAROLINA, 7:49.1; 2. CINCINNATI, 7:49.1; 3. MEMPHIS ST., 7:54.4; 4. SO. MISS., 8:21.7

TEAM SCORES: 1. VA. TECH, 73 1/2; 2. CINCINNATI, 60 1/2; 3. SO. CAROLINA, 52, 4. MEMPHIS ST., 19; 5. SO. MISS., 18; 6. FLORIDA ST. & LOUISVILLE, 0

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BLACKSBURG, Va. -- Virginia Tech will host the 1986-87 Metro Conference Men's Indoor Track Championship Saturday, Feb. 28 in Rector Fieldhouse. The meet will begin at 9 a.m. with the 35-pound weight event and conclude at approximately 2:55 with the 3200-meter relay.

This meet marks the first official Metro Conference Indoor Championship event since 1980 when Florida State captured the title in Rector Fieldhouse.

In December of 1986, the Metro Conference Athletic Directors unanimously approved the recommendation from conference coaches to resurrect the men's indoor championship. The return of the indoor Metro championship brings the total number of men's conference titles to eight.

Florida State is an early favorite to claim the 1986-87 title, but host Virginia Tech, South Carolina and Cincinnati also field strong squads. Louisville, Southern Mississippi and Memphis State round out the seven team field.

"We're excited about the opportunity to host the Metro Indoor Championship," said Tech track coach Russ Whitenack. "Running at home is a big plus for our team. If we can get a large crowd, hopefully our team can rise to the occasion."

Admission to the Metro Indoor Championship meet is \$2 to the general public, \$1 to persons under 18 years of age and free to Virginia Tech students, faculty and staff.

BLACKSBURG, Va. -- Paced by Gary Cobb, Virginia Tech captured the Metro Conference Men's Indoor Track Championship in Rector Fieldhouse on the Virginia Tech campus. Cobb, a sophomore from Ashland, Va., was named the meet's Outstanding Athlete as he won both the mile and the 1,000-meter events.

Winning five of 14 events in the five-team meet, Tech scored 73½ points to outdistance second-place Cincinnati (60½), third-place South Carolina (52), Memphis State (19) and Southern Mississippi (18). Florida State and Louisville did not attend the meet.

Cobb's victory in the mile was part of a one-two-three Tech finish in that event. Cobb won in 4:08.1. Steve Taylor was second at 4:10.7 and Ron Voigt was third at 4:12.2. In the 1,000-meter, Cobb was followed by Cincinnati's Lewis Johnson, but Tech's Voigt was again third.

The Hokies jumped to an early lead in the meet as Ricky Butler and Robert Taylor took the top two places in the first event of the day, the 35-pound weight. Butler registered a 50'7" throw and Taylor was second with a 48'9½" heave.

Tech also got a first place finish from Tony Williams in the 3,000 and Phil Saunders in the triple jump. Williams, who won in a time of 8:24.9, was followed closely in the 3,000 by Tech's Howard Nippert, who finished second in 8:26.2.

According to Tech track coach Russ Whitenack, a strong performance in the 500 was another key for the Hokies' victory. Although South Carolina's Anthony Beason took first place, Virginia Tech's Brad Reed, Paris Davis and Jeff Longbottom took the next three places.

"That was one event we didn't expect to do that well in," said Whitenack. "We knew we could hang with anyone in the conference in the distance events, but our performance in the 500 was a real breakthrough for us."

This championship marked the first Metro Indoor title since 1980 when Florida State claimed the last crown. Scoring for the 1987 meet awarded six points for first place; four for second; three for third, two for second and one for fifth place.