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Bethay Earns All-SoCon Bid at Indoor Track and Field Championships
Feb. 22, 2003

JOHNSON CITY, TENN. - Katon Bethay earned All-Southern Conference honors this weekend at the SoCon Indoor Track and Field Championships at East Tennessee State. A freshman football player projected to start at nose tackle for the Terriers this fall, Bethay took second in the shot put with a distance of 15.66 meters, a feat which gave him an automatic placement on the team.

Joining Bethay in the shot put competition was Ben Whitney, who finished ninth with a distance of 14.21 meters. Freshman Alex Love finished 15th in the 55 meter hurdles (10.63 seconds). Bethay also competed in the weight throw, where he placed 14th (9.71 meters).

On the women's side, freshman Ashley Adamson placed 21st in the 800 meter run (2:41.97).
Borders Qualifies for NCAA's at Chanticleer Classic

April 12, 2003

CONWAY, S.C. -- Sophomore Adrien Borders became the first Wofford student-athlete ever to qualify for NCAA Division I post-season play in any sport since the Terriers began competing at that level in the 1995-96 athletic year by hitting a mark of 49 feet, 2.25 inches in the triple jump during last weekend's Coastal Carolina Chanticleer Classic.

Borders, who also competes as a starting guard on the Terrier men's basketball team, set the top mark for the meet in the triple jump, outdistancing his nearest competitor by almost three feet. He also won the long jump with a distance of 23 feet, four inches. Borders also finished eighth in the 100 meter dash. He will compete at the NCAA Regional Competition at George Mason University in late May.

Other leaders on the men's side of the competition included Katon Bethay, Alex Love, and Ben Whitney. Bethay won the shot put with a distance of 50 feet, eight inches, while coming in fifth in both the discus throw and the hammer throw. Love finished second in the 110 meter hurdles while Whitney was second in the shot put and seventh in the discus throw.

On the women's side, women's basketball player Gabby Whaley broke the school record in the 400 meter dash, finishing second with a time of 59.39, just one 100th of a second behind the event's leader. Other top finishers included Jaya Abraham, who was second in the 1500 meter run with a time of 5:14.52. Emily Smothers, who was second in the 3000 meter run (12:06.53), and Janet Rhodes, who was second in the javelin throw (109 feet, 2 inches).

Wofford Results

WOMEN'S EVENTS

400 Meter Dash
2. Gabby Whaley

800 Meter Run
5. Ashley Adamson 2:32.99

1500 Meter Run
2. Jaya Abraham 5:14.52
7. Rachel Smithson 5:45.39

3000 Meter Run
2. Emily Smothers 12:06.53
2. Emily Smothers 12:00.33
5. Emily Smith 13:09.07
6. Casey Lambert 13:09.30

4x400 Meter Relay
4. Wofford 4:47.81

Javelin Throw
2. Janet Rhodes 33.27m (109' 2")

MEN'S EVENTS

100 Meter Dash
8. Adrien Borders 11.27
11. Steve Hoover 11.43
18. Jeff Sullivan 11.65
20. Shaun Bennett 11.70
30. Corey Dunn 12.41

1500 Meter Run
17. Chris Shugart 5:04.55
20. Mark Farthing 5:29.87

110 Meter Hurdles
2. Alex Love 15.51

4x100 Meter Relay
5. Wofford 43.39

Long Jump
1. Adrien Borders 7.11m (23' 4")

Triple Jump
1. Adrien Borders 14.99m (47' 1")

Shot Put
1. Katon Bethay 15.44m (50' 8")
2. Ben Whitney 13.67m (44' 10.25")

Discus Throw
5. Katon Bethay 41.10m (134' 10")
7. Ben Whitney 36.65m (120' 3")

Hammer Throw
5. Katon Bethay 40.44m (132' 8")

Javelin Throw
13. Andre Caldwell 40.17m (131' 9")
20. Ben Whitney 26.56m (87' 2")

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Borders Named SoCon Player of the Week
April 15, 2003

Adrien Borders earned Southern Conference Player of the Week honors this week after becoming the first Wofford student-athlete ever to qualify for NCAA Division I postseason competition.

Borders, who is also a starting guard for the men's basketball team, qualified for the NCAA regionals in men's track by reaching a distance of 49 feet, 2.75 inches while winning the triple jump at last weekend's Chanticleer Classic. He currently ranks 53rd nationally in the event, and will compete at the NCAA Regionals at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., in late May.

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Borders Breaks Two School Records at Orange and Purple Classic  
May 12, 2003

CLEMSON, S.C. -- Sophomore Adrien Borders improved upon his own school records in the long jump and triple jump at Saturday's Orange and Purple Classic at Clemson.

Borders finished third in the triple jump with a distance of 50 feet, six inches (15.39 meters) while going sixth in the long jump at 24 feet, 3 1/2 inches (7.41 meters). He also had a personal best time in the 100 meter dash at 10.83 seconds.

Freshmen Katon Bethay and Alex Love also finished well for the Terriers. Bethay placed 10th in the shot put with a distance of 15.61 meters and 19th in the discus throw (41.64 meters). Love was 16th in the 110 meter high hurdles with a time of 15.38 seconds.

Borders has already qualified for NCAA regional competition in both the long jump and the triple jump, which will take place at George Mason University at the end of May.

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Borders Gains National Ranking
May 13, 2003

Sophomore Adrien Borders has gained a national ranking in two track events. He currently ranks 44th nationally in the triple jump with a distance of 15.39 meters. He reached that school-record distance at Saturday's Orange and Purple Classic at Clemson.

Borders is also nationally ranked in the long jump. He currently holds 60th place with a distance of 7.41 meters.

Borders will compete at the NCAA East Regional Track Meet at George Mason University on May 30-31.

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Wofford cross country and track standout Emily Smothers has been named to the 2003 Verizon Academic All-District III second team. Smothers, who graduated earlier this month, was one of 22 student-athletes throughout the five-state district named to the team.

During her career at Wofford, Smothers broke the school's outdoor records in both the 3,000 and the 5,000-meter runs with times of 12:06.53 and 19:51.30, respectively. She had strong finishes that included a second-place showing in the 3,000 at the Chanticleer Outdoor Classic and fourth in the 3,000 at the USC Invitational. She was the cross country team's MVP during her freshman and senior seasons.

Smothers, a government and English major, was recently inducted into Wofford's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. She was a Palmetto Fellows Scholar and a Wofford Scholar. Smothers had also earned a membership in Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honors Society.
The reaggravation of a right heel injury on the first of his three attempts hindered Adrien Borders during triple jump qualifying today at the NCAA Track East Regionals in Fairfax, Va.

Borders needed to place in the top five to advance to the NCAA National Championships June 11-14 in Sacramento, Calif.

Also a starting guard on the Terrier men’s basketball team, Borders captured the SoCon title in the triple jump and long jump at the league championships last month in Boone, N.C. He became the first Wofford student-athlete or team to participate in postseason play since the college began competition at the NCAA Division I level in the 1995-96 academic year.

Borders placed 16th in the long jump yesterday with a mark of 7.16 meters.