

Del. St. men claim MEAC title; SCSC sets records in 2 events

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CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Delaware State's Esayas Asafaw set a new Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference indoor track record in the mile to lead his team to the men's indoor championship Saturday at the University of North Carolina.

The Hornets captured the men's title with 98 points, while South Carolina State finished second with 86 and Howard third with 60.

Asafaw's time of 4 minutes, 21.89 seconds bested the old mark held by Ricky Meekins of Maryland-Eastern Shore. Meekins time of 4:26.7 was set in 1985. Meekins finished second to Asafaw Saturday with a time of 4:26.25.

Five other conference records were broken in the men's division.



North Carolina A&T's Ed Smith set a new MEAC mark with a leap of 53 feet, 4½ inches in the triple jump. Other records broken included Maryland-Eastern Shore's Howard Lindsey with a long jump of 24-½; South Carolina State's Ezra Catwell's 2:16.19 in the 1,000-yard run; Delaware State's Caiphus Vilakazi's time of

9:37.71 in the two-mile run and the South Carolina State team in the one-mile relay with a time of 3:19.29.

Maryland-Eastern Shore finished fourth with 56 points, while North Carolina A&T was fifth with 41. Bethune-Cookman, Coppin State and Morgan State did not score any points.

The Hornets also captured the women's indoor championship with a conference-record 155 points, while South Carolina State had 112 and Howard 62. Maryland-Eastern Shore finished fourth with 11 points, while Coppin State, Morgan State and North Carolina A&T finished with six points each. Bethune-Cookman did not score any points.

The Hornets were led by Sophia Hunter's conference-record time of 7.95 seconds in the 60-yard dash.