

# Greaves sets dash record

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The race and 90 minutes removed from the Penn State record in the 60-meter dash, Shavon Greaves pushed the finish line one more time to set the record again.

## WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Two of the Penn State National concluded the meet with several records falling — including Greaves — and distance runners competing for the NCAA national indoor track championship.

Greaves just experienced a two-day competition that was probably one of the best meets in the sport in the country, year in and year out, coach Beth Alford-Sullivan said.

Greaves set the Penn State record in the women's 60-meter dash in consecutive times with times of 7.25 seconds and 7.24 seconds, respectively.

In addition, Greaves placed first in the women's 200-meter dash. She set a meet record with a time of 23.16 seconds.

State alumna Shana Cox, running the 500-meter dash, not only shattered her own Penn State record 500-meter time, but also set a new American record with a time of 1:48.87, 8.70 seconds, .01 seconds faster than the previous American record holder.

While impressive, the race is frequently overshadowed by the 400- and 800-meter dashes, because the 500-meter race is not run at the NCAA or in the Olympics.

Alford-Sullivan said with the extreme competition at the meet, including professional runners and powerhouse schools such as Georgetown, Tennessee, St. Augustine and Miami (Fla.), runners drove each other to run faster than they otherwise would have in a typical collegiate track and field meet.

"It's not every day that you see the competition bring out what they did," Alford-Sullivan said.

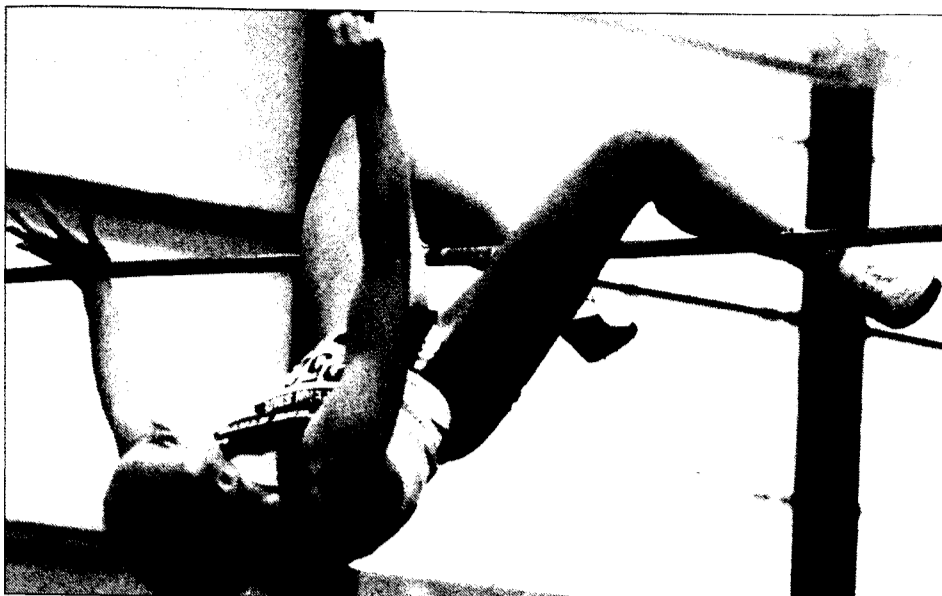
"It was really an atmosphere of being on a great track, but it was also being in great competition. When you put everyone in one place, it's going to run, and records are going to fall."

In their first long distance race of the season, senior Bridget Franek, sophomore Caitlin Lane and senior Cheryl Spring each provisionally qualified for the NCAA in the women's 3,000-meter race.

Although Franek did not yet qualify for an automatic bid for the NCAA, Alford-Sullivan looked at the race as a victory.

"Bridget ran probably the second best time of her career, so I'm not disappointed," Alford-Sullivan said.

"She ran a great race, and this was her first race of the year. We also had three qualify provisionally in that race. ... Those



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Penn State senior Brittany Maun competes in the finals of the high jump competition Saturday during the Penn State National tournament at the Multi-Sport Facility. Maun's teammate Shavon Greaves broke the school record for the 60-meter dash twice.

guys ran out of their minds in that race, and it was tremendous."

In addition to contributing to another NCAA qualifying 4x400 victory, senior runner Fawn Dorr placed first overall in the 400-meter dash with a time of 53.10 seconds.

Dorr said she's satisfied with the result but is unsure of whether an automatic bid to the NCAA is possible.

"It's tough to say. An automatic in the 400, not too many people can do," Dorr said.

"I'd have to drop about a second in order to do that. Can I do that? Yes. If my race goes right and I execute properly."

"I definitely think I can run a 52. But if I do that, I break Shana Cox's record. That's not easy to do."

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# Aussie Foster breaks another school record

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Another meet passed, and another record fell for junior Ryan Foster.

Foster ran his season debut 800 meters at the Penn State National Saturday in one minute, 47.48 seconds, once again setting the Penn State, meet, track and Australian National Indoor records. He also qualified himself automatically for the NCAA championships.

"It was a really solid opener," Foster said of his performance. "I was aiming at getting under 1:48, and I did that."

Though Foster was pleased with his time, he said he thought

he could have done better.

"It was another race where I would've liked to have someone really challenge. That always helps," Foster said.

Foster's run was only one of many great performances on the day for the Nittany Lion men. Freshman Casimir Loxsom also automatically qualified for NCAA in the 800 meters, finishing in one minute, 47.98 seconds. Both times are the top two in the nation so far this season.

Juniors Owen Dawson and Lionel Williams provisionally qualified in the 800 as well, finishing in one minute, 48.97 seconds and one minute, 50.15 seconds, respectively.

Junior Joe Kovacs turned in the third automatic qualifier for the day, throwing a personal-best 63 feet, 6.25 inches in the shot put.

The throw stands second in the Penn State record books behind former Olympian C.J. Hunter's throw of 65 feet, 7 inches.

"The whole day felt good with Blake and I both getting over 60 feet," Kovacs said.

"It's all about taking steps as we move toward nationals."

Fellow junior Blake Eaton also put up a personal-best with a throw of 60 feet, 1 inch. Penn State throws coach T.J. Crater was pleased, as both throws rank as the top two in the Big Ten.

"I couldn't be happier," Penn State throws coach T.J. Crater said.

"It was just one of those things you knew it was going to happen the minute the competition started. It was great."

After the meet, coach Beth Alford-Sullivan said she was proud

of how her team performed.

"I'm impressed," Alford-Sullivan said.

"The momentum behind our guys is very strong moving forward."

Overall, the team finished with a total of three automatic qualifiers and three more on the provisional side. The Lions currently sit at No. 48 in the nation. Before the meet this weekend, Alford-Sullivan said she challenged her team to crack the top-25.

After the Lions' performance Sunday, the team is confident that goal will be reached.

"I think we're damn good," Foster said.

"I'm going to be very surprised if when the rankings come out we're not in the top-25."

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Fuller competes in the long jump final during the Penn State National meet on Saturday.

## MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

## Overrun

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By conceding the run and falling into an insurmountable hole.

"They just made open shots. Hummel got loose a couple times and we didn't do a good job of guarding," DeChellis said. "All of a sudden they bang one, bang one and one goes off the top of the backboard on a rebound and Bam! Kramer hits one at the shot clock. That's been the story."

The Penn State, the game was a series of broken plays and unfortunate bounces. With 6:40 left in the first half, Brooks swatted the ball out of Johnson's hands only to

watch as guard Cam Woodyard simply let it roll out of bounds.

Guard Talor Battle led Penn State with 13 points, but Edwards was the bright spot, finishing with 10 points, 13 rebounds and just three turnovers. Edwards told Penn State radio network he feels the game is starting to slow down for him.

"Coach is just telling me to value possession more and still look for my teammates," Edwards said. "The game is slowing down and that's also helping, but it's just valuing the ball more."

Going into the half, the Lions felt if they hit their open shots, they could stay with the Boilermakers. Instead, Penn State responded by shooting even worse — 30.4 per-

cent in the second half.

One play late in the game summed up the Lions' second half. Forward D.J. Jackson blocked a shot then fell to the floor, only to have center Drew Jones trip and fall over him. The pile of Lions took out two Boilermakers, but it was the Purdue players that got up first while the Lions were left looking at the hardwood.

"We have to absorb the pressure, we can't turn it over and we've got to get good shots," DeChellis said. "I thought first half we did exactly what we needed to do. Second half, the first four minutes, we just didn't do it. And it just snowballed from there."

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## Loss

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had a chance to win it at the end of the game.

But just like against Purdue on Thursday, Penn State was unable to convert down the stretch.

Down by one with 43 seconds left in the game, Meredith Monroe grabbed an offensive rebound off a Janessa Wolf missed jumper, but the referees called a jump ball.

Unfortunately for Monroe, the possession arrow was in favor of the Wolverines, who got the ball back with their one-point lead still intact.

With Penn State needing to hold Michigan to a two-point basket to have a shot to tie the game, Michigan's Krista Phillips found an opening downtown and launched the ball into the air.

She nailed the shot and killed any chances of a Penn State comeback victory, assuring a second-straight loss for the Lady Lions.

Phillips' 3-pointer was one of eight total by Michigan, which used the long ball and its ability to keep the Lions from getting to the free-throw line to send Penn State to its second-straight defeat.

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## Coach

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Downey said, "but we have to understand it's a personal decision, and he has to do what he has to do. I was disappointed, yeah, but I had to be honest, too, that he was taking the next step in his life."

During his career at Penn State, whether as a player or coach, Downey has reached the championship game every season except one.

He captured ACHA titles in each of his first three seasons from 2000-01 to 2002-03 as a player before losing to Ohio in the championship game his senior year in 2004.

Last year, his first as a coach, the Icers lost in the semifinals to Ohio, falling one win shy of another national championship appearance.

"He puts his heart and soul into this team and our whole hockey family," senior captain Matt Kirstein said.

"It's going to be a loss for us. He works so hard and has such a good hockey mind. He cares a lot about what he does every day, and that's a big reason why he's had all the success that he has."

Downey's contributions to the team run much deeper than simply providing advice and experience, however.

Despite the label of assistant coach, Downey has run many of the team's practices over the last two seasons to allow head coach Scott Barbani to get a better view of the practice from the bleachers.

He also has put in many hours of scouting and recruiting players, while also helping run hockey camps at Penn State.

"It's an absolute loss for the Icers," said Joe Battista, who coached Downey during his playing career with the Icers.

"But the bottom line is he's put himself in a position to coach at a number of different levels, and he'll have plenty of opportunities in Boston."

Though he doesn't have a specific job lined up yet in Boston, Downey said going to a "hockey hotbed" like Boston can only help his career.

With the amount of coaching opportunities in Boston, the decision to leave was not nearly as hard as telling the team about the decision, Downey said.

"That was the most difficult part, telling the players," he said. "Day in, day out, you see these guys and see them grow not just as players, but people, too. I just hope they know in the future they can still lean on me, and anything I can help them with, I definitely will."

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## Streak

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this season entering Saturday's game but was benched in the second period after giving up his fourth goal of the night.

"Teddy's been playing really strong for us," assistant coach Bill Downey said.

"And it was just a collective let-down by the whole team. He's strong as a goaltender, though, and we expect him to come back strong."

Hume could not be reached for comment.

The loss was the Icers' first in the ACHA since Oct. 17, 2009, and their only ESCHL regulation loss this season.

else to come into our place and win it on our home ice."

Despite the loss, Penn State still won the season series with Delaware, 3-1, and has not lost the season series with any of its opponents this year.

The three ACHA losses Penn State does have, Kirstein said, have simply been a result of the Icers not playing up to their potential, something they'll look to correct next weekend against the Rams.

"We might not have the most talent in the whole league," Kirstein said.

"But if we come in playing our system and work hard, then we're going to win the game."

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Icer Marek Polldor (5) fights for position against a West Chester player Jan. 23.

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