

County's athletes add seven more titles in Coaches Invitational

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ATLANTA - Cobb County enjoyed a big day as the county's top track and field athletes won seven events on the final day of the Coaches Invitational on Saturday at Georgia Tech's Griffin Stadium.

Wheeler's Jamal Tiller won the boys triple jump and was joined on the victory podium by Kell's Kendell

Williams (girls 100-meter hurdles), Lassiter's Julienne McKee (girls triple jump) and Hillgrove's Melanie Mainor (girls high jump).

Wheeler won both the boys 400 and 800 relays, while Walton took the girls 3,200 relay.

Tiller showed the form that placed him second in last year's Class AAAAA state meet as he leaped 48 feet, 1 inches to win the triple jump.

"I was happy with my performance," Tiller said. "It was a good jump for this early in the year. I just wanted to do the best I could."

Williams was dominant in the girls 100 hurdles, winning with a time of 14.02 seconds, finishing comfortably ahead of the runner-up, Lassiter's Gabrielle Piper (14.95).

It was the second event of the meet won by Williams, who took the long jump Friday.

"I kept up my focus and I got off to a pretty good start," Williams said. "It was a good race."

McKee, a third-place finisher in last year's Class AAAAA meet, took a convincing victory in the triple jump with a jump of 39-2 to finish ahead Etowah's Leah Hixon (36-5).

Mainor, who finished fourth in Class AAAA last season, jumped 5-4 to win the high jump. Chapel Hill's Kaylin Dickerson also recorded a mark of 5-4, but Mainor won on account of her fewer missed jumps.

The Walton girls continued their mastery of the distance relay events Saturday, winning the 3,200 relay after taking the 6,400 relay a day earlier.

The Lady Raiders' quartet of Mara Canning, Caroline Sullivan, Alexa Womack

and Danielle Boyle finished with a time of 9 minutes, 38.30 seconds to outdistance Brookwood (9:52.50).

It was the second relay win in a row for Canning and Sullivan, who led Walton's 6,400 relay team to victory Friday.

"We have a really good team and a good group of girls," Sullivan said. "We ran really well."

The Wheeler boys were just as dominant in the sprint relays. The Wildcats won the 400 relay with a time of 42.50 to edge Parkview (42.65), while the Wildcats' 1,600 relay won with a time of 3:20 to beat runner-up Allatoona (3:22.58).

Wheeler had also won in Friday's boys 800 sprint medley relay.