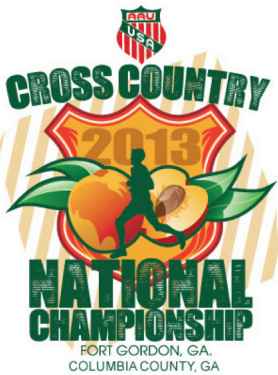


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2013 AAU Cross Country National Championship

Championship Recap/Summation: Mavis Chubb, Georgia AAU Athletics Chair



Special Thanks and Acknowledgements

Wow.. Where do I begin? I'd like to thank our AAU President and CEO Henry Forrest for taking the time to support us in our success! Thanks to our National Athletics Chair, Robin Brown-Beamon and the National Athletics Committee for the beautiful start, finish, 1K, 2K, 3K and 4K banners. The banners extremely enhanced the course décor. Both of your presence was truly appreciated! Special thanks, to the Columbia County CVB, Randy and Shelly. Randy worked diligently with Charles in creating the course; spear headed all the communications with Fort Gordon and provided all the athletes with dog tag memorabilia. Without the CVB help and support we couldn't have made it all happen. The Fort Gordon Military Staff played a stellar role in our success as well. The Fort Gordon Family provided the facility, staff, the National Anthem, security, volunteers and concessions. Kudos goes out to Jackie Markham and Crystal Mannino from our National Office. Thanks for all your administrative hands on support and awards expertise. As always Derrick Monroe (starter) started each race on time! Thanks Miguel Becerra for the course preparation, hands on support and cross-country expertise. As expected, Janis Henderson and the awards staff did an excellent job. I'd also like to acknowledge our vendors: TrackNation, Byrdband and Unforgettable Moments. Last but not least, to Marchan Adkins and the AdkinsTiming for holding it all together, providing excellent customer service and going above and beyond!

Team Georgia



There is no I in team.. I can't say enough about the hard working, outstanding, dedicated group of individuals who help make AAU Georgia Athletics such a successful program. Charles Muhammad, Ed Jinks, Deamey Warren, Jeannie Stephens, George Stephens, Regina Collins, Charles Thompson, Darreon Dilligard, Connie and David Petty.

This year I wanted to attempt stream lining the packet pick up process. Each athlete/team upon arrival received their bib number, pins, AAU gift bag, dog tag (CVB gift) and AAU t-shirt labeled with the athletes' name, all 1166 of them. With that being said, Jeannie, George, Connie, Charles and I were up till 4:30a putting together packets. True soldiers!! Of course the coaches and parents were ecstatic about the new process.



There were two starters, four clerks, six finish line coordinators and sixteen Marshalls, all Georgia AAU volunteers and Georgia USATF Certified Officials on hand. I cannot express the gratitude and respect I have for each and every one of these individuals. Without their help we couldn't have pulled off such a great event.

Our off site awards ceremony was a huge success! Olympic Medalist Manteo Mitchell wooed the athletes with his remarkable story, autograph photos and posters. Georgia AAU provided each athlete free candy apples and popcorn, a well-deserved treat.



Charles Muhammad did a stellar job as our On-Site Meet Coordinator. Charles orchestrated our course set up in conjunction with Megail and the CVB, held a preview meet, and worked countless hours in preparing for our big day. Thank you so much!!

On Site Meet Director Recap Submitted By: Charles Muhammad

Fort Gordon, Georgia – The 2013 AAU Cross Country National Championship brought nearly 1,200 of the country's best youth athletes to Augusta, Georgia to compete at Fort Gordon on a very friendly spectator course. With overcast weather and not too chilly, the rain held off just enough for the runners to compete without the mud and wet conditions.

Twelve races were conducted in this championship with a total of 22 divisions between the boys and girls. With the military background, the color guard and military band kicked off the ceremonies and the event began at the normal 9:00am start time.

Derby City Athletic Club ended the California Comets quest for four straight consecutive years as the overall team national champions. Derby City captured the Overall Team National Title by winning team titles in six different divisions. They captured the High School Girls, 13-14 Girls, 11-12 Boys, 9-10 Girls, 9-10 Boys, and 8 & Under Girls. The California Comets did end up winning the 11-12 Boys division, as well as the 8 & Under Boys. Only two other teams captured division national championships. Intensity Athletics captured the 13-14 Boys national title, while Georgia Elite captured the High School Boys Division.



2013 National Champions

This year's Individual National Champions were:

Meagan Smith	Kentucky Elite	Women's 17-18 Yr. Old (5k)	(18:57.85)
Keenan Rebera	Unattached	Men 17-18 Yr. Old (5k)	(15:29.13)
Caroline Gosser	Derby City Athletic Club	Girls 15-16 Yr. Old (5k)	(19:09.33)
Kaleb McLeod	Georgia Elite	Boys 15-16 Yr. Old (5k)	(15:44.61)
Micheala Reinhart	Derby City Athletic Club	Girls 14 Yr. Old (4k)	(14:27.40)
Joseph Fitzpatrick	Central Florida	Boys 14 Yr. Old (4k)	(13:05.69)
Mariah Castillo	California Comets	Girls 13 Yr. Old (4k)	(14:20.59)
Jacon McLeod	NewRoc Rockets	Boys 13 Yr. Old (4k)	(13:06.95)
Sarah Flynn	Unattached	Girls 12 Yr. Old (3k)	(10:37.88)
Acasio Pinheiro	Newark Beneficial	Boys 12 Yr. Old (3k)	(10:13.90)
Emma Cavendish	Unattached	Girls 11 Yr. Old (3k)	(11:10.56)
Coen Roberts	Unattached	Boys 11 Yr. Old (3k)	(10:31.77)
Lauryn Heskin	TSC AAU	Girls 10 Yr. Old (3k)	(10:53.61)
Jonah Gorevic	White Plains	Boys 10 Yr. Old (3k)	(10:18.52)
Ani Velcheva	The Gainesville Track Club	Girls 9 Yr. Old (3k)	(11:21.96)
Thor Newsome	Derby City Athletic Club	Boys 9 Yr. Old (3k)	(11:07.22)
Logan Ortega	Derby City Athletic Club	Girls 8 & Under (2k)	(7:56.25)
Michail Rose	Virginia Elite	Boys 8 & Under (2k)	(7:45.61)
Michailyn Rose	Virginia Elite	Girls 6 & Under (1k)	(4:42.74)
Leyton Proctor	Southern Indiana	Boys 6 & Under (1k)	(4:37.05)





AAU Athletes at *their* best...

