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January 15-16	Virginia Tech Hokie Invite	Blacksburg, Va.
January 22-23	Virginia Tech Invite	Blacksburg, Va.
January 29-30	Texas A&M Challenge	College Station, Texas
February 5-6	New Balance Collegiate	New York City, N.Y.
February 12-13	Tiger Paw Invitational	Clemson, S.C.
February 12-13	Tyson Invitational	Fayetteville, Ark.
February 20	Gamecock Invitational	Columbia, S.C.
February 26-28	SEC Indoor Championship	Fayetteville, Ark.
March 6	Last Chance Meets	TBD
March 12-13	NCAA Indoor Championship	Fayetteville, Ark.

# **OUTDOOR SCHEDULE**

March 19-20	Shamrock Invitational	Conway, S.C.
March 27	Weems Baskin Relays	Columbia, S.C.
April 2-3	Tiger Track Classic	Auburn, Ala.
April 7	Gamecock Open	Columbia, S.C.
April 9-10	Spec Towns Invite	Athens, Ga.
April 16-17	Friendship & Freedom Games	Greensboro, N.C.
April 22-24	Penn Relays	Philadelphia, Pa.
May 8	UNC Elite Meet	Chapel Hill, N.C.
March 13-16	SEC Outdoor Championship	Knoxville, Tenn.
March 27-29	NCAA Preliminary Round	Greensboro, N.C.
June 9-12	NCAA Outdoor Championship	Eugene, Ore.

# **ABOUT THE FACILITIES**

The outdoor track, named in honor of legendary Gamecock coach Weems Baskin, features a 400-meter, eight-lane track with multi-directional sprint straightaways. The Erotan "S" Synthetic track surface is made by Southwest Recreational Industries, Inc.

Inside the track are two multi-directional long and triple jump runways that include four pits. There also is a multi-directional vault area, and the high jump apron was expanded during the 1997 surfacing project.

The world-class Lynx timing system, used indoors and outdoors, allows for rapid and accurate computerized fully automatic times.

The outdoor track also features world-class throwing facilities. The hammer and discus circles are surrounded by a 20-foot high cage that meets NCAA and international standards. There also are two shot put rings, a javelin runway and an additional ring with a cage.

The outdoor track has seating to accommodate 2,200 spectators. This season, the Gamecocks will host one indoor meet and two outdoor meets. The outdoor track also plays host to a number of youth and high school competitions, including the state high school championships and the Coaches Classic High School meet.

The indoor track features a 250m, three-lane track and separate vault facility. The infield is carpeted with artificial turf. The throws area features separate shot put and weight-throw circles. The landing area is artificial turf, and there is ample space in the facility for practicing either indoor or outdoor events.

The Gamecocks' cross country courses are Owens Field and Hilton Field at Fort Jackson, the site of the 1997 and 2005 SEC Cross Country Championships, the 1999 South Carolina Collegiate Championship and the annual Gamecock Invitational. The all-grass course has rolling hilly terrain and a grandstand that seats 3,000 fans.

# **ABOUT WEEMS BASKIN**



The outdoor track is dedicated in honor of former coach Weems O. Baskin, Jr. After his death in 1993, the All-Comers Meet was renamed in his honor, the Weems Baskin Memorial Meet.

During his brilliant coaching career at South Carolina from 1949 to 1969, Baskin won 90 dual meets and lost 47. He later held the position of adminstrative assistant to the athletic director before retiring in 1972.

The only breaks in his coaching career that began in 1930 were during World War II when Baskin served as a Naval officer, in 1946 and 1947 as a businessman in Athens, Ga., and 1951 when South Carolina did not field a team due to the Korean War.

Originally from Carrollton, Ga., Baskin was a four-sport athlete at Carrollton High School. He enrolled at Auburn in 1923 and by his senior year was playing tight end on the football team and winning the national championship in the 110-meter high hurdles. Baskin also ran the low hurdles and competed in the shot put, discus, javelin and high jump. He won the Southern Conference title three straight years in the high hurdles and was a national AAU indoor champion in 1928.

# WEEMS BASKIN TRACK

After receiving a degree in education, Baskin ran for the New York Athletic Club for two winters and wrote for various publications. He began his coaching career as an assistant football coach at Auburn in 1930 and assisted with the track team. He went to Georgia in 1931 to become the head track coach while serving as an assistant to football. Baskin served in the same capacity at Mississippi from 1938 to 1943 before joining the Naval Reserve during WWII.

Baskin, a former president of the National Track and Field Coaches Association and chairman of the NCAA Track and Field Rules Committee, is a member of the Helms Foundation Track and Field Hall of Fame. He also was elected to the South Carolina and Georgia Track and Field Halls of Fame.

# **WEEMS BASKIN RECORDS**

	MEN'S RECORDS
100m	9.90 ● Harvey Glance, Auburn, 1976
200m	20.29 • Justin Gatlin, Tennessee, 2001
400m	44.78 • Avard Moncur, Auburn, 2001
800m	1:45.36 • Otukile Lekote, South Carolina, 2001
1,500m	3:42.85 • Gary Cobb, Virginia Tech, 1987
5,000m	13:57.53 • David Kimani, Alabama, 2001
10,000m	29:47.24 • David Keen, Florida State, 1989
110m Hurdles	13.48 • Terrence Trammell, South Carolina, 1999
400m Hurdles	49.65 • Ricky Harris, Florida, 2001
3,000m Steeple	8:44.94 • Daniel Lincoln, Arkansas, 2001
4x100m Relay	39.37 • South Carolina, 1999
4x400m Relay	3:03.63 • LSU, 2001
High Jump	7-5 • James Barrineau, Georgia, 1977
Pole Vault	17-5 1/2 ● Dale Gerke, South Carolina, 1988
Long Jump	26-9 1/4 • Walter Davis, LSU, 2001
Triple Jump	55-11 • Walter Davis, LSU, 2001
Shot Put	66-11 1/4 • Brad Snyder, South Carolina, 1998
Discus	205-5 • Gabor Mate, Auburn, 2001
Hammer	246-0 • Tomas Sjostrom, Unattached, 1996
Javelin	244-2 • Erin Bevans, Unattached, 1997
Decathlon	8,024 Points • Claston Bernard, LSU, 2001

	WOMEN'S RECORDS
100m	11.28 • Muna Lee, LSU, 2001
200m	22.99 • Miki Barber, South Carolina, 2001
400m	50.63 • Miki Barber, South Carolina, 2001
800m	2:06.47 • Nona Allen, Florida, 2001
1,500m	4:20.89 • Tracy Robinson, Arkansas, 2001
5,000m	16:16.36 • Amy Yoder-Begley, Arkansas, 2001
10,000m	35:23.40 • Amy Yoder-Begley, Arkansas, 2001
100m Hurdles	12.95 • Melissa Morrison, Unattached, 1998
400m Hurdles	55.60 • Lashinda Demus, South Carolina, 2003
3,000m Steeple	10:13.89 ● Lilli Kleinmann, Arkansas, 2001
4x100m Relay	43.48 • South Carolina, 2001
4x400m Relay	3:31.24 • South Carolina, 2001
High Jump	5-10 1/2 • Laffiah Long, Georgia, 2001
Pole Vault	12-10 3/4 • Megan Westfall, Florida, 2001
Long Jump	20-7 3/4 • Myra Combs, LSU, 2001
Triple Jump	43-4 1/2 • Shelly-Ann Gallimore, Auburn, 2001
Shot Put	55-7 3/4 • Crystal Brownlee, S. Carolina, 1997
Discus	191-11 • Dawn Ellerbe, N.Y. Athletic Club, 2002
Hammer	220-4 • Dawn Ellerbe, N.Y. Athletic Club, 2002
Javelin	156-5 • Beth Obruba, Unattached, 1999

5,704 Points • GiGi Miller, Arkansas, 2001

Heptathlon