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### Former Collegiate Stars Win Greyhound 5K Events at ASU Mid-South

Joseph Chebet edged Daniel Kirwa to win the men’s championship, and Jordan Hamric set the women’s pace at the Fourth Annual Greyhound 5k at Arkansas State University Mid-South on Oct. 3. Hamric also placed third overall.

The top three finishers all earned significant honors while competing collegiately. Chebet won All-American recognition as a distance runner for Western Kentucky University in 2012, and Kirwa received similar accolades at Harding University from 2008 to 2010. Hamric excelled as a track and field athlete for West Virginia University before enrolling at the Southern School of Optometry in Memphis.

Chebet ran the 3.1-mile course in 15:47.370 to win the men’s overall competition, and Hamric clocked a 17:17.6 to set the women’s pace. Both runners set Greyhound 5k records, easily eclipsing last year’s winning times of 16:38.92 and 19:37.46, respectively.

Kirwa placed second in the men’s division with a 15:47.482,



and Martavious Johnson, who finished in the runner-up slot in 2014, came in third at 17:46.8. Johnson topped his time of a year ago by almost a minute.

In the women's overall division, Lauren Pike placed second at 19:56.3, and Chelsea Smith came in third with a 22:00.3.

Michael Martin won the Male Master category with a time of 22:18.4, and Paige Laws of Forrest City captured the Female Master division by clocking a 24:35.9. William Nelson prevailed in the Male Grand Master category at 23:26.3, and Sharon Chandler set the Female Grand Master pace with a 26:06.3.

Female age division winners included Kennedi Barrow, ages 1-9, 42:16.9; Tiffany Harris, ages 10-14, 28:24.1; Ryce Smith, ages 15-19, 32:54.9; Courtney Whittemore, ages 20-24, 40:18.3; Krista Millican, ages 25-29, 26:52.7; Erin Schlauch, ages 30-34, 30:46.3; Hilda Gonzalez, ages 35-39, 27:24.0; Kathryn Gilliland, ages 40-44, 26:46.2; Jeannie Oliver, ages 45-49, 24:55.0; Cynthia Savage, ages 50-54, 30:58.4; Sarah Arnold, ages 55-59, 47:29.1; Mary Ann Stone, ages 60-64, 28:47.7; and Jan Goslin, ages 65-up, 31:28.5.

Male age division winners included Jack Stewart, ages 1-9, 26:32.6; Quincy Robinson, ages 10-14, 23:39.7; Santerris Booker, ages 15-19, 17:57.4; Gregory Bowman, ages 20-24, 24:20.0; Justin Hopper, ages 25-29, 24:16.1; Jeffrey Gray, ages 30-34, 23:13.6; Jason Webb, ages 35-39, 19:53.1; Carl Brown, ages 40-44, 22:37.0; Jerry Harvey, ages 45-49, 25:39.5; David Childe, ages 50-54, 28:15.3; Wesley Kitchens, ages 55-59, 23:40.4; John Robertson, ages 60-64, 36:21.9; Louis Alpe, ages 65-up, 28:34.4.



Runners and walkers from 28 towns and cities in Arkansas, Mississippi, New York, and Tennessee signed up for the event. Registrants came from as close as West Memphis, Arkansas, and as far as Rochester, New York.

With major financial support from Southland Park Gaming and Racing, the event featured something for everyone. In addition to the 5k, activities included the Pup Dash, a catfish-cooking contest with CenterPoint Energy Arkansas as presenting sponsor, Wiffle® Ball tournament, Cornhole competition, live music (Albert King Jr. Band and The Players Band), an inflatables park, and vendors. The Army National Guard also participated.

Southland, which helped fund the start of ASU Mid-South's intercollegiate athletic program with a 10-year, \$250,000 pledge in 2010, returned as the presenting



sponsor of the 5k for the fourth year, and Flash Market contributed as a platinum-level sponsor.

Gold sponsors included Crittenden County Chiropractic Clinic, Evolve Bank & Trust, Forrest City Medical Center, LSI Staffing, Steele-Guiltner Tire Pros, and Tier 1 Group.

Additional event sponsors included APAC, Arkansas Distributing, Barton PowerSports, Barton's of West Memphis, Brian's Heating & Air, Crittenden Publishing/Evening Times, DanMar Propane, Fenter Physical Therapy, Fidelity National Bank, First Community Bank of Eastern Arkansas, Ritter Disposables, Steve's Auto Body, The Landers Firm PLC, The Works Health & Fitness, West Memphis Fence Company, and Willowbend at Marion

Money generated from Saturday's events will go toward athletic scholarships for ASU Mid-South Greyhound basketball players.

Planning has already begun for the 2016 event. For information on how to participate next year, call Elizabeth Williams at (870) 733-6764 or email her at [ecwilliams@midsouthcc.edu](mailto:ecwilliams@midsouthcc.edu).

