

# Notebook: Atlanta Track Club claims team championship at USATF Masters Championship

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Mary Norckauer of Baton Rouge completed her 11th event of the USA Track and Field Masters Outdoor Championships, winning the women's 90-year-old triple jump with a best distance of 10-feet, 1 inch.

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The Atlanta Track Club is the nation's top outdoor masters track and field program, and it isn't even close.

The group finished on top of the USA Track and Field Masters Championship team standings this weekend with a combined score of 1,143 points, nearly doubling its next closest competitor in perennial powerhouse So Cal Track Club (697).

There were 107 track clubs from around the country represented throughout the 243 events held at Bernie Moore Stadium on LSU's campus. The event is open to anyone who enters over the age of 30. The oldest competitor this weekend was 101-year-old **Julia Hawkins** of Baton Rouge.

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The rest of the top five was rounded out by TNT International Racing Club (467), Southwest Sprinters Track Club (336) and Potomac Valley Track Club (257).

## Lida sets three records

**Robert Lida** (80 years old) set the American record for the men's 80-84 200-meter dash Sunday with a time of 30.80 seconds, claiming the national championship in the event at the same time.

Lida, of the Houston Elite track club, also holds the world record in the event for the men's 75-79 age group.

Lida was also a member of the Houston Elite 4x100 relay team which set the USATF record with a time of 1:20.63, shaving almost six seconds off the previous record time.

He was joined by teammates **Joe Summerlin** (85), **William Kaspari** (82) and **Wayne Bennett** (80).

On Saturday, Lida also set a record in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:13.55.

## Eighteen records fall

There were a four world and 14 American records broken this weekend at the Masters Championship.

**Khalid Mulazim** was the first competitor to set a world record this weekend when he ran a time of 51.13 seconds in the men's 400 in the 50-54 age group.

Hawkins became the oldest female competitor in masters history Saturday when she ran in the 100 meters at 101 years old. She also broke the record with a time of 40.12 in the event.

Bill Collins also set a record in the men's 100 with a time of 12.34 in the men's 65-69 age group.

Finally, Sunday, **William Bell** broke the men's 95-99 pole vault world record with a jump of 1.35 meters.

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