

North Georgia rifle team sweeps opener, hosts Oct. 2 meet

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(Oct. 1, 2010) The Saints rifle team, which won all three events at the season-opening matches held in mid-September, hosts an intercollegiate competition this Saturday.



The team is off to a great start and looks to perform well against The Citadel, N.C. State, Clemson, Wofford and the other members of the Southeastern Air Rifle Conference when North Georgia hosts the entire conference. Competition will run all day on Saturday, Oct. 2 at the on-campus Hamilton Range, located at the southeast end of the Military Leadership Center. The public is invited to watch the matches.

The season-opening intercollegiate Southeastern Air Rifle Conference clinic and

matches were held Sept. 18-19 at the Civilian Marksmanship Program in Anniston, AL.

In the team competition, North Georgia posted a strong 2,248 aggregate score to take first place over Clemson with 2,149 points and Georgia Military College with 1,563.

North Georgia also took the top four individual spots. First place went to sophomore cadet Matt Parsons with 566 points, followed by senior Tori KostECKI, who serves as both team captain and coach, with a 562. Third went to freshman cadet Breanna Kasl, who also posted a 562, with walk-on junior Becca Bryan posting a very good 558, only two points off her personal record.

Two additional events were held as part of the season opener. Parsons had the high final score in the Olympic Final event and Kasl prevailed in the "Guts Match", a high-pressure, high-noise, high-distraction match.

KostECKI did not compete in the two special matches, as she spent much of the weekend working with seven new team members in her role as team coach.

Pictured in the photo, from left, are: Tori KostECKI(coach and team captain), Breanna Kasl, Matt Parson, and Becca Bryan