Using the right foot
Track and field enjoys early success

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Both men and women’s track have had early success in their first two meets, which will hopefully continue for the rest of the season and lead them to the championships.

Their first meet of the season was against Lafayette on Saturday, March 29. The men’s team had a strong meet, coming in second in the College of New Jersey, as did the women’s team, which came in fourth.

“We have had a great start,” said senior Olushola Ijalana. “We did better in the Lafayette meet than we did last year. “We did better in the Lafayette Memorial Invitational last Saturday in Princeton, there was bad weather, but both the men and the women still won the high jump and the vault.

Sophomore Alexis Wood placed second in the hammer and fourth in the discus.

“There is only four seniors between the men’s and the women’s team but they have been doing very well and we will hopefully be improving more and more as the season goes on,” said Ijalana.

At the Sam Howell Memorial Invitational last Saturday in Princeton, there was bad weather, but both the men and the women still did well. Hicks won the 110m hurdles. For the women, senior Tina Gill won the shotput and placed fifth in the discus. Sophomore Alex Wood placed second in the shotput, third in the hammer and fourth in the discus.

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For the women, senior Jennifer Riley tied for third in the pole vault.

In addition, freshman Jamaal Harris finished second in the 100m and sophomore Giovanni Ramos finished third in the 400m hurdles.

This coming Saturday the team will be traveling to Virginia for the Virginia Invitational and also to the Delaware Invitational.

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