



The 2019 season ended as exciting as it started. Golden Elite traveled to North Carolina with a total of 28 athletes out of the 32 that qualified. Our athletes performed to their highest potential. First year athlete Emory Hill, place 4th in the nation to become Golden Elite's first-ever male AAU ALL AMERICAN in the 1500 meter race-walk. This was accomplished in the boy's 10-year-old division. Lily Pearson, also a first time Golden Elite member had a stellar year. Not only was this LP's first year with Golden Elite, but she was also participating in track & field for the very first time. LP finished the 1500 meter race-walk with her best time ever. With this, LP became an AAU ALL AMERICAN, making her the 6th fastest 10-year old female in the United States. Along with the team putting up PR'S (personal record), this was done by 99% of the Golden Elite members. This year also produced a pair of multi athletes, ( Zayla Purifoy, 13 female ), ( Quentin Lewis-Wright, 13 male ). Quentin (Que) also qualified in three others events, making him the first-ever Golden Elite athlete to compete at the AAU JUNIOR OLYMPICS in 8 events. This year also produced a future of distance runners that are poised to make a very powerful impact in the distance world. Jenna Bichan (first-year w/Golden), Antenney Hemingway II (first-year distance runner), Blane Fuller ( JR CAPTAIN ), Luke Zapatka (first-year w/Golden ), Izaiah Hemingway (first-year distance runner ), Braden Heinke (first-year w/Golden ). With a host of newcomers, Golden Elite was in a position to showcase a variety of track & field talent. Our throwing team had a very outstanding year. Amaile Comeger (first-year w/Golden), Jackson Parker (first-year w/Golden), Maverick Mattair (throws leader), Shelon Hutchinson II (first-year thrower). With several athletes competing in several different events, it truly was seen the talent that was in abundance. The sprinters were Addison Manning ( first year w/Golden ), Abigail Pantlitz ( first year w/Golden ), Sequoia Comeger ( TEAM CAPTAIN ), Chase Singleton ( first year w/Golden ), Dahven Hutchinson ( 2nd year ), Zaden Purifoy ( 1st year hurdler ), Anthony Gee ( son of MIKE GEE ), Eddie Love Jr. ( first year w/Golden ). The 2019 season also ended with two(2) Golden Elite athletes becoming AAU NATIONAL CHAMPIONS. Cameron Chandler placed 3rd in the 100-meter dash. Cam also participated in the 400-meter dash, where he won it to become the NATIONAL CHAMPION. Zamari Purifoy placed 8th in the 200-meter dash. Zamari also ran the 400-meter dash. Zamari not only won the 400-meter dash, but his time was compared with the world, and he has been declared the fastest 9/10-year-old boy in the world in the 400-meter dash. Other members of Golden Elite did qualify for the Junior Olympics that did not attend. Desirae McCants, Mariah Casson(JR.CAPTAIN), Lianna Litchfield, Dominic Litchfield. This is the rest of the 2019 competition team, Illana Maldonado(first year), KamRon Newcomer(first year), Mason Parker(first year), Ben Railey(first year), TaNavion Richardson(first year), Jaylen Shropshire(first year), Kelvin Singleton Jr.(first year), Edwardo Vidal-Lopez(TEAM CAPTAIN), Ayana Wilson(first year), Yonalle Comeger(first year), Kiley Dietrich(first year), Cali Ellis(first year), Mason Hedden, and Sophia Litchfield( HONORARY TEAM CAPTAIN, season-ending injury ). Our non-competition team members were Gunner Brown, Eli Dials, Lane Digilarmo, Aniya Dix, Khalil James, Angelica Shandley, and Victoria Reed. All of the Golden Elite non-competition team was first-year members. The success of this season would not at all have been possible without the passion and love from the parents. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH