



BIG 12 CONFERENCE NEWS

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Big 12 Indoor Track & Field Championships To Begin On February 29

IRVING, Texas— The Big 12 Indoor Track & Field Championships will be held February 29 - March 1 at Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. The return to the Bob Devaney Sports Center marks the eighth time in conference history. Nebraska hosted the first league indoor championship in 1997, in addition to six consecutive meets from 2001-06.

The championships will begin with the combined events at 9:30 a.m. CT. The field competition is scheduled to start at 2:45 p.m., while the running events will be held from 2 - 9 p.m. A session pass for both days is available for only \$14. A single-day ticket can be purchased for \$8. Purchase tickets at Huskers.com, the Nebraska Athletic Ticket Office or by calling 800-8BIGRED.

The Conference currently has seven men's teams and eight women's teams ranked in the top 35 in the nation. The sixth-ranked Texas A&M women's squad look to defend its title while No. 6 Oklahoma and No. 7 Texas battle at the top of the men's standings.

The Huskers and Longhorns have dominated the Big 12 track & field scene the past 11 seasons. On the men's side, Nebraska won eight of the first 10 Big 12 titles with Texas claiming the other two before sharing the title last season. For the women, the first 10 seasons also belonged to the 'Horns and Huskers, with each claiming five conference titles. However, last year Texas A&M ended their streak by claiming its first Big 12 title. Nationally, the UT women have produced three (1998, '99, '06) NCAA indoor team championships as members of the league.

Individually, last year's women's high-point scorer and performer of the year Sally Kipyego returns to defend her title. The men will have a new performer of the year as two-time winner Reggie Witherspoon has graduated. Last year's outstanding freshman Jordan Scott also returns to the championship field.

NCAA Division I Men's Indoor T&F Rankings Feb. 27, 2008

- 6. Oklahoma
- 7. Texas
- 10. Texas A&M
- 16. Texas Tech
- 19. Baylor
- 21. Nebraska
- 25. Missouri
- 28. Kansas
- 45. Kansas State
- 60. Colorado
- 66. Iowa State
- 119. Oklahoma State

NCAA Division I Women's Indoor T&F Rankings Feb. 27, 2008

- 6. Texas A&M
- 10. Kansas
- 12. Texas
- 24. Baylor
- 27. Kansas State
- 29. Texas Tech
- 30. Missouri
- 31. Nebraska
- 41. Iowa State
- 91. Oklahoma
- 119. Colorado

2008 Big 12 Athletes of the Week Men

- Jan. 15 Quentin Iglehart-Summers, Baylor, Jr.
- Jan. 22 Scott Sellers, Kansas State, Jr.
- Jan. 29 James Galvan, Iowa State, Jr.
Shardae Boutte, Oklahoma, Sr.
- Feb. 5 Dusty Jonas, Nebraska, Sr.
- Feb. 12 Jordan Scott, Kansas, So.
- Feb. 19 Texas Distance Medley Relay Team
(D. Fortson, J. Hernandez, L. Manzano, K. Miller)
- Feb. 26 Chris Rohr, Missouri, Jr.

2008 Big 12 Athletes of the Week Women

- Jan. 15 Lauren Hagans, Baylor, Sr.
- Jan. 22 Loren Groves, Kansas State, Jr.
Alexandria Anderson, Texas, Jr.
- Jan. 29 Sally Kipyego, Texas Tech, Jr.
- Feb. 5 Kate Sultanova, Kansas, Sr.
- Feb. 12 Kate Sultanova, Kansas, Sr.
- Feb. 19 Nickesha Anderson, Kansas, Jr.
Bianca Knight, Texas, Fr.
- Feb. 26 Loren Groves, Kansas State, Jr.