



BIG 12 CONFERENCE NEWS

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Big 12 Outdoor Track & Field Championships To Begin On May 16

IRVING, Texas— The Big 12 Outdoor Track & Field Championships will be held May 16-18 at Potts Field in Boulder, Colo. This will mark the first time Colorado will host the Championships. The Buffaloes twice hosted Big Eight Outdoor meets, in 1986 and 1993.

Oklahoma is the defending men's champion while Texas A&M is the reigning women's title holder. Both squads each claimed their first Big 12 title last year at the Ed Weir Track in Lincoln, Neb.

The Conference has 14 men's and women's teams ranked in the top 35 in the nation, led by Texas A&M, who is currently ranked No. 1 and No. 3, respectively.

The Longhorns have dominated the Big 12 track & field scene the past 11 seasons. On the women's side, Texas has claimed seven Big 12 titles with Kansas State and Nebraska each capturing two crowns before Texas A&M won its first last season. Nationally, the UT women have produced four (1998, '99, '05, '06) NCAA outdoor team championships as members of the Big 12. For the men, the first 11 seasons belonged to the Huskers and 'Horns, with each claiming four conference titles. Oklahoma joined Texas A&M and Texas Tech last season as one-time winners of the annual crown.

Individually, Simone Facey (Texas A&M), the women's High-Point Scorer and Performer of the Year returns to defend her title. Also back is Baylor's Nichole Jones, who looks to follow up her Outstanding Freshman performance of 2007. The men will have a new High-Point Scorer as last year's winner has graduated. However, Scott Sellers (Kansas State), last season's Performer of the Year as well as both Outstanding Freshmen, Jordan Scott (Kansas) and LeJerald Betters (Baylor), return to the championship field.

Ticket packages are available online at cubuffs.com. All-Session passes are \$10 while Adult Single Session passes are available for \$6. Senior (55 & up) and Student (13-18) single session tickets are \$5 and youth single session (12 & under) are available for \$2.

NCAA Division I Men's Outdoor Track & Field Rankings May 7, 2008

1. Texas A&M
10. Texas
11. Baylor
12. Colorado
26. Texas Tech
29. Kansas
33. Missouri
37. Nebraska
38. Oklahoma
53. Kansas State
71. Iowa State
73. Oklahoma State

2008 Big 12 Athletes of the Week Men

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| March 25 | Stephen Pifer, Colorado, Sr. |
| April 1 | 4 x 100-meter Relay Team, Texas A&M
(Richard Adu-Bobie, Gerald Phiri, Chris Dykes, Justin Oliver) |
| April 8 | Leonel Manzano, Texas, Sr. |
| April 15 | Julian Reid, Texas A&M, Fr. |
| April 22 | Billy Nelson, Colorado, Sr. |
| April 29 | Leonel Manzano, Texas, Sr. |
| May 6 | Brent Vaughn, Colorado, Sr. |
| May 13 | Shawon Harris, Texas Tech, Sr. |

NCAA Division I Women's Outdoor Track & Field Rankings May 7, 2008

3. Texas A&M
7. Texas Tech
15. Baylor
21. Oklahoma
24. Texas
28. Kansas
34. Kansas State
38. Nebraska
46. Iowa State
52. Colorado
59. Oklahoma State
68. Missouri

2008 Big 12 Athletes of the Week Women

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| March 25 | 4 x 100-meter Relay Team, Texas A&M
(Elizabeth Adeoti, Porscha Lucas, Simone Facey, Allison George) |
| April 1 | Porscha Lucas, Texas A&M, So. |
| April 8 | Lisa Koll, Iowa State, So. |
| April 15 | Jessica Beard, Texas A&M, Fr. |
| April 22 | Sally Kipyego, Texas Tech, Jr. |
| April 29 | Leslie Cole, Oklahoma, Jr. |
| | D'Andra Carter, Texas Tech, Jr. |
| May 6 | Sally Kipyego, Texas Tech, Jr. |
| May 13 | Patience Knight, Texas Tech, Jr. |