



2008 BIG 12 OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOTES

Hosted by the University of Colorado, May 16-18, 2008; Potts Field, Boulder, Colo.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Day 3 Attendance: 2,784

Individual Event Notes (All Finals; pertinent host school Colorado notes in italics if not lead note)

Men's Javelin

Senior **Mike Cast** (Texas Tech) won the event with a 213-07 (65.10m). It's his third best performance of the season and it marks the first time in Big 12 meet history that same school has produced back-to-back champions in the javelin (Jamie Robinson won last year with a throw of 222-10 (67.92m). The mark is also a regional qualifying mark and sixth best this year in the Big 12 Conference.

CU Notes: Junior **Brandin Williams** finished third overall with a throw of 210-04 (64.11m) shattering his previous PR of 199-10. It was a career best throw, in addition, a team-best for the year. The mark was also a regional qualifying mark. Williams' throw was a Colorado school seventh best all-time. Junior **Kevin Waldron** also had a personal-best 190-05 (58.05m), shattering his previous best of 170-01.

Men's High Jump

Senior **Dusty Jonas** (Nebraska) set a Big 12 Conference (meet & best) and Potts Field mark of 7-08¾ (2.36m). The previous Big 12 best was set by Scott Sellers of Kansas in 2007 (7-7¾ (2.33m); Big 12 best was by Mark Boswell of Texas (7-7¾ (2.33m); Potts Field mark by Kenny Harrison of Kansas State in 2006 (7-4¼ (2.24m). He is the third Husker to win the Big 12 high jump.

The mark is a *Colorado Soil* best for an outdoor meet and ties the all-time state soil mark (Matt Hemmingway, US West TC, USAFA Indoor Open, Feb. 19, 2000). Coming into the final, Jonas had been tied with the fourth best high jump in the world but after today, **owns the best mark in the world**. Jonas is the second Nebraska athlete to win the high jump event and first NU athlete since 2005. Jonas mark was also career-best.

Men's Pole Vault

Freshman **Maston Wallace** (Texas) set a Potts Field mark of 18-0½ (5.50m), besting the old record of 18-0¼ by a quarter-inch; that had been set by Scott Huffman (Kansas) in the 1986 Big 8 Championship. It is the top mark posted by any Big 12 performer this spring (**Jordon Scott**, Kansas, the runner-up had the season-best of 17-7 coming in; Scott cleared 17-04½ in placing second). He is the third UT performer to win the pole vault at Big 12's, the first since Brian Hunter in 2002, who cleared an identical 18-0½.

Women's Triple Jump

Thirteen performers earned regional qualifying marks, led by champion **Yasmine Regis** (Texas A&M), who won with 45-05¼ effort (13.85). She is the first Aggie to win the triple jump in the Big 12, and breaks an 8-year stranglehold on the title going to North Division performers (Stacey Bowers on Baylor is the only South winner, as she was crowned champ in both 1998 and 1999).

Women's Discus

D'Andra Carter (Texas Tech) set a Potts Field record of 189-01 (57.63); the top eight in the event all earned regional qualifying marks; she was just shy of her 2008 conference best of 189-05 she recorded in Norman on April 26. She is the first TTU performer, male or female, to win the discus in the Big 12 Championships.

Men's 4x100 Meter Relay

A Big 12 outdoor record was set by **Texas A&M** with a 38.85 clocking (*Richard Abu Bobie, Gerald Phiri, Dominique Stafford, Chris Dykes*), a time that also set a Potts Field mark (old: 39.43 by Oklahoma in the 1986 Big 8 Championships). It is the ninth fastest time posted on *Colorado Soil*, but the fastest that is not associated with either the U.S. Olympic Festival or the USOC Development team. This was the second fast time in the Big 12 for 2008; A&M also owns the fastest time, 38.83 in Los Angeles on April 12. It is the third time A&M has been crowned Big 12 champions (1997, 2001).

CU Notes: Colorado's third place effort in 39.59 (*Hugh Charles, Ryan Campbell, Nate Terry, Jeremy Dodson*) breaks a 37-year old school record, set by some of the top names in program history: in 1971 in Albuquerque, *George Daniels, Larry Brunson, Marcus Walker & Cliff Branch* set the mark of 39.6.

Women's 4x100 Meter Relay

A Big 12 outdoor record was set by **Texas A&M** with a 42.88 effort (*Elizabeth Adeoti, Porscha Lucas, Simone Facey, Gabby Mayo*) and was the second best time ever run on *Colorado Soil* to the U.S. National Team in the 1983 Olympic Festival (41.61 by a foursome anchored by Evelyn Ashford). This was the second fast time in the Big 12 for 2008; A&M also owns the fastest time, 42.69 in Philadelphia on April 25. It is the second time A&M has been crowned Big 12 champion (defending its 2007 title); UT won the first 10.

Women's 3,000-Meter Steeplechase

Irene Kimaiyo (Texas Tech) set a Potts Field record with a winning time of 10:15.43, edging **Jenny Barringer** (Colorado, 10:19.82), who also bettered the previous stadium record of 10:32.58 set by CU's Renee Metivier in 2005. She is the first TTU female performer to win the steeplechase and upended the defending champion Barringer in the process. Kimaiyo already owns the fastest Big 12 time this spring, a 9:55.12 at Stanford on May 4.

Men's 3,000-Meter Steeplechase

Senior **Billy Nelson** (Colorado) established a Potts Field record in winning with an 8:53.84 time, also the fastest time ever recorded on *Colorado Soil*, besting Kansas State's Frank O'Neill (8:56.9) in the 1993 Big 8 Championships. It marked the third straight time a Buffalo has won the steeple, as Nelson defended his title in holding off '05 champion, **Pete Janson** (also a CU senior); it's the fifth time a CU athlete has won the event, as Steve Slattery won the 2001 and 2002 races.

Women's 1,500-Meter Run

Senior **Sally Kipyego** (Texas Tech) defended her title in a time of 4:25.00 (she won in 4:21.57 in 2006); she is the first woman in Big 12 history to win the 1,500 in two straight years as well as twice overall.

Men's 1,500-Meter Run

The on-going duel between **Leonel Manzano** (Texas) and **Stephen Pifer** (Colorado) was as advertised, with Manzano's kick over the last 300 meters propelling him to the win in 3:41.80, a Potts Field record, snapping the old mark of 3:47.04 set by Adam Goucher in the 1997 CU Invitational (April 12; *note: listed Potts Field mark on results sheet is incorrect*). It was Manzano's third title in the event to go with crowns in 2005 and 2007; Pifer had won in 2006. Texas tied Colorado for the most titles, three, in the event in meet history.

Women's 100-Meter Hurdles

Latoya Greaves (Oklahoma) became the first Sooner to be crowned champion in the Big 12 meet, with her winning time of 12.99 the fastest ever recorded on *Colorado Soil* (the old best was 13.05 by Melissa Morrison in the 1995 U.S. Olympic Festival). Greaves had the previous best time in the conference this spring (13.19 on April 5 in Austin) but easily topped that figure today; the 12.99 time is the fourth-fastest in the NCAA this spring.

Men's 110-Meter High Hurdles

Shawon Harris (Texas Tech) set a Potts Field record with his 13.55 winning time, besting the old mark of 13.98 by Nebraska's Willie Hilber in the 1993 Big 8 Championships. The win added to a Red Raider winning streak in the event, which has now reached four years (Marlon Odom won in 2005-06-07). Only three schools have won this event in Big 12 championship history, A & M (5 times), TTU (4) and Texas (3).

Women's 400-Meter Dash

Freshman **Jessica Beard** (Texas A & M) set a Big 12 championship meet record with her win in 51.09, which is also a Potts Field record and tied for the second fastest time ever run on *Colorado Soil*. She knocked almost a second off the fastest time in the Big 12 this spring, a mark she also owned—52.04 in Los Angeles on April 12. Beard is the second Aggie to be crowned champion in the event, joining Clora Williams (2006).

Men's 400-Meter Dash

Sophomore **LeJerald Betters** (Baylor) led a pack of seven regional qualifiers with a 45.01 performance, besting his previous best in the Big 12 this spring, a 45.61 he ran April 19 in Waco. Betters defended his 2007 title in the process and became the eighth Baylor Bear in a row to win the event and the 10th in 12 years (OU broke through in 1997 and 2000).

Women's 100-Meter Dash

Senior **Simone Facey** (Texas A&M) set a Big 12 meet record with a winning performance of 10.95, as it was the fastest time in the NCAA this spring and is also the **second fastest time in the world** in 2008. The top seven finishers all bested the previous Potts Field mark of 11.44 set by Nebraska's Angela Thacker in the 1986 Big 8 Championships. It was the fourth best time ever posted on *Colorado Soil*. She defended her '07 title, as A&M is one of three schools to produce the league champion in the event (UT 9, A&M 2, TTU 1).

Men's 100-Meter Dash

Freshman **Gerald Phiri** (Texas A&M) set a Big 12 meet and a Potts Field record with his winning time of 10.03. A&M's Billy Fobbs won the first Big 12 title in 1997, but Phiri is the first Aggie to do so since then. Phiri came in with the fastest time (10.20) in the Big 12 this spring, a time he posted April 19 in Baton Rouge. It is the second fastest time posted on *Colorado Soil*, and the fastest in 25 years, to a 9.93 mark by Calvin Smith (U. of Alabama) in the 1983 U.S. Olympic Festival.

CU Note: Sophomore **Jeremy Dodson** finished third in 10:27, the fifth fastest time in school history; it trails only 10.0 and 10.1 efforts by Cliff Branch (on June 1 & 2, 1972, respectively), a 10.10 by Devlon Dunn on May 14, 1988, and a 10.12 by Dunn on April 17, 1988.

Women's 800-Meter Run

Lauren Hagans (Baylor) set a Potts Field mark with her winning time of 2:05.32, as Baylor joined Texas (Liz Diaz, 1998-99) as the only school to produce back-to-back champions in the event at the Big 12 Championships. The old Potts mark of 2:06.79 was held by Julie Jenkins in the 1991 Colorado Invitational.

Men's 800-Meter Run

Junior **Jacob Hernandez** (Texas) set a Potts Field record of 1:48.28 in claiming the first 800-meter title by a Longhorn runner in the Big 12 Championships. He also owns the fastest time (1:47.36) this year in the league, run on April 19 in Austin.

Women's 400-Meter Hurdles

Sandra Iwunze (Texas Tech) led five regional qualifying performances in winning in 57.14, the first Red Raider to be crowned champion in the event at the Big 12's. It was the second slowest time to win the event in meet history (57.75 by A&M's Anjanette Kirkland in 1997).

CU Note: Freshman **Toi Windham** finished sixth in 1:01:04, the fastest time by a Buff this spring.

Men's 400-Meter Hurdles

Freshman **Robert Griffin** (Baylor) won in a 49.22 clocking, as all eight finalists ran regional qualifying times. It is the first 400-meter title by a Baylor performer since the Bears captured five straight between 1999 and 2003.

Women's 200-Meter Dash

Sophomore **Porscha Lucas** (Texas A&M), who matched the Big 12 meet record in the prelims with a 22.49 time, smashed it with a winning time of 22.29 to lead three Aggies in the top four in the race. She becomes the second A&M performer to win the 200-meter dash, joining teammate Simone Facey who won in 2007; Facey was the runner-up today in a 22.45 time after winning last year when she established the meet record of 22.49.

Men's 200-Meter Dash

Freshman **Gerald Phiri** (Texas A&M) tied the Big 12 meet record and set a Potts Field mark with his winning time of 20.29, becoming the second Aggie to capture the event in the league meet (joining Adam Wooten in 2001). Baylor's Trey Harts had the fastest time coming in (20.44) and finished third. It is the third fastest time posted on *Colorado Soil*, and the fastest in 26 years, to a 20.22 mark by Canada's Tony Sharpe in a USOC development meet in 1982.

CU Note: Sophomore **Jeremy Dodson** finished second in 20:37, recording the fastest time in CU history; it broke a 32-year old record by Ray Prior, who ran 20.58 in the 1976 Colorado Relays. His previous PR was a 20.64 time he posted at the 2007 Big 12 Outdoor Championships.

Men's Discus

Senior **James Begley** (Colorado), with a throw of 173-01, became the Buffs' first conference discus champion since 1997 (Jeff Singleton, 181-07). It was just his fifth best throw of the spring, but was good for the win today (his best was 178-05 in the CU Invitational on April 12; that was also his personal best).

Women's 5,000-Meter Run

Senior **Sally Kipyego** (Texas Tech) defended her title in winning with a 16:39.44 time, just ahead of her 16:43.01 time she won with last year.

Men's 5,000-Meter Run

Colorado dominated with a 1-2-4-5-6-7 finish to earn 32 points, using the 5K to lock up the conference title. Senior **Brent Vaughn** defended his title, winning in a Potts Field record time of 14:13.99; that broke a 30-year old record, as the previous best was a 14:26.2 by Simon Kilili of Wyoming in 1978. Vaughn is now a 3-time conference champ in the event, also having won as a freshman in 2005, and it marked the seventh straight year a Buffalo has captured the 5,000-meter run in the league meet (and the 10th time in 12 years).

- On the *Colorado Soil* list, which merges indoor and outdoor times, Vaughn's 14:13.99 clocking today bests the 14:17.4 timed by Frank Shorter in the 1980 Potts Indoor Invitational. Junior **Kenyon Neuman's** (Colorado) time of 14:22.61 is the fourth fastest recorded in the state.

Men's Triple Jump

Shardee Boutte (Oklahoma) set a Big 12 meet record with a 54-05¾ effort, the second longest effort in the conference this spring (Julian Reed, A&M, who took second today, has it at 54-03¾). Boutte successfully defended his title, OU's second as well in the event.

Women's 4 x 400-Meter Relay

Baylor led a group of five schools that broke the old Potts Field record of 3:41.06, set by Nebraska in the 1986 Big 8's. The Bears won in a 3:32.28 clocking, the third time BU has been crowned conference champions in the event (along with 1998 and 2006). A North Division school has yet to win this in 12 years.

Men's 4 x 400-Meter Relay

As in the women's race, five schools bettered the previous stadium record, led by Baylor with a 3:03.82 time. Oklahoma won the first men's 4x400 back in 1987, but since then, it has been all Baylor, as the Bears have now won 11 in a row, the longest such run by any school in any event. Today's time was the fourth fastest by the Bears of the 11 winning times it has registered.

CU Note: Colorado's time of 3:09.27 was a season best in the event and the third fastest time in school history.

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AT-A-GLANCE: Big 12 Championship Records Set or Tied in 2008

MEN

100-Meter Dash: 10.03, Gerald Phiri, Texas A & M (*old: 10.20, Lawrence Armstrong, Texas, 2000*)

200-Meter Dash (tied): 20.29, Gerald Phiri, Texas A & M (*matched Brendan Christian, Texas, 2003*)

4 x 100-Meter Relay: 38.85, Texas A & M (*old: 39.28, Texas, 2003*)

High Jump: 7-08¾, Dusty Jonas, Nebraska (*old: 7-07¾, Scott Sellers, Kansas, 2007*)

Triple Jump: 54-04¾, Shardee Boutte, Oklahoma (*old: 53-7, Leonard Cobb, Texas, 1997 & Chris Hercules, Texas, 1999*)

WOMEN

100-Meter Dash: 10.95, Simone Facey, Texas A & M (*old: 11.09, Marshevet Hooker, Texas, 2006*)

200-Meter Dash: 22.29, Porscha Lucas, Texas A & M (*old: Simone Facey, Texas A&M, 2007*)

400-Meter Dash: 51.09, Jessica Beard, Texas A & M (*old: 51.21, Suzianne Reid, Texas, 1998*)

4 x 100-Meter Relay: 42.88, Texas A & M (*old: 43.36, Texas, 1999*)

AT-A-GLANCE: 2008 Big 12 Champlons By Event/School

MEN

Colorado 4, Texas 4, Texas A&M 4, Baylor 3, Texas Tech 2, Kansas 1, Missouri 1, Nebraska 1, Oklahoma 1.

WOMEN

Texas Tech 6, Texas A&M 5, Nebraska 3, Baylor 2, Kansas State 2, Iowa State 1, Kansas 1, Oklahoma 1.

INDIVIDUAL POINT LEADERS

MEN—Gerald Phiri, A&M 22.5; 2. . Kenyon Neuman, CU and Julian Reed, A&M, 18; 4. Jeremy Dodson, CU, 16.25.

WOMEN—Simone Facey, A & M 20.5; 2. Sally Kipyego, TTU, 20; 3. Porscha Lucas, A&M, 18.5; 4. Three tied with 18.

Team / Meet General Notes

- **COLORADO** wins its first men's conference championship since running off a string of eight in a row in the old Mountain States Conference between 1940 and 1947; CU joined the old Big 6/Missouri Valley IAA on Dec. 1, 1947, and since had managed second place finishes on just three occasions, the last of those coming in 1957.
 - When Colorado was last crowned a conference champ in men's outdoor track in 1947, the world population, some 6.5 billion today, was 2.5 billion; here's a capsule look at 1947:

Britain nationalizes coal mines (**Jan. 1**). Peace treaties for Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Finland signed in Paris (**Feb. 10**). Soviet Union rejects U.S. plan for UN atomic-energy control (**March 4**). Truman proposes Truman Doctrine, which was to aid Greece and Turkey in resisting communist expansion (**March 12**). Jackie Robinson becomes the first African-American to play in a major league baseball game, suiting up for the Brooklyn Dodgers (**April 15**). Marshall Plan for European recovery proposed—a coordinated program to help European nations recover from ravages of war (**June**). India and Pakistan gain independence from Britain (**Aug. 15**). U.S. Air Force pilot Chuck Yeager becomes first person to break the sound barrier (**Oct. 14**). Anne Frank's *The Diary of a Young Girl* published.
 - Colorado scored a school record 138 points in a Big 12 meet, more than the Buffs had in *two* years back-to-back until the 2006 and 2007 teams combined for 170; the 17-point margin of victory tied for the fourth closest in Big 12 history.
 - If anyone says the win by Colorado was fluke, take this into consideration: in the last three outdoor championship meets combined, only Texas (327) has scored more points than the Buffaloes (308); Nebraska is a distant third (271.5).
 - Colorado scored 65 of its points in the two distance events, snaring 33 in the 10,000-meter run and coming back with 32 in the 5,000-meter run.
- **COLORADO** now has won 31 Big 12 conference titles, regular season and postseason, by Big 12 calculation: men's cross country (12), women's cross country (11), football (5; division titles are included), women's basketball (1), women's soccer (1), men's outdoor track (1).
- **TEXAS A & M** successfully defended its title and won its second Big 12 Conference women's title. The Aggies won with a school record 157 points, the fourth most in Big 12 history (188, Texas, 2003; 169, Nebraska, 2000; 168, Texas, 1999). The 52-point margin of victory over Nebraska was the third largest in conference history (Texas won by 61.5 in 1999 and by 57.33 in 2003).
- **TEXAS A & M** now has won 32 Big 12 conference titles, regular season and postseason, by Big 12 calculation: women's soccer (10), men's tennis (4), football (3), women's golf (3), baseball (3), women's outdoor track (2), women's tennis (2), women's basketball (1), women's indoor track (1), men's outdoor track (1), softball (1), women's swimming (1).
- In the women's competition, Texas and/or Nebraska have now placed in the top two for the 12th straight year, though UT's tie for seventh marked the first time the Longhorns failed to finish in the top three.
- Sunday's attendance was **2,784** (paid; closer to 3,500 including participants and all credentialed). The three-day total of paid attendees totaled **5,119**.