



2009 Big 12 Outdoor Track & Field Championships

Lubbock, Texas

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Quotes

Paul Hamilton, Nebraska, Men's High Jump

On how it feels to be the Big 12 Champion

"(It is) unreal, really. As a sophomore, I wasn't really expecting to come in and be Big 12 Champ in my second year here. It really hasn't sunk-in yet."

On whether the conditions were a problem

"This morning when I got up and saw that it was pouring, I was a little worried. I didn't know how it would be, but they did a good job drying (the track) off and the wind kind of helped dry it up, too. It was good conditions. The wind was right for us, and it was a lot better than I thought it would be starting the day."

On following (former NU athlete) Dusty Jonas who won the high jump event last year

"It's nice to keep (the title) in Lincoln. Coach Pepin is traditionally one of best high jump coaches in the nation. It feels great to keep the championship in Lincoln."

Moritz Cleve, Kansas State, Men's Decathlon

On how it feels to be the Big 12 Champion

"It confirmed my indoor title with a big score. I'm just happy. Everything went really good."

On whether the title felt more special after he won the indoor title

"I think the score I did is better than the title. I think it is special to win indoor and outdoor titles."

On breaking 8,000 points in the event

"The 8 is on top (of his accomplishments). I broke the magical mark, and I feel really happy that I can call myself in the club of the 8,000 (point) people."

Ti'Anca Mock, Oklahoma, Women's Long Jump

On how it feels to be the Big 12 Champion

"It feels great. I knew how it would feel because I won indoors, but it still feels great."

Seth Burney, Nebraska, Men's Pole Vault

On how it feels to be the Big 12 Champion

"It feels great. It's been a long time coming so I'm happy to finally get there. I didn't really jump the best I wanted to, but luckily I stayed strong and made some bars."

On his year so far

"Indoor season was awesome, outdoor season was rough. I didn't jump so well the first couple of meets and actually didn't jump good until the week before the Big 12 Championships, so I'm really happy with today."

What preparations will be made for regionals

"Working on maintaining my speed at takeoff and being tall."



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Nicholas Gordon, Nebraska, Men's Long Jump

On how it feels to be Big 12 Champion

"It feels good. I don't think I can ever get used to this."

On how it feels to accomplish this goal as only a sophomore

"It feels good. It shows that all my hard work and my coach's hard work has paid off."

On preparation for regionals

"I'm going to continue to follow my coach's program and do my best everyday in practice until then."