



# 2017 Big West Track & Field

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**Big West Championships Resume At Cal State Fullerton:** Hosting for the first time since 1999, Cal State Fullerton is the site for the 2017 Big West Track and Field Championship this weekend at Titan Track Complex. The event runs May 12-13 with the Long Beach State men looking to extend its school record for consecutive championships to five straight, and the UC Davis women seeking their fifth title in the last six years.

FOX Sports Prime Ticket will telecast the final day of the championship for the fifth straight year. The regional telecast home of the Big West will carry Saturday's program beginning at 2:00 p.m. with Justin Alderson (PxP), Milena Glusac (analyst) and Courtney Sweet (sideline) providing commentary.

**A Historical Perspective – Long Beach State Men:** Long Beach State's four straight men's titles represents the second-longest streak of success in Big West Championship history. Only former member Fresno State had a longer streak – 10 straight titles from 1983-92. The Beach and Fresno State are tied for most titles all-time with 10.

**A Historical Perspective – UC Davis Women:** The four titles in five years for the UC Davis women rivals the successful run that the CSUN program had with eight championships in a 10-year stretch (2002-11). The Aggies are tied for fourth all-time with their four titles.

**Combined Events Review:** The Big West Track and Field Championship began last weekend with the heptathlon and decathlon competitions. Long Beach State senior Riley Cooks won the heptathlon for the second straight year with a career-best 5,671 points, the second-highest winning score in the 33-year history of the event. She missed Barbara Nwaba's record 5,709 total from 2012 by a mere 38 points. Cooks became the second two-time heptathlon champion from Long Beach State, joining Ami Ise (1989, 1991). She was the first Big West athlete to win back-to-back titles since Nevada's Janel Chandler (1997-98). Teddy Scranton of Cal Poly took gold in the decathlon with 7,143 points, dethroning last year's champion, Tyler Nelson of UC Santa Barbara. The senior became the fourth Mustang to earn the decathlon title.

**CSUN Trio Seeks To Restore Championship:** The one program to interfere with the UC Davis run on women's titles was CSUN in 2015. That year, the Matadors scored a program championship meet record 212 points, which also represented the highest winning score since 2003. Three competitors played a vital role in the hoisting of that trophy – Marie Veale, Lexis Lambert and Monique Griffiths. All three exercised a redshirt season in 2016, and the Matadors went from first to last in the championship standings. The trio accounted for 67 of the 212 points from the 2015 meet, including first-place finishes in the discus, hammer, 4x100 relay and 4x400 relay. The list below shows how each athlete accumulated points in 2015, and where they rank on this season's best marks list.

## Monique Griffiths

Event	2015 Placing	Time/Mark	Points Scored	2017 Rank	Top Mark
Discus	1st	170-06	10	3rd	171-01
Hammer	1st	204-06	10	1st	209-03

## Marie Veale

Event	2015 Placing	Time/Mark	Points Scored	2017 Rank	Top Mark
100mH	2nd	13.57	8	6th	13.73
100m	2nd	11.80	8	3rd	11.52
200m	3rd	23.76	6	2nd	23.30

## Lexis Lambert

Event	2015 Placing	Time/Mark	Points Scored	2017 Rank	Top Mark
200m	8th	24.12	1	1st	23.27
400m	5th	54.59	4	1st	53.16

## Veale & Lambert

Event	2015 Placing	Time/Mark	Points Scored	2017 Rank	Top Mark
4x100R	1st	44.74	10	1st	44.65
4x400R	1st	3:40.11	10	1st	3:42.46

**Event Leaders By School:** CSUN leads all Big West women's programs with top marks or times in **nine of the 21** events that will be scored at the Big West Championship. UC Davis, the defending women's champion, is tops in four. On the men's side, Long Beach State has the conference's top mark in five events, all of those in the field disciplines. UC Irvine also leads in five events thanks in large part to stalwarts Lloyd Sicard and Isaiah Jewett on the track. Of course, the leaderboard does not predict a team's depth in any particular event, and overall ability to accumulate points on a 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1 scoring system.

**UC Irvine Hurdlers Seek Three-Peat:** Plenty of competitors at this year's meet are in contention to become a two-time event champion at the conference meet. Only two athletes have a shot at becoming a three-time champion in this year's field. Both are UC Irvine hurdlers. Senior Lloyd Sicard is the two-time 110-meter hurdles champion, having won the event in 2015 (14.05) and 2016 (13.64). He owns the eighth-fastest time in the nation this year, clocking 13.55 at the Steve Scott Invite. Sicard is attempting to become the third three-time champ in Big West history, joining San Jose State's Dedy Cooper (1976-78) and CSUN's Anthony Brown (2004-06). He also is chasing Cooper's Big West meet record 13.60 time from 1976. Megan George is a two-time champion in the 100-meter hurdles for the Anteaters. She captured gold in 2015 (13.51) and 2016 (13.33), but comes in ranked No. 2 this year on the Big West best marks list (13.30). CSUN junior Courtney Robinson (13.13) is No. 1 on that list. George looks to join select company, as only UNLV's Tanya Davis (1987-88, 90), Cal Poly's Willimena Cisco (2004-06), and Cal State Fullerton's Lauren Williams (2008-11) have won the event at least three times.

## Upcoming Schedule

### 2017 BIG WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

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#### Friday, May 12

##### Field Events (Trials/Finals)

Women's Hammer	10:30 am	Women's Shot Put	3 pm
Men's Long Jump	11:45 am	Men's Pole Vault	4:15 pm
Men's Javelin	12:45 pm	Women's High Jump	4:30 pm
Women's Long Jump	2:30 pm	Men's Discus	4:45 pm

##### Track Events (Trials except when noted)

Men's Steeplechase (Final)	3:00 pm
Women's Steeplechase (Final)	3:15 pm
Men's 1500 Meters	3:30 pm
Women's 1500 Meters	3:50 pm
Men's 110 Meter Hurdles	4:10 pm
Women's 100 Meter Hurdles	4:30 pm
Men's 400 Meters	4:45 pm
Women's 400 Meters	5 pm
Men's 100 Meters	5:15 pm
Women's 100 Meters	5:30 pm
Men's 800 Meters	5:45 pm
Women's 800 Meters	6 pm
Men's 400 Meter Hurdles	6:15 pm
Women's 400 Meter Hurdles	6:30 pm
Men's 200 Meters	6:45 pm
Women's 200 Meters	7 pm
Men's 10,000 Meters (Final)	7:15 pm
Women's 10,000 Meters (Final)	7:55 pm

#### Saturday, May 13

##### Field Events (Trials/Finals)

Men's Hammer	10 am	Men's Shot Put	1:30 pm
Men's Triple Jump	11:45 am	Men's High Jump	2:15 pm
Women's Javelin	12 pm	Women's Triple Jump	2:30 pm
Women's Pole Vault	1:15 pm	Women's Discus	2:45 pm

##### Track Events (Finals) – FOX SPORTS PRIME TICKET

Men's 4x100 Meter Relay	2:08 pm
Women's 4x100 Meter Relay	2:14 pm
Men's 1500 Meters	2:21 pm
Women's 1500 Meters	2:29 pm
Men's 110 Meter High Hurdles	2:41 pm
Women's 100 Meter Hurdles	2:48 pm
Men's 400 Meters	2:57 pm
Women's 400 Meters	3:03 pm
Men's 100 Meters	3:11 pm
Women's 100 Meters	3:17 pm
Men's 800 Meters	3:25 pm
Women's 800 Meters	3:32 pm
Men's 400 Meter Hurdles	3:43 pm
Women's 400 Meter Hurdles	3:50 pm
Men's 200 Meters	3:59 pm
Women's 200 Meters	4:05 pm
Men's 5000 Meters	4:11 pm
Women's 5000 Meters	4:33 pm
Men's 4x400 Relay	4:59 pm
Women's 4x400 Relay	5:06 pm



## 2017 Big West Track & Field Athletes Of The Week

### HONOREES EXCEL AT OXY INVITATIONAL

A trio of performers had strong performances at the Oxy Invitational to earn the final Big West Track and Field Athlete awards of 2017.

Cal State Fullerton senior **Darion Zimmerman** (Oxnard, Calif./Weber State) collected his second Big West Men's Track Athlete of the Week award this season after finishing fourth overall – and first among collegians – in the 400-meters. He clocked his fastest time of the year, 47.28, which ranks No. 3 in the Big West.

UC Santa Barbara junior **Jenna Hinkle** (Cottonwood, Calif./West Valley HS) received her third Big West Women's Track Athlete of the Week award when she placed first in her heat in the 800-meters. Hinkle came with .10 of her personal best as she finished in 2:07.86 to be the fastest collegian of the meet. Hinkle is No. 2 on the Big West best marks list this year.

UC Santa Barbara junior Kiely Gode (Auburn, Calif./Del Oro HS) garnered her first Big West Women's Field Athlete of the Week honor as she improved her PR in the hammer by six meters. Gode had a breakthrough 177-03 (54.02m) heave to move up to No. 7 in the Big West, and enter the UCSB top-10 all-time list at No. 6.

**Others nominated (Men's Track):** Carlos Lopez (UC Riverside)

**Others nominated (Women's Track):** None

**Others nominated (Women's Field):** None

### BIG WEST LEADERBOARD • TRACK & FIELD RESULTS REPORTING SYSTEM

#### MEN'S TRACK

Event	Name, School	Time	Meet	Date
100m	Xavier Brown, CSUN	10.38	Texas Invitational	4/14
200m	Darion Zimmerman, CSF	21.12	Big West Challenge	4/7
400m	Isaiah Jewett, UCI	46.82	Mondo Challenge	4/1
800m	Isaiah Jewett, UCI	1:48.22	Steve Scott Invite	4/28
1500m	Garrett Migliozzi, CP	3:48.79	Cal Poly-UCSB Dual	4/29
5000m	Swarnjit Boyal, CP	14:01.48	SF State Carnival	3/31
110H	Lloyd Sicard, UCI	13.55	Steve Scott Invite	4/28
400H	Brandon Howard, UCI	51.61	Steve Scott Invite	4/28
3000S	Adam Avila, UCSB	8:57.70	Cal Poly-UCSB Dual	4/28
4x100	Zimmerman/Espinosa/Rollins/Matos, CSF	40.49	Fresno State Invite	4/29
4x400	Sicard/Resong/Howard/Jewett, UCI	3:10.79	Steve Scott Invite	4/28

#### WOMEN'S TRACK

Event	Name, School	Time	Meet	Date
100m	Persis William-Mensah, UCI	11.41	Mt. SAC Relays	4/13
200m	Lexis Lambert, CSUN	23.27	Texas Invitational	4/14
400m	Lexis Lambert, CSUN	53.16	Fresno State Invite	4/29
800m	Rianna Goins, UCD	2:05.72	Mt. SAC Relays	4/13
1500m	Jenna Hinkle, UCSB	4:16.62	Stanford Invite	3/31
5000m	Peyton Bilo, CP	15:52.01	Stanford Invite	3/31
100H	Courtney Robinson, CSUN	13.13	Texas Invitational	4/14
400H	Emma Redick, UCD	1:00.24	UNLV Invite	3/16
3000S	Maxine Goyette, UCSB	10:27.27	Mt. SAC Relays	4/13
4x100	Robinson/Bamberg/Lambert/Veale, CSUN	44.65	Texas Invitational	4/14
4x400	Bamberg/Veale/Robinson/Lambert, CSUN	3:42.46	Texas Invitational	4/14
	Goins/Adolphus/Nadreau/Davis, UCD	3:42.46	Causeway Classic	4/21

#### MEN'S FIELD

Event	Name, School	Mark	Meet	Date
High Jump	Vincent Calhoun, LBSU	7-02.50	Steve Scott Invite	4/28
Pole Vault	Xander Cooper, LBSU	17-04.50	Beach Invitational	4/14
Long Jump	Kemonie Briggs, LBSU	26-02.75	Beach-UCLA Dual	3/4
Triple Jump	Drew Xandrine-Anderson, UCD	51-07.75	Causeway Classic	4/21
Shot Put	Carl Nahigian, UCR	61-06.75	UCR Spring Classic	3/23
Discus	Josh Carr, LBSU	186-00	Beach-UCLA Dual	3/4
Hammer	Robert Marlow, LBSU	219-07	Trojan Invitational	3/17
Javelin	Matthew Kuskey, UCSB	216-04	Big West Challenge	4/7
Decathlon	Teddy Scranton, CP	7,143 pts.	Big West Multi's	5/5

#### WOMEN'S FIELD

Event	Name, School	Mark	Meet	Date
High Jump	Morgan Bertsch, UCD	5-10.00	Brutus Hamilton Challenge	4/28
Pole Vault	Gardenia Centenaro, CSUN	13-04.25	Rainbow Relays	3/24
Long Jump	Taylor Fleming, UCR	20-07.00	Highlander Challenge	4/22
Triple Jump	Ty'Jalahay Robertson, CSF	40-09.00	Michael Johnson Invite	4/22
Shot Put	Brianna Cueva, CSUN	51-09.25	Triton Invite	4/21
Discus	Brianna Cueva, CSUN	184-00	Triton Invite	4/21
Hammer	Monique Griffiths, CSUN	209-03	Triton Invite	4/21
Javelin	Alexis Brenzil, UH	156-03	Big West Multi's	5/5
Heptathlon	Riley Cooks, LBSU	5,671 pts.	CA Invitational	5/5

### BIG WEST TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

#### Track Athlete of the Week - Male

Date	Athlete, School	Yr.	Event(s)
3/7	Sike Azu-Irondi, UC Santa Barbara	Jr.	100m
3/14	Isaiah Jewett, UC Irvine	So.	400m
3/21	Isaiah Jewett, UC Irvine	So.	800m, 4x400 Relay
3/28	Lloyd Sicard, UC Irvine	Sr.	110mH, 4x400 Relay
	Diego Courbis, Cal State Fullerton	So.	400mH
4/4	Darion Zimmerman, Cal State Fullerton	Sr.	100m, 200m, 4x400 Relay
4/11	Kemonie Briggs, Long Beach State	So.	200m, 400m, 4x100 & 4x400 Relay
4/18	Isaiah Jewett, UC Irvine	So.	800m
4/25	Zach Lewis, UC Riverside	Sr.	400mH
5/2	Isaiah Jewett, UC Irvine	So.	800m, 4x400 Relay
5/9	Darion Zimmerman, Cal State Fullerton	Sr.	400m

#### Track Athlete of the Week - Female

Date	Athlete, School	Yr.	Event(s)
3/7	Courte' Davis, Long Beach State	So.	100m, 200m, 4x100 Relay
3/14	Rianna Goins, UC Davis	Sr.	400m
3/21	Kierra Davis, UC Davis	Fr.	100m, 200m
3/28	Jenna Hinkle, UC Santa Barbara	Jr.	800m, 1500m
4/4	Jenna Hinkle, UC Santa Barbara	Jr.	1500m
4/11	Riley Cooks, Long Beach State	Sr.	100mH, 4x100 & 4x400 Relay
4/18	Courtney Robinson, CSUN	Jr.	110mH, 100m, 4x100 & 4x400 Relay
4/25	Natsumi McGee, UC Davis	So.	100m, 200m, 4x100 Relay
5/2	Lexis Lambert, CSUN	Sr.	200m, 400m
5/9	Jenna Hinkle, UCSB	Jr.	800m

#### Field Athlete of the Week - Female

Date	Athlete, School	Yr.	Event(s)
3/7	Barbara Coward, UC Irvine	So.	Discus, Hammer
3/14	De'Ondra Young, Long Beach State	Jr.	Hammer
	Barbara Coward, UC Irvine	So.	Discus, Hammer
3/21	Taylor Fleming, UC Riverside	So.	Long Jump, 100mH
3/28	Riley Cooks, Long Beach State	Sr.	Heptathlon
4/4	Bryn Williamson, Cal State Fullerton	Jr.	Pole Vault
4/11	De'Ondra Young, Long Beach State	Jr.	Hammer, Shot Put
4/18	Tori Usgaard, UC Santa Barbara	Sr.	Heptathlon
4/25	Taylor Fleming, UC Riverside	So.	Long Jump, High Jump
5/2	Morgan Bertsch, UC Davis	Jr.	High Jump
5/9	Kiely Gode, UC Santa Barbara	Jr.	Hammer

#### Field Athlete of the Week - Male

Date	Athlete, School	Yr.	Event(s)
3/7	Kemonie Briggs, Long Beach State	So.	LJ, 200m, 4x100 & 4x400 Relay
3/14	Trevor Gorwin, Cal State Fullerton	Jr.	Hammer, Shot Put
3/21	Robert Marlow, Long Beach State	Sr.	Hammer, Shot Put, Discus
3/28	Carl Nahigian, UC Riverside	Sr.	Shot Put, Hammer
4/4	Carl Nahigian, UC Riverside	Sr.	Shot Put
4/11	Anthony Applequist, Cal State Fullerton	Jr.	Triple Jump, Long Jump
4/18	Xander Cooper, Long Beach State	Sr.	Pole Vault
4/25	Drew Xandrine-Anderson, UC Davis	So.	Triple Jump, Long Jump
5/2	Vincent Calhoun, Long Beach State	Jr.	High Jump, Triple Jump, Long Jump
5/9	No Nominee		

## 2017 Big West Track & Field Championship

**A Look At Long Beach State's Depth In The Field Events:** The four-time defending Long Beach State men's team has been typically solid in the field events, and this year's no lineup appears to be no different. The Beach boast the Big West's No. 1 performer in five different events – high jump, pole vault, long jump, discus and hammer. However, even more importantly, LBSU possesses incredible depth in those five events. The Beach have four of the top eight high jumpers, including Big West leader Vincent Calhoun. They have the top three pole vaulters, and three of the top four performers in the long jump. The ability to pick up additional points in the 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1 scoring system is immense with all that depth.

### LBSU IN SELECTED FIELD EVENTS

Based on TFRRS Big West rank

#### HIGH JUMP

1. Vincent Calhoun	7-02.50
t-4. Jason Smith	6-09.50
7. Herman Day	6-08.00
t-8. Jonathan Broadhead	6-07.50
t-8. Jackson Potter	6-07.50

#### POLE VAULT

1. Xander Cooper	17-04.50
2. Bo Haddock	17-00.75
3. Paul Thenard	16-08.75
t-5. Dustin Wert	16-00.75

#### LONG JUMP

1. Kemonie Briggs	26-02.75
2. Jason Smith	25-00.00
4. Saladin Nasser	24-04.50

#### DISCUS

1. Josh Carr	186-00.00
4. James Hubbard	175-10.00
7. Charlie Vernoy	170-04.00
8. Nicholas Hudson	170-02.00

#### HAMMER

1. Robert Marlow	219-07.00
2. James Hubbard	217-03.00
7. Josh Carr	192-05.00
8. Nicholas Hudson	191-03.00

**Set Up To Repeat:** Besides UC Irvine's Lloyd Sicard and Megan George, who are seeking a third straight gold in the 110- and 100-meter hurdles, respectively, a number of Big West athletes are aiming to become two-time event champions. A look at those who won at last year's championship, and are currently ranked No. 1 on the Big West best marks list this season:

#### WOMEN

Name, School	Event	2016 Winning Mark	Top 2017 Mark
Rianna Goins, UC Davis	800 Meters	2:09.04	2:05.72
Taylor Fleming, UC Riverside	Long Jump	20-02.50	20-07.00
Gardenia Centanaro, CSUN	Pole Vault	13-03.75	13-04.25
Brianna Cueva, CSUN	Discus	180-04	184-00

#### MEN

Name, School	Event	2016 Winning Mark	Top 2017 Mark
Kemonie Briggs, Long Beach State	800 Meters	26-02.25	26-02.75
Carl Nahigian, UC Riverside	Shot Put	59-05.50	61-06.75

Other athletes who won at last year's meet but are not ranked No. 1 in their respective Big West event this season are as follows:

#### WOMEN

Courtney Davis, Long Beach State – 100m  
 Courtney Davis, Long Beach State – 200m  
 Megan Mooney, Cal Poly – Javelin

#### MEN

Eli Penick, Cal State Fullerton - 100m  
 Andre McBride, CSUN - 200m  
 Darion Zimmerman, Cal State Fullerton - 400m  
 Kyle Clancy, UC Davis - High Jump  
 Daniel Swarbrick, CSUN – Discus

The Long Beach State men's 4x400 relay team is attempting to win the event for the fourth straight year.

**Ranked And Ready:** A long list of Big West athletes are both regionally and nationally ranked according to the Track and Field Results Reporting System (TFRRS). Four athletes have earned distinction with national top-10 marks or times:

- UC Irvine senior Lloyd Sicard is No. 8 in the country in the 110-meter hurdles with a 13.55 at the Steve Scott Invite.
- Long Beach State sophomore Kemonie Briggs owns the No. 6 long jump distance with a mark of 26-02.75 at the Beach-UCLA Dual.
- Long Beach State junior Vincent Calhoun cleared a height of 7-02.50 in the high jump, a distance that ranks him No. 8 nationally.
- At the Big West Multi Events competition last weekend, Long Beach State senior Riley Cooks won the heptathlon with 5,671 points, a career-best total that ranks her No. 8 in the country.

#### BIG WEST REGIONAL & NATIONAL RANKINGS

##### WOMEN

Name, School	Event	Time/Mark	Regional	National
Peyton Bilo, Cal Poly	5000m	15:52.01	9	16
Ty'Jalayah Robertson, CSF	Triple Jump	40-09.00	39	–
Lexis Lambert, CSUN	200m	23.27	29	–
Lexis Lambert, CSUN	400m	53.16	18	34
Courtney Robinson, CSUN	100mH	13.13	9	16
Gardenia Centanario, CSUN	Pole Vault	13-04.25	28	–
Brianna Cueva, CSUN	Shot Put	51-09.25	18	48
Brianna Cueva, CSUN	Discus	184-00	7	13
Monique Griffiths, CSUN	Hammer	209-03	4	12
Riley Cooks, Long Beach State	Heptathlon	5,671 points	6	8
Rianna Goins, UC Davis	800m	2:05.72	21	36
Emma Redick, UC Davis	400mH	1:00.24	43	–
Morgan Bertsch, UC Davis	High Jump	5-10.00	20	38
Persis William-Mensah, UC Irvine	100m	11.41	15	38
Taylor Fleming, UC Riverside	Long Jump	20-07.00	15	37
Weslie Pearce, UC Riverside	1000m	35:11.70	48	–
Jenna Hinkle, UC Santa Barbara	1500m	4:16.62	16	26
Maxine Goyette, UC Santa Barbara	3000m Steeple	10:27.27	40	–
Alexis Brenzil, Hawai'i	Javelin	156-03	25	48

##### MEN

Name, School	Event	Time/Mark	Regional	National
Swarnjit Boyal, Cal Poly	5000m	14:01.48	48	–
Swarnjit Boyal, Cal Poly	10000m	29:25.07	25	–
Teddy Scranton, Cal Poly	Decathlon	7,143 points	21	37
Xavier Brown, CSUN	100m	10.38	35	–
Vincent Calhoun, Long Beach State	High Jump	7-02.50	3	8
Xander Cooper, Long Beach State	Pole Vault	17-04.50	16	30
Kemonie Briggs, Long Beach State	Long Jump	26-02.75	4	6
Josh Carr, Long Beach State	Discus	186-00	13	34
Robert Marlow, Long Beach State	Hammer	219-07	7	24
Drew Xandrine-Anderson, UC Davis	Triple Jump	51-07.75	15	35
Isaiah Jewett, UC Irvine	400m	46.82	42	–
Isaiah Jewett, UC Irvine	800m	1:48.22	11	31
Lloyd Sicard, UC Irvine	110mH	13.55	3	8
Brandon Howard, UC Irvine	400mH	51.61	28	43
Carl Nahigian, UC Riverside	Shot Put	61-06.75	12	23
Adam Avila, UC Santa Barbara	3000m Steeple	8:57.70	30	–
Matthew Kuskey, UC Santa Barbara	Javelin	216-04	29	–