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New Mexico Collegiate Classic

USC, Alabama, Texas Tech, LSU, and many others in the house the talent abounded everywhere. When reviewing the entry list one had to be amazed at the potential for outstanding performances. Competing in the meet were three Olympic gold medalists, six Olympic medalists and at least 13 Olympians along with dozens of collegiate athletes who rank in the Top 10 nationally in their event. On just the first day of the Classic there was one world-leading Long Jump which included a National record (British), two High Jumps that ranked #2 in the world, and many other Top 10 in the world performances. And the second day didn't let down with a World Record attempt, a national record attempt, and other collegiate and world list-leaders. For our Lobo athletes there were some significant progressions as we start the process of getting ready for the Mountain West Conference Championship (being hosted by UNM) and getting as many athletes qualified as possible. All in all for the people in Albuquerque, and the athletes in attendance it was a superb two days of great track action.

COACHES COMMENTARY: World-class competition shined at the University of New Mexico track & field teams world-class facility inside the Albuquerque Convention Center during the annual Collegiate Classic. With the upcoming World Indoor Track & Field Championship being hosted in Portland, Oregon just a little more than a month away there seemed to be a renewed enthusiasm from post-collegiate athletes. With national collegiate powers

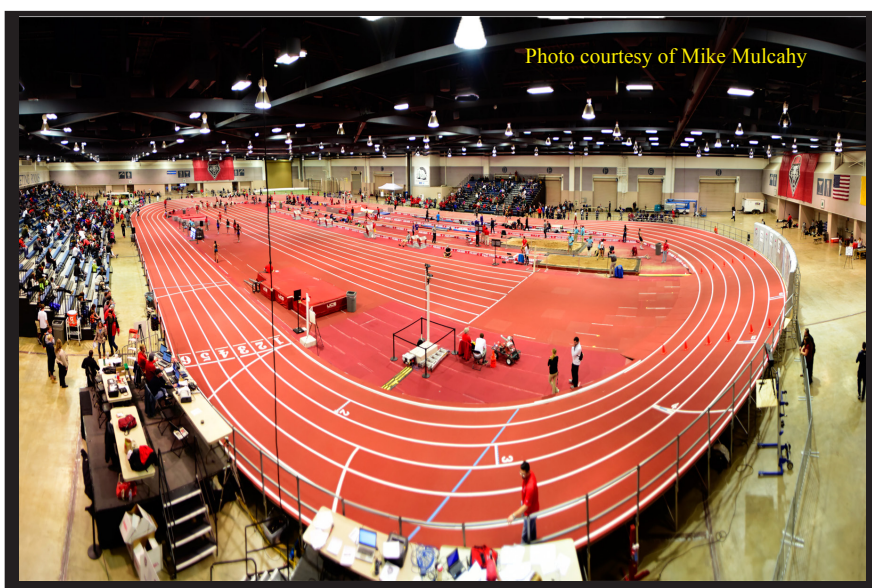


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Roggatz Goes Double PR

Senior Yannick Roggatz (Birkenau, Germany) has been on a roll so to speak this indoor season. After setting a nice PR in the Long Jump last week (24' 10 1/2"), Yannick upped the level slightly this week just missing the 25' threshold. After an opening jump of 24' 2 1/2" Yannick spanned 24' 8 1/4" in the second round before ending the prelims with a foul. He opened the finals with a short jump before unleashing a new PR of 24'

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11 3/4". He ended the night with a 24' 7 3/4" to finish as the top collegian only getting beat by one post-collegiate. And that person was none other than Greg Rutherford of Great Britain who just so happens to be the 2012 Olympic Gold Medalist along with the 2015 World Long Jump Champion. Greg's jump was a mere 27' 1 1/4", the longest jump in the world this year. I guess if you are going to lose to someone it might as well be the best athlete in the world! Yannick averaged 24' 3 1/2" for his five legal jumps which is interesting. Right now YR leads the Mountain West Conference and his average on the night would rank him #3 in the MWC. That's good news for consistency. Yannick also currently ranks #7 all-time at UNM. Oh, and he moved up to #18 nationally. For good measure Yannick split his duties and clipped off a nice PR in the 60 Hurdles when he ran 8.28. That mark moves him up to #6 in the Mountain West Conference.

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MARK HAYWOOD



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MUSTAFA MUDADA



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400 Runners Get Down to Business With Six PR's

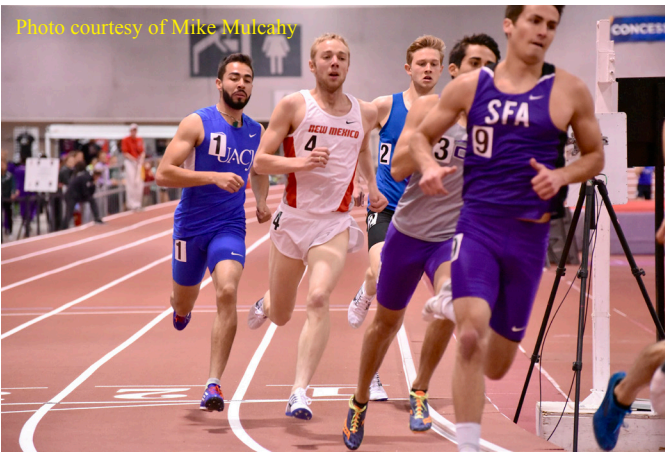
After two weeks of mostly running off events (200-600) or focusing on the 4x400 Relay the twelve members that comprise the 400 sprint group focused on one and only one thing - the flat 400 meter race. After all, with the MWC championship meet fast approaching it was time to get serious, and put up some solid seed times. Each group had six athletes competing and at the end of the day there were six new PR's, and five top ten Mountain West Conference performances. In the men's 400 sophomore **Mark Haywood (Alamogordo, NM)** scampered to a new PR of 48.31 which was good for sixth place in the hotly contested field. Mark didn't get out well over the first 150 meters of the race, but after that ran strong and confident looking powerful in the process. Given the top two finishers in the race moved into the top 10 in the world ranking, Mark's sixth place was pleasing. He also moves to #7 all-time at UNM. Behind Mark was junior **Mustafa Mudada (Highland, ABQ, NM)** who earlier in the week made a bold prediction..... he would definitely run 48.99 or faster. It brought back memories

of the famous story of one of baseball's greatest players ever. The story goes that Babe Ruth predicted a home run when he played for the New York Yankees during the fifth inning of Game 3 of the 1932 World Series, held on October 1, 1932, at Wrigley Field in Chicago. Folklore goes that during the at-bat, Ruth made a pointing gesture, which existing film confirms. Ruth pointed to the center-field bleachers during the at-bat, a declaration that he would hit a home run to this part of the park. On the next pitch, Ruth hit a home run to center field! Well, Mustafa got out in a torrid pace and would never let anyone pass him as he ran wire to wire for the victory. When he crossed the line the results clock read a new PR of 48.82! Mustafa and The Babe - master predictors. Racing to a new PR and also busting the 49 second barrier was senior **Cheyne Dorsey (Cleveland, Rio Rancho, NM)**. Cheyne dropped his PR from 49.34 to 48.94. Must have been Mustafa's special powers of persuasion. Right now the three men rank 5th-7th-10th in the MWC. Over on the ladies side last year's MWC 400 meter champion **Holly Van Grinsven (Brentwood, TN)** lined up for the first time this season with classmate **Haley Sanner (Cajon, San Bernadino, CA)** in the same race. Both ladies got out well trying to get the lead off the break line at 150 meters into the race. They along with a New Mexico Junior College athlete all fought like crazy for the lead and it ended up at the 200 meter split that it was the Thunderbird, then Haley, and Holly. They got to that split in 25.6. All three of them kept battling up the backstretch and coming off the final banked turn Holly made her move, getting up alongside the NMJC athlete with Haley locked in right behind. All the way through the finish they battled and in the end Holly got outleaved and Haley finished right off her heels. Both did a great job pushing that NMJC to the #1 ranking in the junior college national rankings. Holly's final time was 55.61 which moves her to #2 in the MWC, while Haley clocked 56.11, a new PR and a #3 ranking in the conference. They also move to ranking #3 and #6 all-time at UNM. In another section of the race froshie **Larimar Rodriguez (Cleveland, Rio Rancho, NM)** lowered her best from 58.59 to 57.74 PR.

A Looooong Journey Back

As a 16 and 17 year old while running for the Birchfield Harriers Track Club back home in Penkridge, England UNM graduate student **Adam Cotton** had a bright future in middle distance running. He was the English Athletics Champion in the 800 meters, the under 20 gold medalist in the 800 meters and even the European Junior Gold medalist in the 1500 meters. He ranked #1 in the UK in the under 20 age group 800 meter category, and as high as 11th in the entire country. His PR's were 1:48.30 for the 800 meters and 3:41.33 for the 1500 meters top marks in any country. He then went off to Harvard University to fulfill his academic and athletic promise. Unfortunately, some times the best plans don't work out the way we would like and Adam was beset with serious foot injuries which never allowed him to train and compete on a consistent basis. In fact, there was a complete year where he couldn't compete. Probably no one would have blamed him if he just hung up the spikes permanently but he still had the desire to try to get healthy and fit. Now a Lobo athlete Adam has been slowly, ever so slowly, regaining some fitness and consistency and that immense talent was put on display at the Classic. Last week just to test the fitness waters Adam not even wearing spikes ran an 800 finishing in a paltry 1:56.93. No one would have thought anything about that. Well, this week he got a little more serious, lacing up the racing spikes for the first time in 22 months and toed the starting line for

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the 800 meters. Adam and red-shirting froshie Josh Kerr (Edinburgh, Scotland) last years European 1500 meter Junior gold medalist were content to stay at the back of the eight man field as they came through the 200 and 400 meter splits. As they started their third tour of duty they started to apply more pressure and when they got to the bell lap they unleashed an all out spirited battle. While good friends their competitive spirit took over and they raced each other like there was no tomorrow. Down the homestretch they were neck and neck each straining for the finish line. At the finish line Adam ended up flat on the track from leaning so hard and Josh turned around smiling given how much fun that was. They both looked at the results board and it showed Adam getting by Josh by the slightest of margins, 1:51.61 - 1:51.62. For Adam, that is the fastest he has run since August 6th, 2013, while for Josh he just missed his all-time PR of 1:51.18. The boys certainly had a good time on the red Mondo. Adam's time just missed entry into the UNM all-time top ten ranking list, and does move him up to #3 in the MWC rankings.

Adam is wearing #4, while Josh is wearing all blue with a #2

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Two Pole Vault PR's

Sophomores **Katherine Whiting** (Santa Cruz, CA) pictured on the right, and **Alissa Soderberg** (Vellinge, Sweden) pictured on the left added 1 inch and two inches respectively to their indoor PR's. KW missed once at the opening height of 11' 3 3/4" before clearing 11' 9 3/4" and 12' 3 1/2" on her first attempts, while Alissa was clean on the first bar, missed once at the second height of 11' 9 3/4", and then was clean on the third attempt. Both vaulted at 12' 9 1/2" in this competi-

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tion. The final clearance of 12' 3 1/2" moves them to #9 all-time indoors at UNM along with #9 in the MWC current rankings.

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Hosker-Thornhill Joins All Time Top Ten in 800

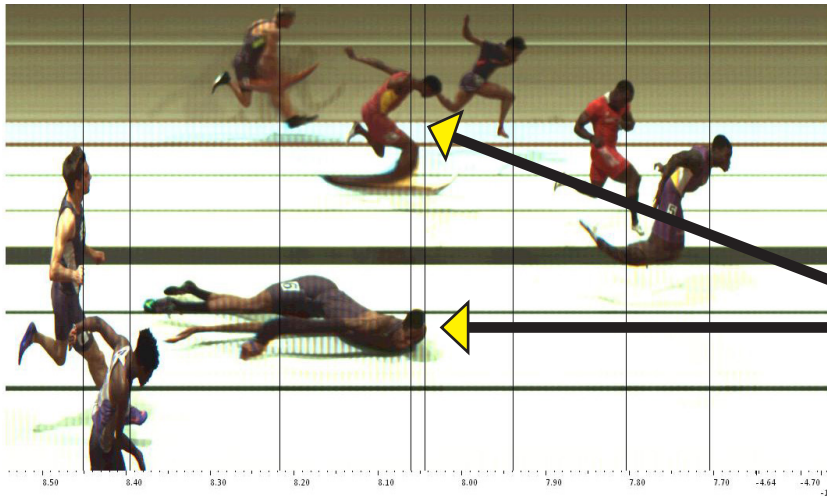
Senior **Emily Hosker-Thornhill** (Cantebury, England) went out in the middle of the eight woman 800 meter race and was content to stay there for the first 600 meters of the race before making a concerted push forward at the bell lap. There were four runners, one from UNLV, one from Eastern New Mexico, and one from Lamar, along with Emily that were racing stride for stride chasing another UNLV runner who had put distance on the four chasers. Up the backstretch they were going in unison fighting to try and get to the final curve first. As the picture to the left shows EHT swung wide off the turn and dug hard the entire homestretch, slowly inching by the athletes in her group. At the finish line she leaned hard finishing third overall with a new PR of 2:11.20, which moves her to #7 all-time indoors at UNM. It also moves her to #5 in the MWC rankings.

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Jones Runs Three Hard Races of 60 Sprint

Senior **Ridge Jones (DeSoto, Texas)** pictured to the left had to go through two round of prelims/semis in order to make the eight man sprint final. Since there were 58 athletes in the event the first race whittled that group down to a semifinal of 16, then on to an eight man final. In the 1st round Ridge sprinted to a 6.85, just squeaking into the 16 man semi-finals by 1/1000th of a second. Now that **IS** close. In the semi-finals he ran much better clocking 6.82 which placed him seventh out of the sixteen athletes. On to the finals. In the finals Ridge was one of only three collegians to make that race and he finished seventh overall in 6.84. Currently Ridge ranks #3 in the MWC.



You be the judge?

This is a copy of the photo that pops up on the computer screen of our world-class timing crew every race. They must analyze it within seconds, and then that is how the results show up on the video-board. So what happened in the Men's 60 meters is that a runners spikes caught in the Mondo surface about five meters from the finish line. He stumbled and went head first to the track actually skidding face first across the finish line. The other athlete ran across the finish line like normal. So who got to the line first and got the higher place? The top athlete, or the athlete lying flat on the track? The answer will be on the next page. Hint, hint - the NCAA rule says that you judge an athletes torso at the finish line to finalize finish place. Good luck.

Coach Franklin just "chillin" during the 30 minute warmup downtime in the Heptathlon & Pentathlon.

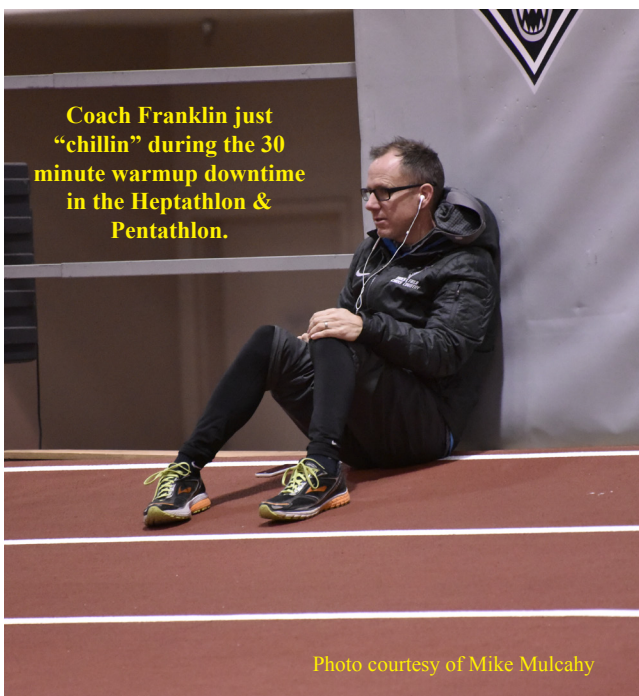


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Jason Atencio doing what pole vaulters love to do.....flying over the crossbar and enjoying the ride down to the pit.

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Great Competition

Each and every week great competition shows up for the Lobo athletes, and the UNM Classic Triple Jump was no exception. Junior **Jannell Hadnot (Tokay, Lodi, CA)** the #7 ranked NCAA national jumper got to mix it up with two professional athletes, one who has been ranked in the top 10 of all US athletes for six years straight and the other who has been ranked three times in the top 10. Oh, and one has jumped 45' 4" and the other has jumped 44' 8". Jannell opened up at 41' 3" which was her best until the final of six rounds when she extended that out to 41' 5". It was nice to Jannell be able to grab her best distance on her final attempt. The eventual winner, professional jumper April Sinkler did exactly the same as she boomed out to 43' 1 3/4" to take the victory on her final attempt. Jannell finished second among all collegians in the competition.



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You be the judge answer.....the athlete lying flat on the ground was deemed to be ahead since his torso hit the finish line first!



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Combined Event Athletes Get in Their First Competition of Season

The five event women's Pentathlon and seven event men's Heptathlon found sophomore **Kyra Mohns (Eldorado, ABQ, NM)** and **Daniel Lam (Amsterdam, Netherlands)** taking top Lobo honors. For Kyra she totalled 3442 points using an 860 point hurdle as her top event on the day. Last years fifth place MWC scorer will now have two more weeks to refine her five events before the upcoming championship. For Daniel, who finished fourth last year in the MWC meet he finished with 5003 points. His top point event was the 60 Hurdles where he gained 793 points.

WHAT DO ALL THE SYMBOLS MEAN????? In parentheses after a performance will be a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. This indicates the COLLEGIATE place in the meet that athlete finished. All unattached or professional athletes are removed since we are most focused on NCAA competition. After that may be two numbers like (2,8). This stands for how the athlete ranks on the All Time Top Ten Indoor Track & Field PERFORMER AND PERFORMANCE list. The number on the LEFT indicates how that athlete is ranked as far as individual PERFORMERS are concerned. The #2 would tell us that performer (athlete) is the second-best in New Mexico indoor track & field history in that event. The number on the RIGHT indicates how that performance is ranked in relation to all the top performances in New Mexico history in that event. The #8 would tell us that performance is the 8th best in New Mexico history in that event. It is possible, and even probable that one athlete could have many performances which rank in the top ten during their four year career. An x on the LEFT (x,8) tells us that they have achieved a better performance before, while on x on the RIGHT (8,x) tells us it doesn't make the performance list. **PR indicates a PERSONAL RECORD) (their best ever in that event).** An @ indicates the performance has been altitude adjusted based on the NCAA protocol.

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MEN

60	Ridge Jones 6.85@ 6.82@ 6.84@ (3rd)	Scott Bajere 6.88@	Carlos Wiggins 6.96@
	Parker Jones 7.20@	Will Carter 8.04@	
60H	Yannick Roggatz 8.28@ (4,x) PR	Parker Jones 8.62@ PR	
200	Ridge Jones 21.75@	Scott Bajere 22.38@	Parker Jones 22.82@
400	Mark Haywood (22.5) 48.31@ (6th) (7,x) PR	Mustafa Mudada (22.6) 48.82@ PR	Cheyne Dorsey (22.6) 48.94@ PR
	Chris Kline (22.7) 49.31@	Issac Gonzales 50.45@	Carlos Salcito (Unattached) 50.51@
800	Adam Cotton 1:51.61 (1st) PR	Josh Kerr (Unattached) 1:51.26@ PR	Adam Monroe 1:54.34@
	Chris Graham 1:57.08@PR		
1mile	Tyler Valdez 4:20.69		
3000	Jared Garcia (Unattached) 8:34.66 PR		
4x400	David Banwell-Clode (51.0), Adam Monroe (52.9), Chris Graham (53.4), Tyler Valdez (54.3)		
LongJ	Yannick Roggatz 24' 11 3/4" (1st) (7,x) PR	Allan Hamilton 24' 1 3/4" (2nd)	
HighJ	Joseph Kloepfel 6' 5 1/2" (4th) PR	Markus Miller (Unattached) 6' 5 1/2"	
PoleV	John Harari (Unattached) 15' 5 3/4"	Jason Atencio 15' 0"	
Heptathlon	Daniel Lam 60-7.38@PR	LongJ-22' 1 1/2"	ShotP-40' 7"
	60H-8.81@PR	PoleV-14' 1 1/4"	1000-2:55.00
	Beau Clifton 60-7.12@PR	LongJ-19' 5 1/2"	ShotP-42' 3 1/2"
	60H-9.66@	PoleV-12' 1 1/2"	1000-3:02.95
	Ryan Chase 60-7.23@	LongJ-22' 5 3/4"	ShotP-40' 11 3/4"PR
	60H-8.74@	PoleV-NM	1000-2:56.00
			HighJ-6' 0"
			5003 points (4th)
			HighJ-6' 0"
			4514 points (5th)
			HighJ-5' 9 3/4"
			4338 points (6th)

WOMEN

60	Aasha Marler (Unattached) 7.83@	Peri Moran 7.88@	Erynn Caldwell 7.92@
	Abigail Smith 9.87@		
60H	Holly Van Grinsven 8.57@ 8.51@	Erynn Caldwell 26.32@	
200	Peri Moran 26.25@	Haley Sanner (25.6) 56.11@ (6,x) PR	Zoe Howell (25.7) 57.43@ PR
400	Holly VanGrinsven (25.6) 55.61@	Faith Cobb (27.2) 61.89@	Christina Clark (27.5) 61.98@
	Larimar Rodriguez (27.2) 57.74@ PR		
800	Emily Hosker-Thornhill 2:11.20@ (3rd) (7,x) PR		
1mile	MacKenzie Everett (Unattached) 5:01.93@	Reiley Kelly 5:25.71@	
LongJ	Aasha Marler (Unattached) 19' 6"	Casey Dowling 17' 11 1/2"	Jannell Hadnot NM
TripleJ	Jannell Hadnot 41' 5" (2nd)	Aasha Marler (Unattached) 39' 5"	
PoleV	Katherine Whiting 12' 3 1/2" (9,x) PR	Alissa Soderberg 12' 3 1/2" (9,x) PR	Anna Duvall 11' 9 3/4"
	Annie Stirling 11' 9 3/4"	Morgan Smith NM	
ShotP	Allison Mady 37' 9 1/2"	Amaris Blount 33' 11 1/2"	
Weight	Amaris Blount 56' 3 1/4" (4th) (2,2) PR		
Pentathlon	Kyra Mohns 60H-9.26@	HighJ- 5' 3 3/4"	ShotP- 35' 6"
		3442 points (4th)	LongJ- 16' 10 3/4"
	Samantha Bowe (Unattached)	60H-9.14@	HighJ-5' 3 3/4"
	800 - 2:52.11@		ShotP-38' 6 3/4"
			LongJ-18' 1 1/2"