

Lobo Track & Field

New Mexico vs. Air Force & Northern Colorado Friday, April 12, 2013

Going Back to the Past

When collegiate track & field was solidly established in the late 1920's and the first NCAA Track & Field Championships held (1928) the sport did not resemble anything like the current format of collegiate track & field. In the past every weekend (and sometimes during the week) colleges would compete against each other in dual or triangular meets where everyone on the team competed and there was always a team score kept - and all teams had win/loss records. Even the great and historic Steve Prefontaine, the famous Oregon distance runner competed each weekend in the 1970's no matter how small or insignificant the meet was. So this format was how collegiate track & field conducted business and was defined for about six decades. Then the system started to slowly morph and evolve to its present format where athletes no longer compete head to head with team and university pride at stake, no team score is kept, and they focus on time-trialing and individual pursuits, with the most important focus on running fast, throwing far, jumping high, and jumping far. But over the last couple of years there has been much discussion within the sport about bringing back scored dual and triangular meets and assisting present athletes to learn "how to compete" and not focus on time/distance/height. This discussion really came about given that the sport of track & field is about the only NCAA sport where team scores are not important and that hurts in the growth and advancement of the sport to the public at large. Everyone always wants to know - what was the score? That was the intent behind the New Mexico Lobos versus the Air Force Falcons and the Northern Colorado Bears competition and one that will continue into the future. It was to be a small intimate meet where athletes could get back to the basics of worrying about beating other colored jerseys without the issue of how fast, or how high, or how far coming into play. So for the Lobos they just focused on beating blue uniforms and black uniforms and coming together as a TEAM. It certainly would have been nice to have this meet under brilliant sunshine and warm temperatures but Colorado Springs and the Air Force Academy did not offer those choices. The athletes were treated to some rain, snow, sleet, cold wind, black clouds, and then every now and then sunshine and warming temperatures. But despite that fact the Lobo athletes got an opportunity to do some new and challenging things. Because you have to have two athletes in all 16 individual events quite a few athletes were asked to do things they hadn't done this year, or maybe ever. Kudos to those athletes who picked up the slack to help the team - Haley Sanner in the 100 Hurdles, Markus Miller in the Long Jump, Yannick Roggatz in the High Jump, Mike Ellis and Marcus Simon in the Hammer, Discus, and Shot Put, Kelsea Hawkins in the Hammer, Shot Put, and Discus. That's what focusing on "TEAM" is all about! We hope all the Lobo athletes learned something about competing for the Cherry & Silver.

Mens Team Score

Air Force	111
New Mexico	76
New Mexico	107
Northern Colorado	52

Women's Team Score

New Mexico	101
Air Force	88
New Mexico	112
Northern Colorado	61



Welcome to the Air Force Academy at 7200 feet above sea level and some cold temperatures? This was the steeplechase water pit on Thursday when the team arrived for pre-meet practice! All they needed were a few polar bears on top of the floating ice, and one could have dreamed they were in the arctic!



Pat lets out a "whup" when he crossed the finish line

Zacharias & Thomas Go 1-2 in 1500 Meters

Pictured to the right are soph. Pat Zacharias (Academy, ABQ, NM) and froshie Graham Thomas (Dulce, NM) crossing the line head of the long blue line of Falcons. There was a good bunch of runners (9) hanging together during the first 800 meters, then Pat decided to push the pace to keep it honest. He led until Graham decided to go for it, and that woke Pat up and he quickly regained the lead coming the homestretch. Graham was working hard to keep the Air Force runner off his back and he did a good job of that. The final times were 3:53.85 and 3:54.50 which for Graham was a PR from his old best of 3:55.58.



Amber Menke on the left and Annie Stirling on the right



Menke Gets the Win, Stirling Gets the PR

Sr. Amber Menke (Cibola, ABQ, NM) had to work real hard at some of the heights but continued to push the crossbar higher and higher until she was the only one left at 12' 10". Pushing her all the way was soph/fr Annie Stirling (Cimmaron, NM) who upped her PR from 12' 1/2" to 12' 5 1/2", which placed second. For her efforts AS moves to #7 all-time at UNM and #6 in the Mountain West.



Arter Wins Exciting 800 Meters

The 800 meters had really good talent on the starting line as already this season the top three seeds had run 2:08, 2:08, 2:10. The Air Force runner Morgan Mosby took off like a shot and came through the 400 meters in about 61 seconds, very, very quick for the altitude and conditions. Coming through around 62.5 were jrs Chloe Anderson (Cullompton, England) and Charlotte Arter (Austin Friars St. Monica, Carlisle, England). At the 500 meter point Mosby was ahead of Chloe by five meters, and Chloe had five meters on Charlotte. All up the backstretch the two Lobos tried hard to put a dent in Mosby's lead, but it was starting to look doubtful. Around the final turn while Chloe and Morgan were fighting to hold off lactate debt, Charlotte found new life. Slowly, ever so slowly she started to pull in Mosby. With each stride it was just a couple of feet until 50 meters before the finish line Charlotte pulled up right alongside Mosby. From there she just put her head down and kept pumping her arms. Charlotte crossed first in 2:10.75 for a hard earned victory. Chloe came across the line in third.



SIMON FLIES SPEAR OUT OVER 180'

SOPH MARCUS SIMON (LIBERTY, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO) LAST COMPETED IN HIS HOMETOWN AS A MEMBER OF THE BASEBALL TEAM AT HIS OLD HIGH SCHOOL. ATTENDING UNM MARCUS TRIED OUT FOR THE TRACK TEAM AND HAS BEEN IMPROVING EVER SINCE IN THE JAVELIN. COMING INTO THE MEET WITH A PR OF 176' 2" HE EXITED WITH A NEW PR OF 180' 8" WHICH PLACED THIRD IN THE MEET.

SR. SHIRLEY PITTS (BONANZA, LAS VEGAS, NV) HAD TO FIGHT STRONG HEADWINDS ALL THE WAY DOWN THE HOMESTRETCH TO EARN A VICTORY IN HER BEST 400 METER TIME OF THE SEASON, A 56.67.



Zoe Howell outside in lane eight and Shirley Pitts in lane six. This was at the 200 meter mark of the race.



Rosenberg Unleashes a Wicked Kick
 Sr. Logan Rosenberg (Carmel, Indianapolis, IN) isn't known for having an insane kick usually. Boy did he surprize everyone, including his coach with what he did in the 3000 meters. Logan, soph. Pierre Malherbe (Broughton, Raleigh, NC) and Lance Wolfsmith from Air Force were content to just run together at the front of the race lap after lap. No one wanted to take the lead and push the pace so Logan just tucked into third place of that trio and glided along. With about 600 meters to go one could sense all three men were preparing for their last hurrah, the time they would pick up the tempo. With 400 meters to go Logan was still in third and then.....boooooom. He pulled out around them and in a flash was 10 meters ahead, then 20 meters ahead and continuing to pull away. Up the backstretch with maybe 200 meters to go the Air Force runner finally found some life of his own, and he started to chase Logan. Around the final turn the Falcon got back within striking distance, but Logan felt him there, put his head down and rushed to the finish line to record a 8:35.89 time. Now that WAS exciting.



Sr. Ty Kirk (Rolling Meadow, Arlington Hts, IL) is shown in the Triple Jump where he hit a seasonal best of 49' 3/4", which was good enough for the victory.



Jr. Kendall Spencer (San Mateo, CA) won a quick 100 meters (10.52) but it was aided by an over-the-allowable tailwind of 5.9mps so no record.



Three Lobo 1500 meter runners, Imogen Ainsworth (Seven Oaks, London, England), Shawna Winnegar (Santa Fe Prep, Santa Fe, NM), and Kirsten Follett (Ft. Collins, CO) are all trying to hold off Jen Bremser of the Air Force Academy with about 50 meters to go. It was a great battle right to the line with the Falcon taking the measure of the three Lobos 4:40.00 to 4:40.49 for Imogen, 4:40.71 for Kirsten (new PR), and 4:41.25 for Shawna.



Freshman Chris Kline (West Mesa, ABQ, NM) who was ranked #4 in the MWC 400 meters prior to the meet going head to head with the Air Force sprinter who is ranked #2 in the conference. CK finished in 49.49, but it wasn't enough to take down the more experienced Falcon senior.



MENS 800 - Like the women's 800 meters the mens side was a tough race with plenty of talent on the starting line. The current leaders in the MWC 1500 and 800 (both from Air Force) against the current indoor conference champion (Alex Herring - Academy, ABQ, NM) and past conference champion (Gabe Aragon - Valley, ABQ, NM) along with Lobo froshie Elmar Engholm (Blackebergs, Hasselby, Sweden). Throw in the currently ranked #3 1500 meter runner from Air Force and it was going to be a dandy. An Air Force runner agreed to go out hard for the first lap and maintain a fast early pace to ensure the race had a chance to finish quickly. Coming toward the 400 meter point he did his job and the six men were tightly packed and only inches from each other. Once the pacesetter dropped out Gabe took over and pressed around the turn to the 500 meter point of the race with Alex just off his right shoulder. The two Air Force runners were stalking Alex just hanging off his left shoulder. Elmar was running side by side with the

third Falcon runner. Up the backstretch all six athletes started to extend their stride pattern and prepare for the final 150 meter all out assault. Zach Perkins from AF got the jump and came off the final turn first with Alex hanging on his shoulder trying to make a dent in the few inches which separated them. Elmar was gritting his teeth and pressing real hard to pull in Alex and especially get by the blue jersey of the second AF runner. The photo shows the men about 40 meters from the finish line. Perkins eeked out a small victory in a nice 1:50.95 to Alex's PR of 1:51.47, with Elmar pulling up to outlean the second AF guy 1:52.05 - 1:52.53. When all was said and done this little triangular meet produced three of the top seven performances so far in the conference. Competition brings out excellence.



Yeshemabet Turner (Pecos, NM) on the left and Kayla Fisher-Taylor (MLK, Denver, CO) on the right finished second (Kayla) and third (YT) in the 100 meter sprint in 12.17 and 12.21 respectively.



Freshman Haley Sanner (Cajon, San Bernadino, CA) is shown during the 100 Hurdles, a race she had not done in one year, so she could score points for the team. Haley did come back later in the day to dominate the 400 Hurdles never trailing as she went wire to wire for the victory in 63.43.



Sophomore Aasha Marler (Hope Christian, ABQ, NM) just after take-off in the Long Jump. Aasha was the top Lobo on the day finishing in the runner-up slot, with a best of 17' 10 1/4".

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 Outdoor Track & Field PERFORMER AND PERFORMANCE list. The number on the LEFT indicates how taht 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 outdoor 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 taht one athlete could have many performances which rank in the top ten during their four year career. An x on the LEFT (x,8) tell us that they have achieved a better performance before, while on x on the RIGHT (8,x) tell 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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100	Kayla Fisher-Taylor 12.11@w (2nd)	Yeshemabet Turner 12.21@w (3rd)	
200	Kayla Fisher-Taylor 24.90@w (2nd)	Shirley Pitts 25.00@w (3rd)	
400	Shirley Pitts 56.67@ (1st)	Tawsha Brazley 57.84@ (4th)	
	Zoe Howell 58.48@	Jasmin McCray 60.00@	
800	Charlotte Arter 2:10.75@ (1st)	Chloe Anderson 2:14.16@ (3rd)	Mia Weaver 2:20.85@
1500	Imogen Ainsworth 4:40.49@ (2nd)	Kirsten Follett 4:40.71@ PR	Shawna Winnegar 4:41.25@
3000	Imogen Ainsworth 10:14.65@ (2nd)	Ashlee Smalley 10:47.10@ (3rd)	
100H	Precious Selmon 14.48@ (2nd)	Haley Sanner 15.50@ (4th)	
400H	Haley Sanner 63.43@ (1st)	Christina Clark 67.97@	
4x100	Kayla Fisher-Taylor, Yeshemabet Turner, Casey Dowling, Aasha Marler 47.36@ (1st)		
4x400	Zoe Howell (58.2), Chloe Anderson, Jasmin McCray, Shirley Pitts (58.8) 4:06.27@ (2nd)		
HighJ	Samantha Bowe 5' 5" (2nd)	Marin Schweigert 5' 3" (4th)	
PoleV	Amber Menke 12' 10" (1st)	Annie Stirling 12' 5 1/2" (2nd) (7,x) PR	
	Margo Tucker 12' 5 1/2"	Emily Heisler 11' 11 3/4"	Nathalie Busk 10' 11 3/4"
LongJ	Aasha Marler 17' 10 1/4"w (2nd)	Casey Dowling 17' 9 1/2" (3rd)	
TripleJ	Yeshemabet Turner 39' 8 1/2"w (2nd)	Casey Dowling 38' 3 1/2"w(3rd)	Aasha Marler 37' 6 1/2"w
ShotP	Samantha Bowe 36' 5 3/4" (3rd)	Kelsea Hawkins (4th)	
Discus	Kelsea Hawkins (5th)		
Hammer	Kelsea Hawkins (5th)		
Jav	Kelsea Hawkins 109' 2" (5th)	Samantha Bowe 92' 4" (6th)	
100	Kendall Spencer 10.52@w (1st)	Thomas Trujillo 10.94@w (5th)	
200	Derek Montoya 22.45@ (5th)	Chris Kline 22.70@ (6th)	
400	Chris Kline 49.49@ (3rd)	Derek Montoya 50.41@	
800	Alex Herring 1:51.47@ (2nd) PR	Elmar Engholm 1:52.05@ (3rd)	Gabe Aragon 1:55.68@
1500	Pat Zacharias 3:53.85@ (1st)	Graham Thomas 3:54.50@ (2nd) PR	
3000	Logan Rosenberg 8:35.89@ (1st)	Pierre Malherbe 8:46.49@ (3rd)	
110H	De'Vron Walker 15.53 (2nd)		
4x100	Thomas Trujillo, Derek Montoya, De'Vron Walker, Kendall Spencer 41.51@ (2nd)		
4x400	Chris Kline (49.7), Derek Montoya (49.9), Alex Herring (49.0), Elmar Engholm (50.2) 3:19.89@ (2nd)		
HighJ	Django Lovett 6' 11" (2nd)	Markus Miller 6' 2 3/4" (4th)	Yannick Roggatz 6' 2 3/4"
PoleV	Tyler Jackson 15' 1" (4th)		
LongJ	Yannick Roggatz 22' 2" (2nd)	Ty Kirk 21' 5 3/4" (3rd)	Markus Miller 20' 8 3/4"
TripleJ	Ty Kirk 49' 3/4"w (1st)		
ShotP	Mike Ellis (4th)	Marcus Simon (5th)	
Discus	Mike Ellis (5th)	Marcus Simon (6th)	
Hammer	Mike Ellis (5th)	Marcus Simon (6th)	
Jav	Marcus Simon 180' 8" (3rd) PR	Mike Ellis 176' 11" (4th)	