

Lobo Track & Field

Don Kirby Collegiate Elite, February 8, 2013
Don Kirby Collegiate Open, February 9, 2013
Washington Classic, February 8-9, 2013

Distance Runners Set Records in Washington

Each February the University of Washington hosts the finest distance carnival in the country, and the top distance runners from all over the land travel to the great Northwest to partake in some fun and fast action. The distance races are so stacked that the second and third sections of races yield NCAA qualifying performances, and the NCAA ranking is littered with top performances from Dempsey Indoor Arena. If ones reviews the New Mexico All Time Top Ranking list for the 5000 meters they would find six of the fastest ten folks in history on both genders have run their best times at Washington. For jr. Luke Caldwell (The Ashcombe, Betchworth, England) and sr. Josephine Moultrie (Turnbull, Glasgow, Scotland) they raced to new UNM indoor school records in the 5000 meters and 1 Mile respectively. Luke competed in his first 5000 meters of the season and the cross country All American took advantage racing to a 13:40.39 final time to place sixth overall. LC took down the old UNM standard held by Chris Barnicle, who clocked 13:43.20 at the 2010 NCAA Indoor Championship. Luke currently ranks #7 on the NCAA national list, and that performance should give him a ticket to the 2013 NCAA Championships in Arkansas. Josephine already had her grasp on the old women's 1 Mile record when she toured Notre Dame's Loftus Fieldhouse last March to the tune of 4:38.87.

This year she got into a great race and lowered that standard to 4:36.59. She currently ranks #11 in the NCAA in the 1 Mile to go along with her #8 ranking in the 3000. JM now owns the UNM Indoor School Record in the 600, 800, 1 Mile, and 3000 meters making her the most prolific middle distance runner in Lobo history. In other action jr. Sam Evans (Weston Rd., Stafford, England) lowered his all-time best in the 1 Mile to 4:02.59 which gets him to #49 nationally, and #5 all-time as a Lobo. Sr. Kenda Schaaf (Lumsden, Craven, Saskatchewan) took on the 5000 meters and raced to the #4 clocking all-time in Lobo land (16:21.71) which also places her #33 in the NCAA. Sr. Shawna Winnegar (Santa Fe Pre, Santa Fe, NM) placed her name on the Lobo All Time ranking at #9 with her PR of 16:47.37. On the men's side Sean Stam (Rio Rancho, NM) lowered his all-time PR to 14:05.07 which moves him up to #7 all-time at UNM.



Shawna Winnegar (L) and Josephine Moultrie (R) and then Luke Caldwell



Pat Zacharias (Academy, ABQ, NM) on the left clocked 8:17.93 for the 3000 meters which places him #4 in the MWC this indoor season. Sean Stam on the right is #2 in the MWC behind teammate Luke Caldwell.



THE KIRBY WEEKEND IN ALBUQUERQUE

The Don Kirby Collegiate Elite meet was the brainchild of head coach Joe Franklin three years ago. The concept was to bring 10-12 of the top programs in the country to Albuquerque each year and battle it out in everything but the distance races, since those folks went to Washington. It took until last year to come to fruition, and over the last two years the level of competition has been exceptional. This year a Don Kirby Open meet was added on Saturday to allow more athletes, both collegiate and post-collegiate the opportunity to compete on one of the fastest and best indoor track facilities in the land. After the weekend was completed there were 20 NCAA Division I Top Ten performances established and 11 NCAA Division II Top Ten performances. Additionally there were six NAIA performances that rank in the top five nationally. This year Arizona, Arizona State, California, Kansas State, Mississippi, Northern Arizona, Ohio State, San Diego State, Stanford, UCLA, Utah State, Washington State, and Wyoming came to the elite meet. Some of those teams stayed over for the Saturday section which added in Abilene Christian, Wayland Baptist, New Mexico State, New Mexico Highlands, West Texas A&M, Academy of Art, and UNLV.



Juniors Chloe Anderson (Cullompton, England) on the left and Charlotte Arter (Austin Friars St. Monica, Carlisle, England) are red-shirting this indoor season but that didn't stop them from running very fast over the 800 meter distance. If they were running for the Lobos this year they would have produced the #1 and #4 all-time best performances and rank #2 and #3 in the MWC. Chloe took charge and clocked a 2:08.11 which is 44/100ths of a second under Josephine Moultrie's 2:08.55 school standard while Charlotte came in right after at 2:09.71.



Finally!!!

Some coaches talk about "being in the zone", or "seizing the moment", or "going with the flow".....baloney.....how about simply getting excited about racing, and going out and kicking some serious butt!!!! Junior **Alex Herring (Academy, ABQ, NM)** would be the first to admit that he was trying to put that "special" race together but so far in his collegiate career it hadn't materialized. There were moments of that specialness, but nothing sustained. Well, AH took one big step forward in that discussion as he laid down a fantastic wire to wire run over 800 meters to take over the MWC conference lead. And he did it taking the measure of the defending MWC champion and no slouch himself, teammate Gabe Aragon (Valley, ABQ, NM). Over the last four weeks AH displayed newfound confidence and it reflected in whatever distance he ran. At Northern Arizona he ran the 400 and notched a big PR. Then one week later at the Cherry & Silver he clocked a nice easy 4:13 mile. Last week at the UNM Classic he rocked to the 6th fastest 600 meters in school history. So the stage was set. From the gun Alex sped away and his long, flowing stride pattern gave notice that this was going to be fast. Through the 400 he started to exert his influence and by the 600 meter point he had a ten meter lead. Up the backstretch on his final lap he continued to press the pace and it wasn't until the 720 meter point that one could see any semblance of fatigue. But he held on well putting his head down and driving hard with the arms to fly across the finish line with a marvelous 1:50.74 clocking which moves him to the #5 Lobo all-time. It also shoots him up to #1 in the MWC which is huge given the Lobos determination to win the team title. And it wasn't like Gabe wasn't running well because all he did is clock 1:51.86 which is #2 in the MWC right now. Great job guys.



Freshman Chris Kline (West Mesa, ABQ, NM) is shown holding off UCLA's runner during the 4x400 Relay. CK came back the next day to PR in the 400 meter at 49.60 which is 10th on the MWC ranking and currently he is the top ranked freshman in the conference.

Whoooooosh

The freshmen duo of Ridge Jones (DeSoto, TX) and Carlos Wiggins (West, Plano, TX) showed excellent acceleration as they hit seasonal bests in the 60 and 200 respectively. On Friday during the Elite meet Ridge lined up for the 60 meter prelims where he sped to a 6.93 finish which earned another shot at the straightaway event. He did not get a good reaction out of the blocks during that race and was last out, having to come from behind. Coming back later in the evening he obviously corrected that technical aspect as he got out well and flashed down the straight to hit the finish line in 6.82 seventh best overall on the night. That performance lowers his best from the 6.88 he ran at Northern Arizona and moves him

into a tie for the fastest time in the conference this year. It also moves him to the #3 all-time fastest performer at UNM with the sixth fastest overall performance in history. Later that night Carlos lined up in the 200 meters against some formidable opponents, all with faster PR's than him. He got out very well and exploded up the backstretch, only having a momentary hesitation coming around the last turn. He powered down the home straight and dipped at the line to record a 21.66 clocking. That performance moves Carlos to #3 in the MWC conference and to #7 all time at UNM. Both sprinters are the top rookies in the conference in their specialty.



Ridge Jones



Pflibsen Back Over 17' in Vault

Jr. Logan Pflibsen (Streator, IL) got back over 17' 0" as he scaled 17' 3/4" in the high powered competition. It was the type of competition where one athlete from UCLA jumped the highest in the country (18' 4 1/2") and one other post-collegiate athlete went over 18' as well. LP passed the first two bars which were 15' 1" and 15' 7". Opening up at 16' 3/4" he cleared on his first attempt. He then went to 5.05m (16' 6 3/4") and took two attempts to clear. He then used all three attempts to get over 17' 3/4" before taking three tries at 17' 7". The photo shows Logan getting full extension at the top of the vault.



Fisher-Taylor Speeds to #7 All-Time in 200 Meters
Jr. Kayla Fisher-Taylor (MLK, Denver, CO) came into the meet with an indoor PR of 25.14. Running out of lane six she got out well and seemed to keep the separation between her and the runners to her inside which she couldn't see due to the stagger. Around the last turn those runners pulled her in, and as she came off the bend she was down. Driving hard she slowly started to pull them back in with each stride. KFT is shown about ten meters before the finish line. Her final clocking was 24.91 which places her 11th in the conference.



The Second Time is the Charm

Sr. Zach Smith (Kentlake, Kent, Washington) did not have the Friday long jumping success he wanted as he was only able to get one legal jump and that was only 22' 2". Coming back for another session on Saturday he opened up at 22' 8", had two lesser jumps before coming down the runway and powering to a 7.07m distance (23' 2 1/2"). That jump adds one inch to his old PR and pushes him up to #4 in the MWC.



Cook & Stirling PR

Jr. Julia Cook (Lake Central, Dyer, IN) (pictured) and soph. Annie Stirling (Cimmaron, NM) flew to new all-time bests in the Don Kirby Open PV. Both opened up at 10' 11" and then went to 11' 5 3/4" before advancing on to 11' 11 3/4". Both took two attempts to clear. That height moves them to #9 all-time at UNM.



Turner Bounds to New PR

Soph. Yeshemabet Turner (Pecos, NM) added two inches to her PR as she hopped, stepped, and jumped to a distance of 39' 5 3/4" during the Don Kirby Open. She moves to #6 in the conference rankings with that distance and also moves to #5 all-time at UNM. YT opened up with two fouls, before going 39' 1/4" on her third attempt. She saved her best jump for her final attempt.



The quartet of Zoe Howell (Socorro, NM), Shirley Pitts (Bonanza, Las Vegas, NV), Jasmin McCray (Lawrence Central, Indianapolis, IN) and Tawsha Brazley (Bosque, ABQ, NM) (pictured) ran to the seventh fastest relay time in school history. Zoe lead off with a 58.0 then Shirley followed with a 56.4 handing off to Jasmin who clocked 57.3. Tawsha finished off the relay with a 57.3 which totalled 3:50.27

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) 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.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO DON KIRBY ELITE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2013

WOMEN

60H	Precious Selmon 8.90@	Samantha Bowe 8.91@ PR	Holly Van Grinsven 8.95@
200	Kayla Fisher-Taylor 24.91@ PR (7,x)		
800	Chloe Anderson 2:08.11@ (Unattached)	Charlotte Arter 2:09.71@ (Unattached)	
3000	Nancy Holguin 10:51.68@ PR	Shannen Ramey 10:152.94@ (Unattached)	
4x400	Zoe Howell (58.0), Shirley Pitts (56.4), Jasmin McCray (57.3), Tawsha Brazley (57.3) 3:50.27@ (7,x)		
LongJ	Yeshemabet Turner 17' 11 3/4"	Aasha Marler 17' 11"	Casey Dowling 17' 9 3/4" PR
HighJ	Marin Schweigert 5' 4 1/4"		

MEN

60	Ridge Jones 6.93@ 6.82@ (7th) PR (3,6)	Kendall Spencer 6.95@	
60H	De'Vron Walker 8.18@ 8.12@ (8th)		
200	Carlos Wiggins 21.66@ PR (7,7)	Thomas Trujillo 22.59@ (Unattached)	
400	Chaz Lewis 48.57@		
800	Alex Herring 1:50.74@ (1st) (5,x)	Gabe Aragon 1:51.86@	JP Cordova 1:53.52@
3000	Vince Montoya 8:37.02@ (3rd)	Donovan Torres 8:54.74@	Graham Thomas 1:55.50@ PR (Unattached)
4x400	Derek Montoya (49.5), Chaz Lewis (48.6), Chris Kline (49.3), Gabe Aragon (49.8) 3:18.25@ (6th)		
LongJ	Kendall Spencer 24' 6 1/2" (4th)	Richard York 22' 5 1/4"	Zach Smith 22' 2 1/2" Yannick Roggatz NM
TripleJ	Floyd Ross 51' 1 1/2" (4th)		
HighJ	Django Lovett 6' 10 3/4" (7th)	Markus Miller 6' 2 3/4"	
PoleV	Logan Pflibsen 17' 3/4" (3rd)	Rob Warensjo 15' 7"	

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO DON KIRBY OPEN, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2013

WOMEN

60	Kayla Fisher-Taylor 7.92@	Brianna Chirpas 8.18@ PR (Unattached)	
60H	Precious Selmon 9.03@		
200	Aasha Marler 25.65@	Lucretia Vigil 26.09@ (Unattached)	
400	Zoe Howell 57.45@ PR (9,x)	Tawsha Brazley 57.82@	Jasmin McCray 59.10@
	Lucretia Vigil 59.34@ PR (Unattached)	Haley Sanner 59.39@ PR	Shirley Pitts 59.64@ (runner fell in front)
	Christina Clark 62.48@	Mackenzie Kerr 63.00@	
800	Mia Weaver 2:18.49@ PR	Julie Brasher 2:19.73@	Rebecca Chow 2:32.53@
1mile	Janna Mitsos 5:02.93@ PR	Nicola Hood 5:14.61@	
4x400	Haley Sanner (59.6)PR, Mackenzie Kerr (61.9), Christina Clark (62.5), Mia Weaver (61.9) 4:07.32@		
HighJ	Marin Schweigert 5' 5" (2nd)		
PoleV	Margo Tucker 12' 5 1/2" (1st)	Annie Stirling 11' 11 3/4" (2nd) PR (9,x)	Julia Cook 11' 11 3/4" (2nd) PR (9,x)
	Nathalie Busk 11' 11 3/4" (4th)	Emily Heisler 11' 5 3/4" (5th)	
TripleJ	Yeshemabet Turner 39' 5 3/4" (4th) PR (5,x)	Aasha Marler 37' 8" (7th)	Casey Dowling 37' 2"

MEN

60	Will Carter 7.05@	Nolan Paranto 7.51@ PR (Unattached)	
60H	De'Vron Walker 8.30@ 8.21@ (2nd)	Richard York 8.61@	Yannick Roggatz 9.02@
200	Chaz Lewis 21.95@	Ridge Jones 22.29@	
400	Chris Kline 49.60@ PR	Nolan Paranto 53.74@ PR (Unattached)	
1mile	Logan Rosenberg 4:18.03@ (3rd)		
HighJ	Markus Miller 6' 6 3/4" (2nd)		
LongJ	Zach Smith 23' 2 1/2" (3rd) PR		
PoleV	Tyler Jackson 14' 7 1/4" (2nd)		
ShotP	Richard York 42' 8" =PR		

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON HUSKY CLASSIC , FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8-9, 2013

1Mile	Sam Evans 4:02.49 PR (5,x)	
3000	Pat Zacharias 8:17.93	
5000	Luke Caldwell 13:40.39 (6th) (1,1) NEW UNM INDOOR RECOFRD, OLD RECORD, CHRIS BARNICLE, 13:43.20, 2010	
	Sean Stam 14:05.07 PR (7,x)	Pierre Malherbe 14:44.78 PR
1mile	Josephine Moultrie 4:36.59 PR (1,1) NEW UNM INDOOR SCHOOL RECORD, OLD RECORD, MOULTRIE 4:38.87, 2012	
	Kirsten Follett 4:54.99	Imogen Ainsworth 4:54.99
5000	Kendra Schaaf 16:21.71 (5th) (4,8)	Shawna Winnegar 16:47.37 PR (9,x)