

ARIZONA TRACK & FIELD

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The Week in Arizona Track and Field

Jim Click Shootout Tucson, Ariz.



Facility: Roy P. Drachman Stadium

Date: April 2-4, 2009

Time: Combined Events: 11 a.m. (Thursday)
Team Competition: 10 a.m. (Saturday)



Second Home Meet of Year Awaits 'Cats

The UA's No 22. women's and unranked men's track and field teams will take to Roy P. Drachman Stadium over the next three days as they host their biggest home meet of the season in the annual Jim Click Shootout.

The event, sponsored by legendary southern Arizona businessman Jim Click, gives athletes from across the country to see what it's like to compete in a big time meet.

"We want all athletes who may not get a chance to compete at the NCAA (Championship) level to have an opportunity to come to a meet that feels and *is* big time," said track and field Director of Operations Francesca Green.

Unlike years past though, this year's competition will take on a different sort of look that will put conference bragging rights up for grabs.

Rather than compete as individual teams, two teams from three conferences will team up together as they duke it out to see which conference is tops. Arizona will team with Washington to represent the Pac-10 and they will face off against Kansas and Nebraska of the Big-12 and Penn State and Wisconsin of the Big-10.

Of course while a victory in the competition would be nice, what is more important is picking up NCAA Regional qualifications. In just two meets this year, Arizona has already scored 11 regional qualifications and will look to take that bar to another level this weekend.

Some of the premier Wildcats will open up their outdoor campaign on Saturday including last year's outdoor high jump champion Liz Patterson and her partner in crime in Jasmin Day, the All-American husband-wife shot put duo of Zack and Nicole Lloyd, 2007 conference pole vault champion Gabriella Duclos, NCAA Championship long jumper Luis Rivera-Morales and two-time All-American shot putter Megan Howard.

Shevell Quinley will also see her first action of the season in the heptathlon on Thursday and Friday in the multi-event portion of the meet.

The combined events will begin Thursday at 11 a.m. and continue on Friday at 10 a.m. The rest of the athletes will hit the track on Saturday starting at 10 a.m.

2009 Outdoor Track and Field Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
3/20	Willie Williams Classic	Tucson, Ariz.
3/27	Stanford Invite	Palo Alto, Calif.
4/2-4	Jim Click Shootout	Tucson, Ariz.
4/10	Sun Angel Classic	Tempe, Ariz.
4/16	Mt. Sac Relays	Walnut, Calif.
4/25	Sun Devil Invite	Tempe, Ariz.
5/2	UA-ASU-NAU Dual	Tempe, Ariz.
5/9	Pac-10 Combined Events	Eugene, Ore.
5/16	Pac-10 Championships	Eugene, Ore.
5/23	Elite Throwers Classic	Tucson, Ariz.
5/29	NCAA Regional Champ.	Eugene, Ore.
6/10	NCAA Championships	Fayetteville, Ark.

Wildcat Quick Facts

Location.....	Tucson, Ariz.
Founded.....	1885
Enrollment.....	37,000
President.....	Dr. Robert Shelton
Athletic Director.....	Jim Livengood

Director of Track & Field/Cross Country

Fred Harvey

Associate Head Coaches

James Li (Distance)

Assistant Coaches

Dawn Boxley (Sprints/Hurdles)
Sheldon Blockburger (Jumps)
Craig Carter (Throws)
Erin Rodrigs (Distance)

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2008 Arizona Track And Field



Wasting No Time

In just two meets to start the outdoor season, the men's and women's squads have already combined for 11 qualifications for the NCAA West Regional Championships later this season.

The coaches feel that getting the qualification out of the way early in the season will allow the athletes to get a weight off their shoulders and focus the rest of their season on preparing for the Regional Championship In Eugene.

So far the UA qualifiers include LaTisha Holden (100-meter hurdles), Dahlys Marshall (100m hurdles), Abdi Hassan (1500-meters), Maggie Callahan (300-meter steeplechase), Irine Lagat (5000-meter run), Nick Mossberg (pole vault), Dutch Perryman (pole vault), Tomaz Bogovic (hammer throw), Tyler Johnson (hammer throw), Taylor Freeman (discus throw) and Korion Morris (shot put).

Return of the All-Americans

Five Wildcats earned All-American honors three weeks ago at the NCAA Indoor National Championships. Those athletes will open up their outdoor season on Saturday.

The throwing events will see Zack Lloyd, Nicole Lloyd and Megan Howard open up in the shot put, hammer throw and discus throw events. Zack Lloyd is a three-time All-American shot putter but also qualified for the NCAA Championships in the discus last year. His wife, Nicole, earned the first All-American accolades of her career at this year's indoor championships was also an NCAA qualifier outdoors in the shot put and discus throws last year. Howard is a two-time All-American in the shot put and will likely take part in both the hammer and discus throws in addition to that this season.

Junior Gabriella Duclos returned from her red-shirt season in style at the indoor championships, earning All-American honors with a personal best jump in the event at 4.25m. Before sitting out last season, Duclos was the defending conference champion in the event and will look to regain that title this season after already claiming it indoors.

The biggest athletes opening up this weekend may just be junior Liz Patterson. Patterson is the defending national champion outdoors in the high jump and is coming back from an epic indoor championships in which she finished second after setting a personal record with her massive jump of 1.95m. Patterson will look to give Assistant Coach Sheldon Blockburger his fifth national champion in as many years this season as she looks to defend her title.

Release the Luis

Senior Luis-Rivera Morales won the indoor conference titles during the indoor season yet still found himself on the outside looking in as far as the National Championships were concerned. He will look to repeat last year's trip to the outdoor championships this season as he opens up the season on Saturday.

2009 USTFCCCA NCAA Division I

Indoor Rankings

Preseason

Men's Rankings		Points	Women's Rankings		Points
1.)	Texas A&M	296.45	1.)	Texas A&M	357.91
2.)	Arkansas	276.15	2.)	Virginia Tech	249.54
3.)	Oregon	258.79	3.)	Oregon	235.31
4.)	Florida State	196.84	4.)	Tennessee	196.53
5.)	LSU	187.85	5.)	Penn State	193.94
6.)	Kentucky	171.39	6.)	LSU	192.30
7.)	Texas	167.93	7.)	Southern Cal	191.16
8.)	Florida	162.53	8.)	UCLA	180.63
9.)	Tennessee	161.93	9.)	Arizona State	178.52
10.)	Baylor	160.17	10.)	Michigan	143.72
11.)	Nebraska	158.10	11.)	Florida	140.97
12.)	Georgia	153.05	12.)	Minnesota	140.55
13.)	UCLA	152.93	13.)	Auburn	140.42
14.)	South Carolina	150.08	14.)	Texas	133.65
15.)	Washington	131.28	15.)	Oklahoma	125.40
16.)	Arizona State	121.69	16.)	Miami (Fla.)	124.47
17.)	Washington State	114.71	17.)	South Carolina	123.44
18.)	Northern Iowa	113.41	18.)	Texas Tech	122.27
19.)	Southern Cal	99.84	19.)	Arkansas	118.60
20.)	Texas Tech	99.81	20.)	Baylor	114.10
21.)	California	98.19	21.)	TUC	102.36
22.)	Boise State	94.57	22.)	Arizona	101.95
23.)	Purdue	92.98	23.)	North Carolina	100.19
24.)	Louisville	92.12	24.)	Louisville	98.33
25.)	BYU	84.56	25.)	Nebraska	93.93

Wildcats In The Rankings

In the first set of outdoor rankings released by the US Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association for the 2009 indoor season, the Wildcat women find themselves in the top-25 to start things off.

The UA women look to have been propelled by their returning All-American's and will begin the year ranked No. 22 by the coaches and are the fifth highest ranking team in the Pac-10, behind Oregon, Southern Cal, UCLA and Arizona State who are ranked 3rd, 8th, 9th and 10th respectively.

Mags-Nificent Callahan

One of the more unknown streaks of an UA athletes in sophomore Maggie Callahan's personal record streak in the 3000-meter steeplechase. Callahan has set a personal record seven straight times in the event dating back to her first competition as a Wildcat last season at the Willie Williams Classic in Tucson.

This past weekend, Callahan took it to a new level as she knocked 12 seconds off her previous personal best with a new one of 10:31.52 to qualify for the NCAA West Regional Championships.

Callahan ranks third all-time at Arizona in the event and has improved her steeplechase time by over a minute in the past year. The top spot in Arizona's record books lays only 10 seconds away as she looks to keep the streak going Saturday.

2008 NCAA West Regional Qualifiers
The University of Arizona Wildcats

MEN (With National Rankings)			WOMEN (With National Rankings)		
Name	Meet	Time/Mark	Name	Meet	Time/Mark
1500-Meters			100m Hurdles		
10.) Abdi Hassan	Stanford Invitational (Palo Alto, Calif.)	3:46.36	23.) Dahlys Marshall	Willie Williams Classic (Tucson)	13.69
Pole Vault			31.) LaTisha Holden	Willie Williams Classic (Tucson)	13.84
22.) Nick Mossberg	Willie Williams Classic (Tucson, Ariz.)	5.05m	3000m Steeple		
22.) Dutch Perryman	Willie Williams Classic (Tucson, Ariz.)	5.05m	16.) Maggie Callahan	Stanford Invite (Palo Alto, Calif.)	10:31.52
Shot Put			5000-Meters		
11.) Korion Morris	Willie Williams Classic (Tucson, Ariz.)	17.61m	14.) Irine Lagat	Stanford Invite (Palo Alto, Calif.)	16:23.67
Hammer Throw			Discus		
33.) Tomaz Bogovic	Willie Williams Classic (Tucson, Ariz.)	59.42m	Taylor Freeman	Willie Williams Classic (Tucson)	48.16m
44.) Tyler Johnson	Willie Williams Classic (Tucson, Ariz.)	57.80m			

2008 NCAA West Regional Qualifying Standards

Men's

Event	FAT	MT	Altitude Arjstment 3k-5,999/6k+
100 Meters	10.55	--	+03/+06
200 Meters	21.35	--	+07/+12
400 Meters	47.20	46.90	+11/+21
800 Meters#	1:50.40	1:50.10	
1,500 Meters#	3:47.80	3:47.50	
Mile#	4:06.00	4:05.70	
3,000-Meters SC#	9:07.00	9:06.70	
5,000 Meters#	14:12.00	14:11.70	
10,000 Meters#-Auto	28:45.00	28:44.70	
10,000 Meters#-Pro	20:30.00	20:29.70	
110-Meter Hurdles	14.30	--	+04/+08
400-Meter Hurdles	52.51	52.20	+11/+22
400-Meter Relay	40.66	40.40	+12/+24
440-Yard Relay	40.86	40.60	+12/+24
1,600-Meter Relay	3:10.00	3:09.70	+44/+84
Mile Relay	3:11.00	3:10.80	+44/+84

Men's Field Events

Metric	
High Jump	2.10
Pole Vault	5.05
Long Jump	7.34
Triple Jump	15..00
Shot Put	16.80
Discus	51.70
Javelin	61.60
Hammer	56.80

Decathlon-Auto	7,500 points
Decathlon-Prov	6,900 points

Women's

Event	FAT	MT	Altitude Arjstment 3k-5,999/6k+
100 Meters	11.75	--	+03/+07
200 Meters	23.96	--	+07/+14
400 Meters	54.61	54.3	+11/+21
800 Meters#	2:09.80	2:09.50	
1,500 Meters#	4:27.80	4:27.50	
Mile#	4:49.30	4:49.00	
3,000-Meters SC#	10:50.25	10:50.00	
5,000 Meters#	16:52.00	16:51.70	
10,000 Meters#-Auto	33:30.00	33:29.70	
10,000 Meters#-Pro	35:00.00	34:59.70	
100-Meter Hurdles	13.92	--	+04/+08
400-Meter Hurdles	1:00.82	1:00.50	+11/+21
400-Meter Relay	45.70	45.40	+12/+28
440-Yard Relay	45.90	45.60	+12/+28
1,600-Meter Relay	3:42.00	3:41.70	+44/+84
Mile Relay	3:43.30	3:43.00	+44/+84

Women's Field Events

Metric	
High Jump	1.75
Pole Vault	3.85
Long Jump	6.00
Triple Jump	12.32
Shot Put	14.30
Discus	47.30
Javelin	43.45
Hammer	54.15

Heptathlon-Auto	5,500 Points
Heptathlon-Prov	5,050 Points

