UCLA TRACK & FIELD

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2018 SCHEDULE

January		
19-20	at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Invitational (Albuquerque, N.M.)	
25-26	at Dr. Sander Invitational (New York, N.Y.)	
27	at Columbia Challenge (New York, N.Y.)	
February		
9-10	at Don Kirby Invitational (Albuquerque, N.M.)	
9-10	at Husky Classic (Seattle, Wash.)	
23-24	at MPSF Championships (Seattle, Wash.)	Men 4th / Women 5th
March		
9-10	at NCAA Indoor Championships (College Station, Texas)	Women T-27th
22-24	at Aztec Invitational (San Diego, Calif.)	
30	**Bob Larsen Distance Carnival (Drake Stadium)**	
31	**Jim Bush Legends Invitational (Drake Stadium)**	
April		
7	at Pomona-Pitzer Invite (Claremont, Calif.)	
14	**Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersee Invitational (Drake Stadium)**	
19-21	at Mt. Sac Relays (Torrance, Calif.)	
20-21	at John Jacobs Invitational (Norman, Okla.)	
29	**USC (Drake Stadium)**	
May		
5-6	at Pac-12 Multi-Events Championships (Stanford, Calif.)	
12-13	at Pac-12 Championships (Stanford, Calif.)	
24-26	at NCAA West Preliminaries (Sacramento, Calif.)	
June		
6-9	at NCAA Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	

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NCAA West Regionals

May 24-26, 2018

MEET INFORMATION

Location:	Sacramento Calif.
Venue:	Hornet Stadium
Live Results:	uclabruins.com
Stream:	FloSports.tv (Subscription required)

MEET SCHEDULE

Thursday & Friday, May 24-25	**Saturday, May 26**
12:00 pm - Field events begin	12:00 pm - Field events begin
4:30 pm - Track events begin	6:00 pm - Track events begin

BRUINS TREK TO SACRAMENTO FOR NCAA WEST REGIONALS

After a week off following the conclusion of the Pac-12 Championships, UCLA this week heads to Sacramento, Calif. for the NCAA West Regionals, hosted by Sacramento State at Hornet Stadium. The meet, also known as the NCAA men's and women's West Preliminary competition, features the 48 individuals in the West region with the best marks in each event, as well as the top-24 relay teams. The top-12 finishers in each event at this week's Regionals will advance to the NCAA Championships, which will be held at in Eugene, Ore. from June 6-9.

TV COVERAGE

FloSports will offer a live stream of this week's NCAA West Preliminaries. A subscription to the site is required. The stream can be accessed on FloSports.tv.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD STAYS IN THE POLLS

Heading into the weekend, the UCLA women's track & field team is ranked No. 24 in the country by the USTFCCCA, the fourth consecutive week in which the squad has been ranked. The Bruins were a season-high No. 20 before the Pac-12 Championships. In the latest USTFCCCA regional rankings, the women's team was ranked No. 4 in the West while the men's team was tabbed at No. 10.

BRUINS SENDING 23 TO REGIONALS

UCLA will be sending 23 student-athletes, plus one relay team, across 20 events to this weekend's regionals. Of the 24 Bruins who qualified for the meet, only the injured Idrees Bernard (triple jump) will not be competing. On the men's side, UCLA will send 13 athletes across eight events for a total of 14 entries. On the women's side, UCLA will have 14 entries, featuring 10 athletes and one relay team across 12 events. UCLA has the third-most entries among Pac-12 women's teams. A full list of entrants can be found below:

Women's Qualifying List (Seed)
200m Dash: Jelvon Butler (42)
3000m Steeplechase: Emily Scharmann (36)
10,000m: Christina Rice (39)
100m Hurdles: Pattriana Perry (47)
4X100 Relay (13)
High Jump: Mikella Lefebvre-Oatis (32)
Pole Vault: Greta Wagner (48)
Triple Jump: Jessie Maduka (3)
Shot Put: Ashlie Blake (4), Alyssa Wilson (9)
Discus Throw: Alyssa Wilson (13), Ashlie Blake (41)
Hammer Throw: Alyssa Wilson (7)
Javelin Throw: Ilaria Casarotto (26)

Men's Qualifying List (Seed)
400m: Joe Herrera (34)
800m: Riley Kelly (25)
1500m: George Gleason (19), Carter Blunt (23), Millen Trujillo (46)
5000m: Robert Brandt (14), Daniel De La Torre (27), Colin Burke (34)
10,000m: Robert Brandt (12), Myles Smith (26)
Triple Jump: CJ Alumbres (20), Idrees Bernard (24)
Hammer Throw: Justin Stafford (11)
Javelin Throw: Simon Litzell (4), Marian Spannowsky (13)

PAC-12 CHAMPIONSHIPS IN REVIEW

UCLA concluded the Pac-12 Championships, held at Stanford, in sixth place on the women's side and ninth on the men's side. Overall, the Bruins had a pair of individual champions (Simon Litzell - men's javelin, Jessie Maduka - women's triple jump) and seven podium finishes.

LITZELL DOMINATES JAVELIN AT PAC-12 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Simon Litzell was UCLA's first individual champion at the Pac-12 Championships, dominating the competition with a top mark of 74.46m (244-03) that was almost eight meters better than the No. 2 finisher. Litzell had a pair of 70-meter throws out of his six attempts, while the rest of the field combined for none. He obliterated his previous PR (69.14m, 226-10) and reached No. 5 on UCLA's all-time top-10 list. Marian Spannowsky joined him on the podium with a third-place finish at 66.11m (216-11).

BRUINS GALORE IN SIX EVENTS

UCLA qualified multiple athletes in six separate events at Sacramento. The Bruins will have three runners apiece in the men's 1500m and 5000m, and two runners in the men's 10,000m. In the field events, UCLA has two athletes competing apiece in the women's shot put, women's discus, and men's javelin.

MADUKA GETS IN A GROOVE

The No. 2 triple jumper in UCLA history, Jessie Maduka was limited to just two regular season meets this outdoor season. However, it appears she is back on her game after her last two performances. In the USC dual meet, she posted a season-best 13.62m (44-8.25) triple jump. She followed that up with a 13.59m (44-7) mark at the Pac-12 Championships, which was good for first place giving UCLA its first individual triple jump champion since 2004. She enters NCAAs with the No. 6 mark in the triple jump this season nationwide. Her career-best in the triple jump is 13.81m (45-3.75).

2018 BEST MARKS

MEN

Event	Name	Mark
100m	**Darius Smith**	**10.73**
200m	Joe Herrera	21.73
400m	Joe Herrera	46.64
800m	Riley Kelly	1:49.41
1500m	George Gleason	3:43.91
1 Mile	George Gleason	4:05.69
3000m	Tyler Janes	8:24.30
3000mSC	Cole Smith	8:58.58
5000m	Robert Brandt	13:41.23
10000m	Robert Brandt	29:02.14
PV	Reed Scale	4.90m (16-0.75)
LJ	Matthew DeRoos	7.25m w (23-09.5)
TJ	**CJ Alumbres**	**15.67m (51-5)**
SP	Kai Wong	16.21m (53-2.25)
DT	**Justin Stafford**	**49.22m (161-6)**
HT	Justin Stafford	64.92m (213-0)
JT	**Simon Litzell**	**74.46m (244-3)**

WOMEN

Event	Name	Mark
100m	**Ashley Lewis**	**11.74**
200m	**Jelvon Butler**	**23.67**
400m	Ratanya Washington	58.46
800m	Jacquelyn Hill	2:10.51
1500m	Christina Rice	4:27.50
3000m	Jessica Cushing-Murray	10:14.66
3000mSC	Emily Scharmann	10:27.33
5000m	Jackie Garner	16:39.02
10000m	**Christina Rice**	**34:31.06**
100H	**Pattriana Perry**	**13.65**
4x100mR	Acolatse, Butler, Lewis, Maduka	44.56
HJ	Kendall Gustafson	1.80m (5-10.75)
PV	Greta Wagner	4.00m (13-1.5)
LJ	Kendall Gustafson	5.82m (19-1.25)
TJ	Jessie Maduka	13.62m (44-8.25)
SP	Ashlie Blake	17.73m (58-2)
DT	Alyssa Wilson	55.11m (180-10)
HT	**Alyssa Wilson**	**66.53m (218-3)**
JT	Ilaria Casarotto	48.17m (158-0.25)
Hep	Kendall Gustafson	5886

Bold indicates mark set in last competition

BREAKOUT FRESHMAN SEASON FOR WILSON

True freshman thrower Alyssa Wilson has had a consistently impressive first year at UCLA, winning eight events and finishing top-two in 13 of the 18 events in which she's competed (.722). She set a new PR in the hammer last week with a launch of 66.53m (218-3), third-furthest in UCLA history. She won at least one event in the three meets leading up to the postseason, and she qualified for the discus, hammer, and shot put at this week's Regionals. She is the lone Bruin to compete in three events in Sacramento.

GUSTAFSON IMPRESSES AT PAC-12 MULTIS

UCLA senior heptathlete Kendall Gustafson had a performance to remember at the Pac-12 Multis, winning three of seven events and setting three PRs en route to a second-place finish with 5,886 points, which qualifies her for the NCAA Championships next month. Her total heptathlon score ranked second on UCLA's all-time top-10 list, only trailing the legendary Jackie Joyner (6,718, set in 1985). On day one, Gustafson won the high jump with a mark of 1.80m (5-10.75), a career-best and the top mark in that event by a Pac-12 athlete this year. Before the day was up, she also won the shot put (13.08, 42-11) and PR'd in the 100m hurdles (14.08) and 200m dash (25.02). Gustafson's top day-two performance came in the javelin, as each of three attempts went further than any throw from any other athlete in the field. Her top mark was 5.72m (18-9.25). Redshirt sophomore Christina Chenault, the fourth-place finisher in last year's Pac-12 Multis, finished in eighth despite being limited by injuries to just three events this outdoor season, none of which were track events.

STAFFORD LOOKS TO BOUNCE BACK

In the last six meets of the outdoor regular season, junior Justin Stafford won the hammer throw five times, including four in row at one point. He never finished below second until the Pac-12 Championships, where he had the third-place mark (63.77m, 209-3). He has the No. 11 mark in the West region heading into the weekend.

KELLY NABS UCLA MEN'S TRACK'S FIRST PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONOR

UCLA sophomore middle-distance runner Riley Kelly was named the Pac-12 men's track Athlete of the Week on Apr. 17. Kelly, a native of Brisbane, Australia, set a new PR in the 800m at the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersee Invitational, finishing the race with a time of 1:49.41.That mark is the best in the 800m by a Bruin this year, fourth-best by a Pac-12 runner, and 17th best by a Western region athlete in the 2018 outdoor season. Kelly has improved his 800m time in each of the five times he's competed in the event in 2018, going from a 1:51.83 time on Jan. 27 to Saturday's sub-1:50 mark. He is UCLA's first recipient of a men's track weekly honor since Arturo Sotomayor was tabbed on Apr. 11, 2017.

SEVENTEEN EARN MPSF ALL-ACADEMIC HONORS, SEVEN HONORED AT SCHOLAR-ATLETE BANQUET

The UCLA track and field team placed 17 student-athletes on the MPSF Indoor Track and Field All-Academic teams for 2018. Ten women were named to the squad - redshirt junior pole vaulter Elleyse Garrett, senior pentathlete Kendall Gustafson, senior sprinter/jumper Jessie Maduka, senior hurdler Pattriana Perry, senior sprinter Jelvon Butler, senior jumper Efe Agege, redshirt junior high jumper Kaelin Davis, sophomore high jumper Mikella Lefebvre-Oatis, and redshirt freshmen distance runners Claire Markey and Kelly Bernd. Garrett and Maduka each received their third career honor, while Gustafson, Perry and Butler earned their second.

Seven UCLA men received all-academic honors, including six distance runners in senior Daniel De La Torre, redshirt junior Scott Snow, redshirt sophomore George Gleason, sophomores Riley Kelly and Millen Trujillo, and redshirt freshman Chris Morzenti. Joining them is redshirt freshman thrower Nate Esparza. Snow, Gleason and Trujillo earned their second consecutive all-academic honors.

On May 15, seven track & field student-athletes were honored at UCLA's annual scholar-athlete banquet. Daniel De La Torre was the Rose Gilbert Courage and Character Award recipient, while Leon Powell and Patrianna Perry swept the Bruin Leadership Awards. Kendall Gustafson, Jessie Maduka, and Roni Yamane received Athletic Director's Academic Excellence Awards (3.0+ GPA, enrolled in 12+ graded units) and Scott Snow and Gustafson were named to the UCLA All-Academic Team (individual from each program with top cumulative GPA).

NINE BRUINS ENTER ALL-TIME TOP-10 IN 2018

Nine Bruins have made their way into the UCLA Top-10 list with their performances this season. Most recently, Litzell recorded the all-time No. 5 mark in the men's javelin at 74.46m (244-03) at the Pac-12 Championships. Before that, Gustafson had the second-best heptathlon score in school history at the Pac-12 Multis at 5,886, which trails only Jackie Joyner (6,718). At the John Jacobs Invitational, Stafford (64.67m, 212-02, sixth) and Wilson (61.43m, 201-6) set the No. 6 best throws all-time in the hammer. Marian Spannowsky's entered the top-10 at the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersee Invitational with a 70.54m (231-05) javelin throw, which ranks eighth. Ilaria Casarotto had the No. 4 women's javelin throw in program history at 48.17m (158-0.25) at the same meet. Robert Brandt posted the No. 3 5000m time (13:41.23) at the Mt. SAC Relays and No. 6 all-time mark in the 10,000m with a 29:02.14 at the Bob Larsen Distance Carnival. Also at that meet, Christina Rice posted the No. 6 mark in the 10,000m on the women's side with a 34:49.87. Ashlie Blake's 17.73m (58-2) shotput throw at the Jim Bush Legends Invitational ranks No. 5 all-time.

INDOOR RECAP

UCLA finished the indoor season with five All-America honors and a 27th-place finish for the women at the NCAA Indoor Championships. Senior Jessie Maduka earned first-team All-America acclaim in the triple jump with a third-place finish at the NCAAs after a UCLA indoor school record jump of 13.81m (45-03.75). Maduka also won the MPSF Indoor triple jump title. Junior Ashlie Blake also made it to the podium, placing seventh in the shot put with a throw of 17.07m (56-0). Receiving second-team All-America acclaim were freshman Alyssa Wilson in the shot put (14th overall) and redshirt freshman Nate Esparza (12th) and Dotun Ogundeji (13th).

At the MPSF Championships, the Bruin men placed fourth, while the women were fifth. UCLA captured four event titles, with Isaiah Holmes winning the long jump, Kendall Gustafson winning the pentathlon with a school record point total of 4084, Maduka winning the triple jump, and the men's squad of Scott Snow, Darnell Roberson, Riley Kelly and Carter Blunt winning the distance medley relay.

ANDERSON BEGINS FIRST SEASON

UCLA graduate and track and field/football alumnus Avery Anderson is in his first year as the Director of Track & Field and Cross Country, having assumed the position on July 6, 2017. Anderson returned to his alma mater after spending nearly 13 years in various coaching roles at CSUN, including the Director of Track & Field and Cross Country from July 2011-July 2017. Prior to coaching at CSUN, Anderson was a volunteer assistant track coach at Kansas State from 2002-04 and at UCLA from 2001-02. During his tenure at CSUN, Anderson led Matador student-athletes to 13 team conference championship titles, 91 individual conference championship titles and 21 NCAA All-America honors. He established a conference record for team championship titles, was named the Big West Conference Women's Track & Field Coach of the Year in 2017 and 2015, and coached the only individual male NCAA Division I champions in CSUN history, in any sport, long jumpers Dashalle Andrews and Reindell Cole.

LOOKING AHEAD

After this week's meet, the Bruins wrap up the 2018 outdoor season at the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore. from Jun. 6-9.