



Arizona State University

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(Men's Track and Field to Penn Relays)

TEMPE--Arizona State University men's track and field coach Baldy Castillo isn't predicting a repeat performance of what his Sun Devils did in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania last April.

However he does feel that ASU will be very competitive when they compete in the 83rd annual Penn Relays this weekend at the University of Pennsylvania. Competition begins on Thursday and will conclude on Saturday.

"We won't win eight events this year like we did last season because we are only entering two relay teams and two individuals," comments Castillo. "However the people we have entered have a good chance of winning as anybody."

Speaking of the eight events that the Sun Devils won last April, one was in a world record time (800 meter relay) and another performance was good enough for a collegiate record (1600 meter relay). In all, ASU won all three sprint relay events and five individual championships. However the Sun Devils have only four athletes returning from last year's twelve men Penn Relays squad.

Tentative top entries for ASU this year are returning Penn Relays champion Dannie Jackson in the long jump, Chris DeFrance in the triple jump, the 400 meter relay team, and the 1600 meter relay squad. Composing the 400 meter relay team will be Reggie Edwards, Norristown, Pennsylvania (Philadelphia suburb) product, Tony Darden, Philadelphian Greg Moore, and Gerald Burl. The members of the 1600 meter relay squad will be Clifton McKenzie, Moore, Burl and Darden.

"I believe our relays can just about run with anybody," stated Castillo. "Now that we don't have to spread ourselves so thin our relay times are going to come down."

Relay times did just that last weekend as ASU won both the 400 and 1600 meter relays in the El Paso Invitational. The 400 squad won in 39.82 and the 1600 team won in a new Kidd Field track record time of 3:07.1. Other top performances came from Bruce Heide in the shot put who increased his personal best by more than a foot and half by finishing fourth with a mark of 57-6½, Henry Barela who matched his pole vault PR by placing fifth at 16-0, and Gerald Burl who finished second in a photo finish in the 100 meter dash (10.68).

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ADDITIONAL BULLETIN

TEMPE - Sun Devil triple jumper and football wingback Chris DeFrance will miss the remainder of the 1978 track and field season due to an injury sustained over the weekend.

DeFrance, who was doing double duty this year between spring football and track, suffered a broken left metatarsal during the annual spring football game this past Saturday. He will miss this year's WAC and NCAA track championships but is scheduled to be ready for Camp Tontozona in August.

DeFrance had become the ASU school recordholder in the triple jump this season with a leap of 53-4½ this spring. That mark currently is listed as the second best mark in the WAC for 1978 and eleventh in the U.S.