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STANFORD--World record-holder Reynaldo Nehemiah and football All-America freshman Herschel Walker headline an impressive list of track and field athletes who will compete in the 11th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. International Freedom Games, slated to be held at Stanford Stadium Mar. 27-28.

More than 100 universities and colleges are expected to participate, including contingents from USC, UCLA, Georgia, Tennessee, Houston, San Jose State, California, Tennessee State and Oregon State. Additionally, more than 100 high schools have signed up for the competition.

Nehemiah, who placed first in the 110-meter hurdles at last year's U.S. Olympic Trials, will represent Athletic Attic Track Club in hopes of bettering his current world mark of 13.0 seconds. Walker, a leading 1981 Heisman Trophy candidate for the University of Georgia, is scheduled to compete in the 100-meter dash and with the Bulldogs' 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams.

Other top-flight entries in the meet include USC's Bill Green, the nation's top quarter-miler who set a new 400-meter indoor world record (46.08) Sunday at the Millrose Games; Georgia's Mel Iattany, member of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Team who'll compete in the 100-meter dash and the 4x100 and 4x200 relays; Rodney Milburn, former Olympic Gold Medalist in the 110-meter hurdles; and San Jose State's Felix Bohni, an 18-foot pole vaulter.

Walker, who beat world record-holder Houston McTear in advancing to the 60-meter finals at last weekend's Millrose Games, will be joined in the 100-meter race by other football stars. Stanford's third team All-America halfback Darrin Nelson and USC's explosive receiver Kevin Williams are confirmed entries, while other top football players are close to making commitments.

"This could be one of the more interesting events of the weekend," said Brooks Johnson, Stanford coach and director of the King Games. "Hopefully, we can add more nationally-known football people like Jarvis Redwine (Nebraska) and Gerald Wilhite (San Jose State) to the race."

The women's field for the King Games is equally impressive. Some of the world-class athletes include Robin Campbell, the nation's best half-miler who competes for the Stanford Track Club; Kathy Schmidt, American record-holder in the javelin; Farleigh Dickinson's Candy Young, member of the 1980 U.S. Olympic Team and junior world record-holder in the 100-meter hurdles; Lorna Griffin, America record-holder in the discus; Chandra Cheeseborough, two-time Olympian in the 100- and 200-meter dashes; Kathy McMillan, silver

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medalist in the 1976 Olympic long jump; Brenda Moorehead, two-time Olympian in the sprints; and Stanford's Mary Osborne, a third-place javelin finisher in the 1980 U.S. Olympic Trials.

"All in all, this promises to be an outstanding Bay Area track and field festival," said Johnson, who brought the King Games to Stanford last year. "Some of the finest athletes in the world will converge at Stanford Stadium, and perform before some of the more enthusiastic and knowledgeable track fans in the country."

Junior college and university competition is scheduled for Friday, Mar. 27, while high school events will be held Saturday morning, followed by the King Games from 1-5:30 p.m. Some high school finals will also be staged Saturday afternoon, according to Johnson.