

Arizona St. Women Take Lead In WCAA Track Championships

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With only five of 19 events completed, it's a little too soon to predict which team will win the Western Collegiate Athletic Association women's track and field championships being contested this weekend at San Diego State.

Arizona State's women hold a slim lead over UCLA after yesterday's action, which consisted mostly of preliminaries for this afternoon's events. The Sun Devils have 40 points to lead the Bruins (37), Arizona (25) and San Diego State (24). But UCLA has 19 finalists, two more than Arizona State and four more than the Aztecs, entering today's competition, which gets underway at noon.

Though the Bruins won three of the five events yesterday, they find themselves in an unusual position in the WCAA Championships—second. UCLA has captured all four of the previous WCAA get-togethers, and many feel that this year will be no different. Some go so far as to predict a national championship for the Bruins.

"It's been a tough year for this team," said UCLA Coach Scott Chisam, and he wasn't talking about results. "They've gotten a lot of press, but they're responding to it well. Everybody expects us to win the title, but these people know you don't win the Nationals in a magazine."

The UCLA 800 meter sprint medley relay team wasn't dragging its press clippings on the way to a meet and Choc Sportsman track record 1:40.19 clocking, Missy Jerald, Jeanette Bolden, Arlene Emerson and Sherri Howard won by more than a second over the Arizona State squad.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE TRACK AND FIELD

WCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS
San Diego State
Long Jump — Janner (UCLA) 20-7; Von (ASU) 19-2 1/2; Crabtree (USC) 19-1 1/2; Hoynes (UCLA) 18-9 1/2; Heger (SDSU) 18-7 1/2; Gaudin (UCLA) 18-2 1/2.
Javelin — Ray (UCLA) 164-7 (meet record); McWhirter (UA) 153-2; Nelson (UCLA) 161-2; Dobb (SDSU) 151-6; Lisa Van Beninham (USC) 141-1; Nelson (USC) 147-1.
Discus — Ritchie (UA) 208-11 (track record); Stohman (ASU) 191-8; Deniz (ASU) 178-0; Hoerner (CSLB) 166-3; Papei (CSLB) 161-3; Show (CSLB) 157-5.
10,000 Meters — Trujillo (ASU) 32:04.5 (meet record); Baker (SDSU) 32:24.6; Carney (UA) 32:44.0; Torres (SDSU) 32:31.3; Chaddock (SDSU) 32:33.3; Gaur (UA) 37:17.7.
800 Sprint Medley Relay (UCLA Jerald, Bolden, Emerson, Howard) 1:40:19 (meet and track record); Arizona State 1:41:57; USC 1:46:40; San Diego State 1:57:22; Cal State Fullerton 1:55:56; Arizona disqualified for passing out of lane.
Team scores (after five events) — Arizona State 46, UCLA 37, Arizona 25, San Diego State 24, USC 19, Cal State Long Beach 7, Cal State

Another meet record fell in the javelin, where the Bruins' Susie Ray added just over two feet to former Aztec Donna Dietrich's previous best with a 164-7 toss. Jackie Joyner gave UCLA another first with a leap of 20-1 in the long jump, almost a foot better than her nearest competitor.

Collegiate record-holder Meg Ritchie of Arizona, a native of Scotland, took the discus event as expected senior in her first year of the Bruins' Florence Griffith. In the qualifying heats, fifth and sixth places, carried over from yesterday's meet, Ritchie won last year's WCAA title with a mark of 221-5 at last week's Mt. SAC Invitational.

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Bruin runners amassed 19 points in the 400 meter event, 18 in each of the 100, 200, and 3,000 meter runs, and 14 in the 1,500 meters. UCLA finished with 176 points in the two-day com-

petition, comfortably ahead of Arizona (137), Arizona State (119) and San Diego State (103).

But the Aztecs did have one of the meet's outstanding performers in Monica Joyce, who set track and meet records at 800 and 1,500 meters, and anchored State's winning 4x800 meter relay team.

A native of England, Joyce won the 1,500 by just over a second from UCLA's Linda Goen in 4:14.62. Later, she was first by nearly four seconds in the 800 at 2:06.71.

She had an opportunity for an individual triple, but chose to pass on the grueling 3,000-meter run to compete with the 4x800 relay squad, where she joined Eliana Garcia, Missy Collins

and Nancy O'Connell to win in a school-record 9:09.04.

"I needed to get in a fast race," said Joyce, of her 1,500 victory. "In dual meets, I'm usually running on my own, and it's tough to run a good race. I've been running well in workouts but not in races. But it all came together today."

Patty Stafford was the Aztecs' other winner, capturing the high jump with a meet-record 5-11 leap.

Great Britain had the meet's only other individual double winner in Scotland's Meg Ritchie, an Arizona sophomore, who took first in the shot put at 54-11 1/2 after winning the discus Saturday with a 208-11 toss.

But no one could stop UCLA, particularly the Bruin 4x100 and 4x400 meter relay teams. Both set records, and turned in the fastest times in the nation this season.

"Our people did a good job today," UCLA Coach Scott Chisam said. "Joyce is a great runner, but we had so many different people who did the job."

Among those were Jeanette Bolden, Sherri Howard, Oralee Fowler and Missy Gerald, who combined for a 44.44 in the 4x100 relay, and Howard, Cindy Cumbess, Arlene Emerson and Fowler, who ran the 4x400 in 3:36.49.

Another Bruin who did the job was Tonya Alston, who set personal bests in four of the seven heptathlon events for a collegiate-record 5,595 points. She defended the title she won last year when the event was a pentathlon.

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WCAA TRACK SUMMARIES

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(Distances in meters)

- 100 — Jeanette Bolden (UCLA) 11.52, Florence Griffith (UCLA) 11.75, Kim Robinson (USC) 11.99, Val Boyer (ASU) 11.99, Brenda Calhoun (ASU) 12.83, Teri Chapple (ASU) 12.34.
- 200 — Griffith (UCLA) 23.58 (track record), Robinson (USC) 24.01, Bolden (UCLA) 24.05, Boyer (ASU) 24.51, Arlene Emerson (UCLA) 23.54, Yvette Bullard (SDSU) 24.99.
- 400 — Emerson (UCLA) 53.67 (meet record), Cindy Cumbess (UCLA) 54.66, Jocelyn Benly (ASU) 54.96, Linda Cassidy (USC) 56.12, Donna Charles (SDSU) 56.48, Carol Norman (UCLA) 58.23.
- 800 — Monica Joyce (SDSU) 2:06.71 (meet and track record), Michelle Bonds (CSLB) 2:10.36, Susan Hemond (SDSU) 2:10.79, Sandy Beach (ASU) 2:12.98, Krista Holmes (UA) 2:14.67, Lisa Taylor (ASU) 2:21.29.
- 1,500 — Joyce (SDSU) 4:14.62 (meet and track record), Linda Goen (UCLA) 4:15.75, Joan Hansen (UA) 4:16.85, Michelle Bush (UCLA) 4:18.97, Shella Ralston (UCLA) 4:22.53, Anthea James (UA) 4:35.54.
- 3,000 — Hansen (UA) 9:29.81 (meet record), Goen (UCLA) 9:30.06, Bush (UCLA) 9:32.29, Ralston (UCLA) 9:42.14, Maria Trujillo (ASU) 9:50.45, Carol Crumly (SDSU) 10:14.18.
- 5,000 — Marjorie Kaput (UA) 16:42.06 (meet record), Trujillo (ASU) 16:57.59, Eliza Carney (UA) 17:17.23, Liz Baker (SDSU) 17:37.67, Debra Chaddock (SDSU) 17:39.29, Sherrie Torrens (SDSU) 18:17.14.
- 100 hurdles — Calhoun (ASU) 13.47, Robin Marks (UA) 14.05, Missy Jerald (UCLA) 14.31, Sandra Farmer (UA) 14.31, Lisa Gourdin (UCLA) 14.34, Sharon Lane (SDSU) 14.45.
- 400 hurdles — Marks (UA) 57.24 (meet, track and WCAA record), Farmer (UA) 57.54, Denise Waddy (UA) 59.42, Jerald (UCLA) 1:00.05, Kathy Bower (CSLB) 1:00.26, Debbie Bottomley (SDSU) 1:01.09.
- 400 relay — UCLA (Bolden, Howard, Fowler, Jerald) 44.44 (meet, track and WCAA record), ASU 45.33, Arizona 46.26, USC 48.02, San Diego State 48.36, Long Beach State 49.72.
- 800 relay — San Diego State (Garcia, Collins, O'Connell, Joyce) 9:09.04, Arizona 9:20.21, ASU 9:37.51, UCLA 9:40.17.
- 1,600 relay — UCLA (Howard, Cumbess, Emerson, Fowler) 3:36.49 (meet and track record), Arizona 3:41.76, ASU 3:46.82, San Diego State 3:50.35, Long Beach State 4:00.69, Fullerton State 4:16.44.
- Heptathlon — Tonya Alston (UCLA) 5,595 points (meet, track, WCAA and AIAW record), Carrie McLaughlin (SDSU) 5,477, Kerry Zwart (USC) 5,371, Sandy Murray (UCLA) 4,555, Carol Boyan (UA) 4,295, Deanne Bryant (ASU) 3,206.
- Shot Put — Meg Ritchie (UA) 54-11 1/2 (meet record), Rita Stohman (ASU) 50-11, Ramona Papei (CSLB) 49-1 1/2, Suzie Ray (UCLA) 48-1 1/2, Heidi Kautli (UCLA) 47-8, Anne McElroy (CSLB) 45-9 1/2.
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