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Sprinters race into spotlight

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If speed kills, no trio of sprinters will be more lethal at Hayward Field this week than Carlette Guidry, Esther Jones and Maicel Malone.

Guidry, Jones and Malone all do their best work in less than a minute, and they'll all try to run even faster at the NCAA Track and Field Championships today through Saturday.

Their track careers read like a Hollywood movie script.

Texas' Guidry fought her way back from injuries last season to finish second in The Athletics Congress 100 meters and then won the event at the 1990 Goodwill Games.

Jones is the defending NCAA 100-meter and 200-meter champ, beating Guidry in the 200 last season. One of Louisiana State's most successful athletes ever, Jones is a 15-time all-American in both NCAA indoor and outdoor competitions.

With her help, the Tigers have won the NCAA outdoor team title each of the last three seasons.

Malone started her college career in 1988, the same year as Guidry and Jones, but she is only a junior at Arizona State, having redshirted the 1989 season. Her name has become synonymous with the 400-meter dash.

Last year she became the first female to win the NCAA and TAC 400-meter titles in the same year. Malone then added the NCAA indoor title this past winter, setting what was at the time an American indoor record. She is also better than average in the 200.

Plenty of other top sprinters will be on hand at Hayward Field this week. Nebraska's Kim Walker has the top time in the 200 meters coming into the meet, and teammate Ximena Restrepo is a title threat in both the 200 and 400. Other top sprinters include Stanford's Chryste Gaines, Texas Southern's Beatrice Utundu and Alabama's Diane Dunrod Francis.

But Guidry, Jones and Malone are the competitors people are coming to see in the sprints. They're the show-stoppers.

At Texas, they call Guidry "Ms. Turbo." She is a quick, explosive and aggressive runner.

But unlike a highly powered turbo machine, Guidry isn't reckless and out of control.

Sure, she's had injuries in the past and was severely hampered by hamstring problems. But Guidry thinks in the long-term. She talks about being focused, and one can definitely sense that she has a clear purpose in her running.

"She realizes she's one of probably (the) top three collegiate sprinters right now," Texas Coach Terry Crawford said. "So I think she's a person that really has a good perspective on her running career, and she knows that she's just getting started in a running career, that her college career has just prepared her to go on and continue to run."

A lot of that perspective came last year. Despite missing much of the outdoor season with the hamstring problem, Guidry made it to the NCAAs in both the 100 and 200 and also in the 4x100 relay. A false start disqualified her from the 100, but she finished second to Jones in the 200.

That second-place 200 finish was the first step after the injury that literally got her back on track.

"Yes I was (pleased) because that was like my first big race after the hamstring," Guidry said after a workout at Hayward Field on Monday. "And my hamstrings,



Courtesy of University of Texas
Carlette Guidry overcame injuries to have a successful outdoor season last season and is now looking toward the 1992 Olympics.

they weren't totally ready, but they were able to react to everything."

After she was injured, Guidry and her coach, Texas assistant Jane Frederick, sat down and planned the season a little differently.

"I had to go back and readjust some things, my coach and I," Guidry said. "I was able to react to adjustments, and I was able to run well at Goodwill and TAC."

While Paul Richards coaches the rest of the Longhorn sprinters, Guidry is coached by Frederick, who used to be one of the

world's best heptathletes.

"With her, I guess because I'm a different type of sprinter, I'm more of a power runner, and she works a lot with me on technique," Guidry said. "And she's helped me to use the strength I have."

In a lot of regards, Guidry is not a standard sprinter. She's got something extra that doesn't come from being faster than most people she lines up with in the blocks.

Her goals, for this year and 1992 — an

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Throwers take aim at the top

By Jake Berg
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Oregon javelin throwers Paula Berry and Kim Hyatt are hoping the home field advantage will boost them to top-place finishes at the NCAA Championships this week.

"I'm looking forward to it with our home crowd," Hyatt said. "I'd like to get them behind us and maybe pull out some upsets."



Paula Berry

Berry and Hyatt, who have the first- and fourth-best collegiate throws, respectively, in the country this season, are aiming for first and second place at the national meet, which begins today at Hayward Field.

Oregon Coach Tom Heinonen said "certainly the possibility is there" that Berry and Hyatt could place 1-2 at the NCAAs. Berry was second at last year's national meet, and Hyatt finished sixth.

Oregon throws coach Sally Harmon wants her prize pupils to take the top places this week, and she thinks they can.

"I want them to take 1-2 at nationals," Harmon said. "They want to, as well. The timing would be right for both of them to do that."

The timing is perfect. Both Berry and Hyatt have recently had the best throws of their careers.

Berry's personal record 202-1 at the Les Steers/Last Chance Open last Thursday at Hayward was two inches shy of Lynda Hughes' school record and is the fifth-longest collegiate throw ever.

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