

# NCAA

## Track and Field Championships

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Hayward Field, University of Oregon

### In it to win it

■ The battle for the NCAA men's title will most likely be decided in the sprints, with the early favorite Texas Christian expected to capture the crown

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**W**ith eight of the 21 track and field events closely related to sprinting, the teams that are quickest out of the starting blocks are the ones that usually end up on top of the scoring column.

Texas Christian hopes that this holds true at the 2001 NCAA Track and Field Championships at Hayward Field this week. The Flyin' Frogs have legitimate title contenders in eight events and are the favorites heading into today's competition.

"Because we don't have people in a lot of events, we have to max out our points," Frogs head coach Monte Stratton said. "Everyone has their own niche. We have to do what we expect of ourselves to do well."

Kim Collins, Lindel Frater, Darvis Patton and Jason Howard comprise Texas Christian's sprinting corps, easily the best in the nation. Collins, an Olympic finalist in the 100 meters for the nation of St. Kitts, owns the 2001 world best mark of 9.99 seconds and is a favorite in the 100 and 200 meters. He also anchors the Frogs' top-ranked 4x100 relay team.

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■ The women's side of the NCAA Championships should be an exciting heavyweight bout between Southern Cal and UCLA, their third meet this year

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**S**ome might call it the Thrilla in Eugene. The Rumble at Hayward.

World War III.

The two giants of 2001 women's track and field will square off for the third time at the NCAA Championships in Eugene this week. UCLA, meet Mrs. Trojan from Southern California. Oh wait, you two already know each other.

The two Los Angeles-area schools have met twice already this season, and UCLA has won both times — barely. The first meeting was a dual meet May 5 at USC's Loker Stadium. The Bruins won, 85-78.

Round two was held at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships in Berkeley, Calif., two weeks later. The conference meet came down to the final relay race, with the Trojans up 149-145. In the third leg of that fateful 4x400 race, the baton mysteriously flew from the hand of USC's Kinshasa Davis as she battled with UCLA's Adia McKinnon around the final turn of that leg.

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Washington's Ja'Warren Hooker

UCLA's Michelle Perry