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longer to throw. I was excited about my first throw, and it helped a lot."

Illinois' Gia Lewis, ranked second in the nation heading into Wednesday's competition, finished fifth overall.

Arizona's Glenn won a drawn-out long jump competition for her first national championship. The most amazing feat Glenn accomplished wasn't that she jumped 19-10 3/4 in her first jump Wednesday afternoon, but that she did it almost immediately after running a 23-second

200-meter race. That time was fourth best overall and qualified her for the finals.

"I was confident heading in," Glenn said. "I feel like I'm the best long jumper out there."

Glenn is also a favorite in the 100 and is ranked fourth nationally in that event. If she makes the 100 finals, she will compete for national titles in the 100 and 200 Saturday.

In other semifinal action, Brigham Young's Nan Evans ran the fastest time in two heats of the 3,000-meter steeplechase. This was the first year women have competed in the race at the national collegiate

level. The men will compete in the event today.

In the 200-meter heats, Louisiana State's Muna Lee led three fast races with a 22.53, the fastest collegiate time this year. Lee was ranked second nationally before Wednesday's heat.

The LSU 4x100 relay team ran the fastest time of the three heats in that event. Lee ran the anchor of that team, which notched its fastest time of the season at 43.35. LSU will battle with national leader Florida, which finished in 43.99, in Friday's final.

Today's action will feature two more women's finals, in the shot put and 10,000. Clemson's Jamine Moton

and UCLA's Christina Tolson should wage an epic battle in the shot put, as both have season-bests of 58-3 3/4. The shot put kicks off at 6 p.m.

Colorado's Jodi Hughes will try to continue the Buffaloes' recent distance-running success by capturing the crown in the 10,000. Hughes, who leads the nation in the 10,000, and Kara Grgas-Wheeler, the defending 5,000-meter champion, could pull off a rare double in the distance events. The 10,000 starts at 7:50 p.m.

Today's action includes heats in the 100 hurdles (4:30 p.m.), 400 (5:10), 100 (5:30), 1,500 (6:00) and 4x400 relay (6:45).

Day One Standings:

MEN (after three events)

1. Oregon	16
2. Southern Cal	10
— Notre Dame	10
4. Brigham Young	8
— Texas-El Paso	8
— Arkansas	8
7. Texas A&M	6
— Tulane	6
9. Alabama	5
— Northern Iowa	5
— Virginia	5
— Tennessee	5
13. California	4
— Dartmouth	4
— Northwest St.	4
16. Arizona State	3
17. Arkansas State	2.5
— Baylor	2.5
19. Providence	2
20. Washington	1
— Eastern Wash.	1
— Oklahoma	1

WOMEN (after two events)

1. Arizona	10
— Idaho	10
3. Rice	8
— Colorado State	8
5. UCLA	6
— Arizona State	6
7. Oklahoma	5
— Seton Hall	5
9. Mississippi State	4
— Illinois	4
11. Louisiana State	3
— Minnesota	3
13. Florida	2
— Tennessee	2
15. Sam Houston	1
— Washington St.	1

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qualified their 4x100 relay teams.

Tennessee also took advantage of Louisiana State's misfortune in the decathlon. Volunteer Stephen Harris is the leader in the decathlon after five events, a spot expected to go to Louisiana State's Claston Bernard, the American leader this year.

But Bernard suffered a grade two hamstring strain ten steps into the decathlon 100 meters, the competition's first event. An hour later, Bernard was up in the long jump but failed to check in with the event clerk because he was receiving therapy. Bernard was disqualified from the event and, subsequently, the entire meet.

"It's a very unfortunate situation for Claston," Tiger coach Pat Henry said. "It's a tough blow to the team, but the reality is that we're more concerned about Claston's well being right now."

"When my hamstring gave my first instinct was to finish the race and get treatment to see if I could get back for the long jump," Bernard said. "I don't think I could have won the event but I could have scored points for the team."

Harris took advantage of Bernard's absence and won the 100 meters (10.75), long jump (24-11 3/4) and high jump (6-10 1/4) for a day-one total of 4,245 points.

"It's sad to see [Bernard] out," Harris said. "I just want to go out and compete and do the best I can in each event."

Oregon's Santiago Lorenzo currently sits in second place with 3,991 points with his best events yet to come. Lorenzo was in fifth place after four events, but leapt into second after winning the 400 meters in a time of 48.27 seconds.

"It was an OK day," Lorenzo said. "It wasn't great early but I came back in the 400. Harris is doing awesome but I'm in it to win it."

Dropping out of serious contention was Pacific-10 Conference champion Stanford. The Cardinal failed to qualify Olympian Gabe Jennings in the 800 meters and lost many points in the 10,000 meters when No. 2 ranked Jonathon Riley finished 10th, well out of scoring.

In Wednesday's other finals, Southern California and Notre Dame came up with big upsets in the pole vault and 10,000 meters.

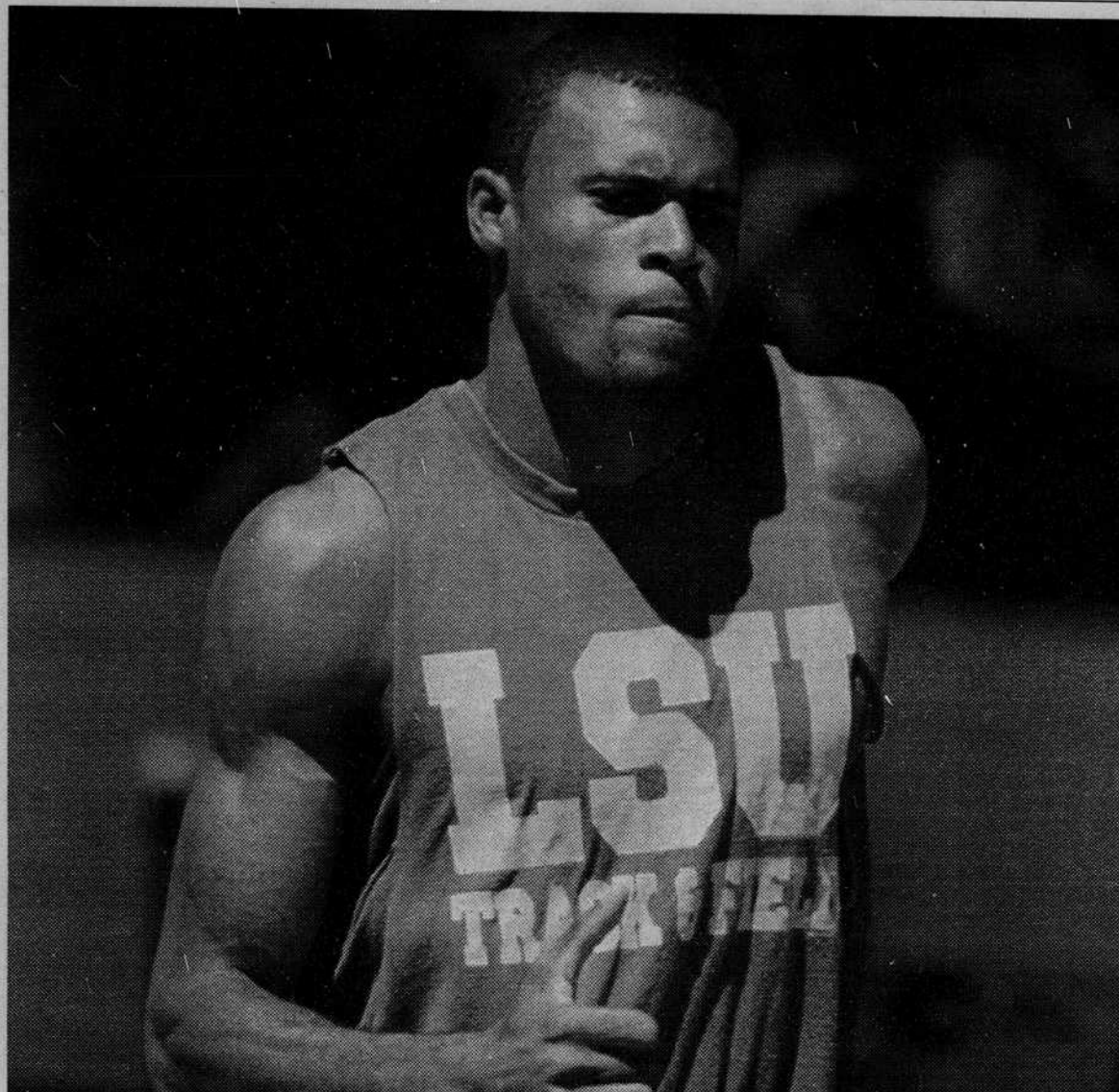
Notre Dame senior Ryan Shay led the 10,000 meters from the gun and held off a charge from Arkansas' Murray Link for a win in 29 minutes, five seconds.

"My strategy was to no go out too slow," Shay said. "I felt really good and everybody was out slow so I figured I'd take the lead. The time was pretty slow but here you race for the win."

USC's Dennis Kholev took advantage of several no heights in the pole vault and leapt a personal best 18 feet, six and a half inches for the win.

"I knew I was capable of jumping this height," Kholev said. "I told myself there was no way I can go away with second place. I believe I made the best jump of my career."

The championships continue today with finals in the long jump, hammer throw, high jump and decathlon.



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LSU's Claston Bernard fell from contention in the decathlon after a hamstring injury forced him to miss the long jump.

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