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# Harris sets hurdles record

■ Micah Harris breaks an Oregon record in a qualifying heat for the 110 hurdles

By Jeff Smith  
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In only his first year as a Duck, junior transfer Micah Harris had already tied the school record in the 110-meter hurdles.

Now, he has broken it. And what better stage to do it on than the NCAA Track and Field Championships at Hayward Field?

"This is what it's all about," Harris said.

Harris competed Thursday in the 110 hurdles preliminaries and finished in a new personal- and school-record time of 13.73 seconds. He came in sixth in his heat, but his time was still good enough to advance him into today's semifinals.

It marked the fifth time in eight races this season that he has broken the 14-second barrier and the fourth time that he has run a 13.83 or better. Harris' previous best was a 13.79 that he ran on May 5 at the Texas Invitational.

"I did the little things today," he said. "My coach told me that this is where good things happen. This

is the show."

The junior college transfer from Tempe, Ariz., admitted that he was a little nervous before the race and that his adrenaline was at full throttle, but he said that "adrenaline plays a big part in the race."



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Now, Harris must gear up for today's 6:40 p.m. semifinals. There will be two separate heats for the 110 hurdles, with the top three finishers in each race and the next two fastest runners after that qualifying for Saturday's finals.

The intensity will surely pick up as the races become more important, but the two-time JC All-American from Central Arizona Community College just flashes a smile when asked about the top-notch competition.

"These are the best guys," Harris said. "I'm just going to come out and do my best. It's always good to get the first one out of the way and run well in front of the home crowd."

"Anything's possible."

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fourth overall in the 400 heats, Melissa finished seventh and Washington finished second. All three helped South Carolina to the best time of all the 4x400 relay heats.

"I know she's a good quarter-miler," Miki said of her sister. "She just doesn't know it yet."

UCLA scored much-needed points when standout Bruin thrower Christina Tolson won the shot put competition. After taking awhile to warm up, Tolson launched the shot 57 feet, 3/4 inches in her fourth attempt.

"I was patient, and it just happened," Tolson said. "I still can't believe it."

Clemson's Jamine Moton, who entered the event with the same season best as Tolson, threw 56-4 to finish second. USC's Cynthia Ademiluyi scored the Trojans' first points of the NCAA meet with a third-place finish.

In the day's only other final, Amy Yoder-Begley set a blistering pace over the second half of the 10,000 meters to win the event. The Arkansas senior overcame the early-evening heat to beat out Wake Forest's Sara Day by more than seven seconds. After she finished, at nearly 8:45 p.m., Yoder-Begley collapsed to the track in exhaustion.

"I didn't want to sit back and let things happen," said Yoder-Begley, who wasn't even ranked in the top eight heading into the race. "I wanted to go out and establish the pace. I can't believe that I was able to win by as much as I did."

After two days of competition at the NAAs, UCLA leads the women's team race by six points. The Bruins have accumulated 16 points, while Arkansas, Idaho and Arizona all have 10.

In other action, Stanford's Sally Glynn turned in a strong showing in the 1,500 preliminaries. She ran the best time of the two heats by nearly two seconds.

In the 100-meter hurdles heats, twin sensations Susanna and Jenny Kallur of Illinois led the way. Susanna ran the best time of the heats, while Jenny finished sixth and sophomore Perdita Felicien finished second overall. The hurdlers will compete in the semifinals tonight and the finals Saturday.

Today's finals include the pole vault (5 p.m.), 4x100-meter relay (5:00), 400 hurdles (5:20), triple jump (5:45), javelin (6:00), 800 (6:05) and 3,000-meter steeplechase (6:55). Oregon's Niki Reed will compete in the pole vault, while fellow Ducks Sarah Malone and Charyl Weingarten will compete in the javelin.

Saturday's action begins at 2 p.m. with the heptathlon long jump.

## Day Two Standings:

### MEN (after seven events)

- Oregon 27
- Georgia 16  
— Utah State 16  
— USC 16
- Arkansas 14
- Tennessee 13  
— UTEP 13
- Notre Dame 10  
— Weber State 10  
— Mississippi 10
- Alabama 9
- Texas A&M 8

### WOMEN (after four events)

- UCLA 16
- Arizona 10  
— Idaho 10  
— Arkansas 10
- Rice 8  
— Colorado State 8  
— Clemson 8  
— Wake Forest 8
- Arizona State 6  
— Texas Tech 6  
— USC 6
- Seton Hall 5

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in Santiago Lorenzo and John Steigeler. And we've also had a number of other athletes have very impressive performances -- Jason Hartmann in the 10,000, Billy Pappas in the decathlon and Micah Harris in the hurdles. We've just had two days of great individual and team effort."

Don't hold your breath waiting for an Oregon win, though. Sprinting powers Tennessee and Texas Christian have qualified all their key athletes out of preliminaries and look forward to finals on the track tomorrow.

"We have everyone we expected to qualify for tomorrow and got bonus points in the long jump," Texas Christian head coach Monte Stratton said. "So far, so good."

Both schools qualified three athletes into the 100-meter semifinals, setting up a titanic battle in today's 4x100 relay final. Tennessee has the top two 100-meter marks with Leonard Scott and Justin Gatlin both nearing the 10-second barrier.

In Thursday's other finals, Mississippi's Savante Stringfellow leapt the second-farthest jump in the world this year en route to a victory in the long jump. The senior set himself away from the field with a jump of 27 feet, 6 3/4 inches.

"I wanted to end the competition early," Stringfellow said. "This was my last college meet. This was a blessing for me and my coaches and parents."

Georgia's Andras Haklits turned in a gutsy effort in winning the hammer throw. The Szentpeterfa, Hungary, native tossed the hammer 247-8 with a bulging disc and bone fragments in his lower back.

"I'm happy to win it, but it was not a great throw," Haklits said. "I only started to practice two weeks ago, and I didn't feel confident in the ring."

Haklits goes into surgery today in Athens, Georgia, to repair his lower back.

Weber State's Charles Clinger emerged from a competitive pack of high jumpers to claim top honors. Clinger won a jump-off against fellow Utah native David Hoffman of Utah State after both jumpers cleared 7-6 1/2.

"The competition is a lot harder than I thought it would be," Clinger said. "I'm not used to the heat and I didn't feel fresh, so I was quite pleased with how I jumped under the conditions."

In other qualifying preliminaries, favorites Bryan Berryhill of Colorado State and Eluid Njubi of Texas Christian advanced in the 1,500 meters without trouble, each winning his respective heat. Stanford's Gabe Jennings atoned for a poor performance in the 800 meters by qualifying in the 1,500.

Alabama's No. 2-ranked David Kimani faltered and missed qualifying by less than a second.

Auburn's Avard Moncur enters the 400 meters as the top seed. Louisiana State's Alleyne Franquice ran the second-fastest 400 meters and came back an hour later to anchor the Tigers' top-seeded 4x400 relay team, which qualified for finals in a time of 3:01.6.

Around the Pacific-10 Conference, Southern California moved up the scoring column with Norberth Norvath's third-place finish in the hammer throw. The Trojans are tied for second with 16 points. California is tied for 15th with four points, while Washington has one.

Finals action continues today with the discus, 400 hurdles, 800 meters and 5,000 meters.