



Dora Györfy won the high jump with a leap of 6-2 3/4 Saturday at Hayward Field.

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Florence Ezech of Southern Methodist also pulled off a rare triple Saturday, when she became the first woman to win three straight hammer titles. Ezech won Saturday's competition with a Hayward Field and a meet record of 219 feet, four inches.

"I'm usually all tense," Ezech said. "Today my head was working and I could think straight. It feels very good to win this title again."

Stanford had success in the distance-running finals Saturday, and that led to its eighth-place finish. Lauren Fleshman and Sally Glynn took first and fourth, respectively, in the 5,000, 45 minutes after Glynn finished second in the 1,500.

"The Stanford presence just kept building over the weekend," Fleshman said. "I just tried to ride that, and draw off the Stanford team."

The NCAA's were also about disappointment. The vaunted 400-meter corps of South Carolina failed to live up to expectations, and the Gamecocks finished fourth. Clemson stole the 4x400 relay from the favored South Carolina team, while Allison Beckford from Rice took the individual 400-meter race.

"I wanted to get out fast," said Beckford, who beat the Gamecocks' Demetria Washington by .09 seconds. "When I got to 200 meters, that's when I knew I was going to win."

Louisiana State's sprinters also disappointed Saturday, and the Tigers finished sixth. LSU's strong 4x400 relay team was disqualified, but its 4x100 team won the title Friday.

In other finals action, Dora Györfy of Harvard won the high jump with a high leap of 6-2 3/4. Györfy knew Hayward Field, as she just finished competing with

Final Standings

MEN'S TEAM SCORES (top-15)

Tennessee	50
Texas Christian	49
Baylor	36.5
Stanford	36
Louisiana State	32
Alabama	31
Arkansas and Texas-Paso	30
Oregon	27
Texas A&M and Auburn	26
Georgia and	
Southern California	22
Weber State	21
Texas	19

WOMEN'S TEAM SCORES (top-15)

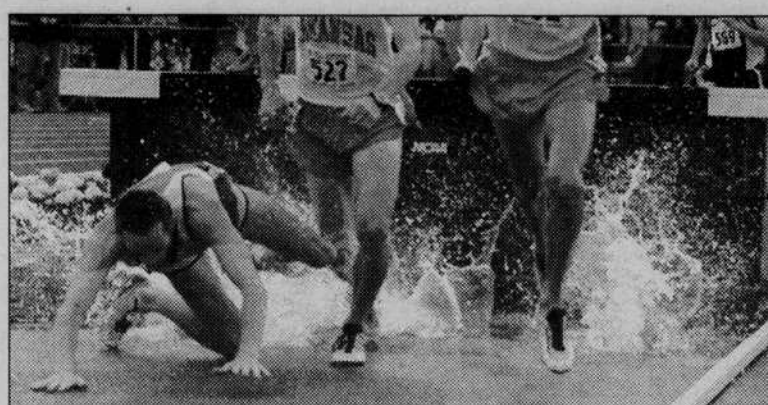
Southern California	64
UCLA	55
Arizona	44
South Carolina	36
Arkansas	31
Louisiana State	30
Clemson	28
Stanford	27
Rice	26
Texas	25
Brigham Young	24
Harvard	20
Southern Methodist	19
Arizona State and	
Appalachian State	18

professional jumpers at the Prefontaine Classic last weekend. Brenda Taylor, also from Harvard, won the 400 hurdles Friday.

In the heptathlon, Austra Skujyte of Kansas State floundered over the line in the final event, the 800, to the title. Skujyte collapsed in exhaustion when she crossed the line.

UCLA's Michelle Perry finished second in the heptathlon, but also placed in four other events. Perry competed in 11 events over two days overall.

But in the end, it was USC who got the best of the southern California rivalry. After years of waiting, Allice and his team finally have their title, and their revenge.



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Ian Connor's (left) fall on the last lap of the steeplechase took him out of contention and opened the door for Daniel Lincoln (527) of Arkansas to cross the finish line first.

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meet for Texas Christian, who was favored to win the meet by 11 points coming in. A dropped baton in the 4x100 relay at this March's NCAA indoor championships cost the Horned Frogs the national title. The same dropped baton cost Texas Christian a top-four finish at last year's outdoor championships.

"I'm really proud of our team and the way they competed," Frogs head coach Monte Stratton said. "We competed hard and with class. I know Kim will be remembered for the false start, but we would not have won the relay without him on the anchor leg and he picked up eight points for us in the 100. He's a tremendous person and a tremendous athlete. I just wish he had another year of eligibility."

With the entire Tennessee sprinting corps returning, and two of them being freshmen, expect the Volunteers to be a national power for years to come.

"We will be a factor in this meet for the next few years," Webb said. "Our relay team's average age was 20.0. They're young but seasoned. Sometimes you can be too young to be intimidated, and that's what happened today."

Several teams made late runs into the top five following setbacks on the first two days of competition.

Stanford's Jonathon Riley won a gutsy 5,000 meters in a time of 13 minutes, 42 seconds two days after fading to a disappointing 10th in the 10,000 meters.

"I came into the 5,000 with no expectation," Riley said. "I was really disappointed [after the 10,000 me-

ters]. This totally erases it."

Olympian Gabe Jennings led a 2-4-5 Cardinal finish in the 1,500 meters to complete the Cardinal comeback. Jennings also faltered on Wednesday, failing to qualify for the 800 meter final. Stanford senior Michael Stember took Jennings' place and placed fourth in both the 800 and 1,500 meters.

"It was a quality field," Stember said. "I'm proud of both my teammates. I'm happy that I was able to get some points for my team."

Baylor placed fourth off strong showings in the 400 meter races. Bayano Kimani and Michael Smith went 1-2 in the 400 hurdles for the Bears and had finalists in the 400 meters and in the 4x400 relay.

Louisiana State also came back on Saturday, placing fifth off a win by an injured Walter Davis in the triple jump and a third-place finish in the 4x400 relay.

"My hamstring hurt real bad so I put in a jump and then passed until someone passed me," said Davis, who leapt 54 feet, four inches. "Then [Texas' Chris] Hercules passed me so I put one together."

The most record breaking performance came inside the oval on Saturday. Southern Methodists' Janus Robberts tossed the second-farthest shot put in collegiate history en route to a national title. Robberts threw the shot 72-1 to outdistance second place Joachim Olsen of Idaho by over five feet.

Many of the athletes competing at the NCAA Championships will return to Hayward Field in three weeks for the U.S.A. Outdoor National Championships, the qualifying meet for the IAAF World Championships in Edmonton, Canada.

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But tragedy struck again, as in the 200-meter final, Collins false-started and Tennessee freshman Justin Gatlin won, giving Tennessee the edge. The Volunteers were crowned the overall team champs by that fateful one-point margin (50-49) over the Frogs.

"We thought the worse that could happen had already happened [at indoors]," Patton said. "I knew it was Kim [who false-started]. When the gun went off, I heard him say, 'damn.'"

"We had a good meet though." The TCU speedsters resemble the fun-loving Jamaican bunch from the movie, "Cool Runnings." From their all-black, long-sleeved outfits to the Caribbean accents of Collins and Frater, as well as their constant smiles and amiable personalities, these Frogs were practically clones from those likable characters in the Disney movie.

Best of all, they all sported T-shirts with the phrase: "We're not running fast... we're just flyin' low!"

Despite the second-place team finish, it sure was a fun group to watch.

Also, thanks go out to Colorado State's Bryan Berryhill for his rousing wire-to-wire victory in the men's 1,500-meter final. The Cen-

tral Point native ended his college career in his home state and did so in an impressive fashion. He'll return to Eugene in three weeks for the U.S.A. Track and Field Championships.

Not too bad for a first gig out of school.

"I don't foresee using my forestry degree anytime soon," Berryhill said.

And finally, thanks to Ohio State senior Ian Connor for showing people that you can still be a winner even in defeat.

During the final of the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase Saturday, Connor tripped over the bar and into the water with less than a lap remaining. He could have just stopped right there considering how banged up his body was from the accident.

But he didn't.

While all the other participants finished the race in under nine minutes, Connor demonstrated tremendous heart in fighting through pain and fighting back tears as he limped toward the finish line for a time of 9:35.04 amid the standing ovation from the crowd.

In the four-day meet where 42 champions were crowned, Connor proved to be the 43rd.

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