



2002 Arizona Track and Field

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2002 Arizona Track and Field Schedule

Date	Meet	Site
Indoor Season		
Feb. 2	Air Force Academy Invitational	Colorado Springs, Colo.
Feb. 8	Sevigne Husker Invitational	Lincoln, Neb.
Feb. 14	@NAU, vs. ASU	Flagstaff, Ariz.
Feb. 22-23	MPSF Championships	Flagstaff, Ariz.
Mar. 1-2	Iowa State Last Chance	Ames, Iowa
Mar. 8-9	NCAA Indoor Championships	Fayetteville, Ark.

Outdoor Season

Mar. 2	Bill Sawyer Invitational	Tempe, Ariz.
Mar. 15-16	Willie Williams Invitational	Tucson, Ariz.
Mar. 23	Jim Click Shootout	Tucson, Ariz.
Mar. 29-30	Stanford Invitational	Stanford, Calif.
Apr. 6	California vs. Arizona (UCLA/Stanford vs. Arizona/NAU)	Tucson, Ariz.
Apr. 13	Sun Angel Classic	Tempe, Ariz.
Apr. 19-21	Mt. SAC Relays	Walnut, Calif.
Apr. 26-27	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa
May 4	vs. ASU & NAU	Tucson, Ariz.
May 11-12	Pac-10 Combined Champs.	Pullman, Wash.
May 18-19	Pac-10 Conference Champs.	Pullman, Wash.
May 29- June 2	NCAA Outdoor Championships	Baton Rouge, La.

Wildcat Quick Facts

Location.....	Tucson, Ariz.
Founded.....	1885
Enrollment.....	35,000
President.....	Dr. Peter Likins
Athletic Director.....	Jim Livengood
Head Coach.....	Dave Murray
Alma Mater.....	Arizona, '65, '68
Year at Arizona.....	35th
Assoc. Head Coach.....	Fred Harvey
Assistant Coaches.....	John Frazier
.....	Tom Hays
.....	Dawn Mortensen
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Keeping Up

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Interviews of coaches and athletes should be set up through contacting the Media Relations Office.

Wildcat Track & Field Sets the Stage for California vs. Arizona Challenge

Up Next: The University of Arizona's men's and women's track and field teams will play host to the first ever California vs. Arizona Challenge. In this meet, the state of California will be represented by the Stanford and UCLA squads, while Arizona and Northern Arizona will team up to represent Arizona. The meet will take place on Saturday, April 6. Field events will start at 11 a.m., and running events begin at 12 p.m.

The Competition: The Wildcats will get a feel for two Pac-10 foes this weekend in Stanford and UCLA. All four competing teams are traditional track and field powerhouses and will bring a definite edge to the competition. In the first Trackwire 25 poll of the outdoor season, the UCLA women are ranked No. 3, while the Stanford women are No. 12 and the Arizona women are No. 14. On the men's side, Stanford is No. 19, and UCLA is No. 24.

Fast Forward: As the outdoor season progresses, the Wildcats prepare for two weekends of non-stop relays. The Mt. San Antonio College Relays will be held April 19-21 in Walnut, Calif. Arizona will then travel to Des Moines, Iowa, for the prestigious Drake Relays on April 26-27. Select Wildcat athletes will compete at the relay carnivals.

Looking Back: The Stanford Invitational proved to be quite successful for the seven athletes that competed in the meet. Amy Linnen was the top Wildcat performer, earning a NCAA automatic qualifying mark in the pole vault with a leap of 14-0 (4.27m). Beth Hoge and Tara Chaplin earned NCAA provisional times in the 5,000m, while teammate Kim Bates provisionally qualified in the 10,000m. On the men's side, Mark Anderson and Steve Smith came home with Pac-10 qualifying times in the 3,000m steeplechase. Tom Prindiville also earned a Pac-10 qualifying time in the 5,000m.

Murray's Musings: "The state of Arizona will be represented by Northern Arizona and us (Arizona) in this meet. California will be represented by Stanford and UCLA. Those are two big track powers. The talent makes for a truly outstanding competition.

"The meet will be scored as a dual meet with UCLA and Stanford combining their scores against Northern Arizona and Arizona. It's a different format and we're hoping to create some interest with it.

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Rankings		
(as of April 2, 2002)		
Men's Trackwire 25		
Rank	Team	Points
1.	Tennessee	77
2.	LSU	75
3.	SMU	36
4.	Arkansas	32
5.	Mississippi State	27
6t.	Georgia	26
6t.	Oregon	26
8.	UTEP	25
9t.	Eastern Michigan	20
9t.	Clemson	20
11t.	South Carolina	19
11t.	Baylor	19
13.	Alabama	18
14t.	TCU	17
14t.	Auburn	17
16.	Michigan	16
17t.	Florida	15
17t.	Notre Dame	15
19t.	Stanford	14
19t.	Kansas	14
19t.	Idaho	14
22t.	BYU	13
22t.	Colorado	13
24t.	Nebraska	12
24t.	UCLA	12
Women's Trackwire 25		
Rank	Team	Points
1.	USC	84
2.	LSU	69
3.	UCLA	52
4.	South Carolina	46
5.	Rice	30
6.	Kansas State	29
7.	Nebraska	27
8.	Washington State	22
9t.	Auburn	21
9t.	Indiana	21
9t.	BYU	21
12t.	Florida	20
12t.	Stanford	20
14t.	Arizona	19
14t.	Texas	19
16.	Illinois	18
17.	Iowa State	16
18.	North Carolina	15
19t.	Arkansas	13
19t.	Liberty	13
21.	Georgetown	12
22t.	Clemson	11
22t.	Ohio State	11
22t.	North Carolina State	11
25t.	Weber State	10
25t.	Arizona State	10

Murray's Musings (cont.): "The season is quickly coming to an end, and those who still need to qualify will find this meet very important. Individuals need to perform well and should be at this point in the season."

Scouting the Wildcats: The men's and women's track and field teams are enjoying a tremendous amount of success this year. The women finished the indoor season with a final No. 5 ranking in the Trackwire 25 and a ninth-place finish at the NCAA Indoor Championships. The men took two athletes to the indoor championships, garnering All-America honors for both. The women came home with three All-Americans.

The women have one of the strongest teams in recent history. Senior **Brianna Glenn**, defending national champion in the 200m and long jump, is Arizona's premier sprinter. She has been a dominant force during the 2002 season, including a Drachman Stadium record in the 100m at the Jim Click Shootout. Arizona also boasts the talent of 2002 NCAA individual cross country champion in senior **Tara Chaplin**. The momentum of her fall championship run will likely be the motivation to give it all she has during the 2002 track and field season. The Wildcats also return several women with great potential this year. Senior **Angela Foster** is the Wildcats' leading thrower this year. Sophomore vaulter **Amy Linnen** won the NCAA indoor pole vault title after setting the NCAA indoor record in that event for the second time this season.

The Arizona men return quite a talented team for the 2002 season. Senior **Mike Kenyon** is a key component in the sprinting events this year. He helped lead the Wildcats to a fourth-place finish in the 4x400m relay at last year's NCAA Indoor Championships. Junior **Matt Lea** and senior **Jules Doumbya**, also 4x400m relay team members, return for this season. Redshirt freshman **Adrain Thomas** will probably surprise a lot of teams out there with his sprinting abilities. He is expected to contend for a spot on the 4x400m relay team. Newcomers **Sean Shields** in the throws and **Aaron Powell** in the 800m are having a huge impact this season for the Wildcats. Freshman hurdler **Jeff Hunter** has been an impressive performer with his speed and agility in the 110m high hurdles and 400m intermediate hurdles.

Reaching New Heights: When Amy Linnen took to the pole vault competition at the Sevigne Husker Invitational in Lincoln, Neb. on Feb. 8, her goal was to just get in there and do her best for the team. When the night was over, Linnen had done much more than her best. Not only did she place first in the event, but she blew the rest of the competition away with a new NCAA record. Linnen's vault of 14-10 broke the old record for the indoor pole vault by 1/2 inch. Her mark is better than the outdoor record, but it will only stand for the indoor season. During the meet, Linnen cleared every height on her first attempt until she tried to break the world record. Despite her efforts, she came up short three times at 15-5 3/4. "I knew I had it in me," Linnen said. "I just didn't know it was going to be today. I don't want to sound cocky, but I think I'm capable of a lot more. I think God gave me a special talent, and this is it."

Linnen's record-setting performances did not stop there. After finishing second to UCLA's Tracy O'Hara at the Mountain Pacific Conference Championships, she knew that she still had something to prove. At the NCAA Indoor Championships in Fayetteville, Ark. on March 8-9, Linnen set the record yet again. This time the mark stood at 14-10 1/4 (4.53m). She out-performed the closest competition by 11 inches. The second-place finisher was O'Hara who finished with a vault of 13-11 1/4. Linnen will now take this momentum into the outdoor competition where she looks to improve upon these performances.

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2002 Indoor Championships: The University of Arizona women's track and field team finished ninth at the 2002 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships Saturday night, hosted by the University of Arkansas, at the Randal Tyson Track Center.

The Arizona women's team took only three athletes to the event, and the team closed the two-day event with 19 total points to finish in ninth place. Senior sprinter Brianna Glenn finished fourth in the 60m dash event final with a time of 7.33 Saturday evening and earned All-America honors in the event. Glenn accounted for nine of Arizona's 19 points. In Friday's competition, Glenn placed fifth in the 200m final with a time of 23.29 and finished 15th in the long jump with a final mark of 19-4 3/4 (5.91m). She also earned All-America honors in the 200m.

In the first day of competition on Friday, Wildcat sophomore Amy Linnen led the Wildcat charge, winning the NCAA title in the pole vault. Linnen, who earned the team 10 points with the win, ended the evening with a vault of 14-10 1/4 (4.53m). The mark became a new school and NCAA indoor record, as Linnen won her first-career NCAA title. The three-time All-American improved upon her fifth-place finish in the pole vault at the 2001 NCAA Indoor Championships where she recorded a vault of 13-9 1/4 (4.20m).

On Friday, senior Tara Chaplin also finished in 15th place overall with a time of 16:58.12 in the 5,000m final.

The Wildcat men's team took two athletes - Sean Shields and Mike Kenyon - to the Championships but did not place in the final team rankings. In Friday's action, freshman Sean Shields placed 13th in the shot put with a toss of 60-10 3/4 (18.56m). Senior Mike Kenyon finished third in his heat of the 400m preliminaries. Kenyon's time of 47.05 was just off the qualifying time necessary to advance to the final.



2001 In Review: The Arizona track and field program had one of its finest seasons ever in 2001. The Wildcats produced 16 total All-Americans and four NCAA titles. The women's team capped the year with a third-place finish at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

The Indoor Championships produced eight All-America honors and three NCAA titles. The Wildcats doubled the number of All-Americans at the Outdoor Championships and added one more NCAA title to the mix. Arizona brought home two top-five finishes and one top-20 finish.

The women's team made history at the NCAA Championships with the highest finish (third) in Arizona history. The Wildcats scored 44 points with only four competitors at the meet, and the women brought home three individual titles.

The Arizona men had a very successful season, as well. The men's team finished 13th with 15 points at the indoor meet, but it was unable to come up with any points at the outdoor meet. The men took five athletes to the meet and only competed in two events.

Then-junior **Brianna Glenn's** remarkable performances earned her two NCAA titles. She won the long jump title and then went on to win the 200m and place third in the 100m. Joining the scoring party was senior Andrea Dutoit when she took to the pole vault competition. She brought home the championship after a vault of 14-9 1/4 feet (4.20m). Leading the way for the men was senior Patrick Nduwimana. He took home the individual title for the 800m at the indoor meet. He also led the 4x400m relay team, which placed fourth. Joining him in the relay were junior **Matt Lea**, senior **Mike Kenyon** and junior **Jules Doumbya**.

The Coaches: Director of track and field and cross country **Dave Murray** (Arizona, '65) enters his 35th year as a coach at Arizona, making him the longest tenured coach in the Wildcat athletic department. He has coached over 160 All-Americans in cross country and track and field and 28 NCAA individual champions. Associate head coach **Fred Harvey** (15th year, Cal Poly-SLO, '82) coaches the Arizona sprinters, hurdlers and relay teams. Harvey has coached several world-class athletes, such as Patrick Nduwimana, a 2000 Olympic semifinalist and Arizona track and field veteran. Assistant coach **Tom Hays** (5th year, Kansas, '89) is one of the top pole vault coaches in the nation and will direct the Wildcat jumpers this season. Assistant coach **John Frazier** (2nd year, UCLA, '86) was an addition to last year's coaching staff. The Wildcat throwers will be led by coach Frazier. Assistant coach **Dawn Mortensen** (5th year, Arizona, '96) was a standout sprinter for the Wildcats in the 1990s and works with the Arizona sprinters and hurdlers.

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2002 NCAA & Pac-10 Qualifiers

Men:	Chris Harris	100m	10.47*
	Mike Kenyon	200m	20.99i*
		400m	46.04i*
	Matt Lea	400m	47.33i*
	Steve Smith	3,000m Steeple	8:59.22*
	Mark Anderson	3,000m Steeple	8:58.06*
		5,000m	14:34.01i*
	Jeff Hunter	110m hurdles	13.97*
		400m hurdles	51.39*
	Kevin Opalka	Pole Vault	17-9 3/4i*
	Chris Chappell	Pole Vault	17-1 3/4i*
	Mike Mortensen	Pole Vault	16-8i*
	Mark Ramos	Long Jump	24-3 1/4i*
	J.R. Harrison	Long Jump	24-1i*
		Triple Jump	50-7 1/4i*
	Sean Shields	Shot Put	62-4 1/4i*
		Shot Put	58-11 1/4^
		Discus	175-10*
	Richard Legarra	Shot Put	60-5 3/4i*
		Discus	181-5*
		Hammer Throw	194-6*
	Matt Wagner	Javelin	221-7*^
	Jared Morell	Javelin	203-9*
Women:	Brianna Glenn	100m	11.36*^
		200m	23.29i*
		Long Jump	20-7 1/4i*
		Triple Jump	41-6 1/2i*
	Seynabou Ndiaye	100m	11.74*
	Beth Hoge	1,500m	4:25.90*
		3,000m	9:46.36j*
		5,000m	16:24.89*^
	Cara Cline	1,500m	4:38.98*
	Tara Chaplin	5,000m	16:23.85i*
			16:40.88^
	Abby Peters	5,000m	16:57.31i*
	Kim Bates	10,000m	35:00.53*^
	Alexandra Komnos	100m hurdles	13.66*
	Chelsea Powell	400m hurdles	61.53*
	Amy Linnen	High Jump	5-8 3/4*
		Pole Vault	14-10 1/4i*
			14-0*!
	Sarah Jacobs	Pole Vault	12-6 1/4i*
	Phyllis Brown	Pole Vault	12-3 1/2i*
	Angela Foster	Discus	156-8*
		Hammer Throw	191-0*
	Julie DeMarni	Javelin	161-10*

*Pac-10 Qualifying time/mark

^NCAA Provisional Qualifying time/mark

! NCAA Automatic Qualifying time/mark

i Time from indoor season

Note: Indoor performances count toward Pac-10 qualifying standards, but not toward NCAA qualifying standards.

Freshman Phenom: Freshman thrower Sean Shields has been on a roll since the 2002 indoor season began. In his first season as a Wildcat thrower, he broke the UA freshman shot put record in three consecutive meets during the indoor season. The record now stands at 62-4 1/4 (18.90m), which is also the best toss this year by an Arizona thrower in the shot put. That throw also qualified Shields for the NCAA Indoor Championships. He placed 13th at the indoor national championships with a throw of 60-10 3/4 (18.56m). In the outdoor season, he has already qualified provisionally in the shot put with a toss of 58-11 1/4 (17.96m). He also has a Pac-10 qualifying throw in the discus with a mark of 175-10 (53.60m). Shields will be an important factor for the Wildcats as when they head into the postseason at the Pac-10 Championships and the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

Breeze: Senior sprinter and jumper Brianna Glenn is blazing a trail again. Every year at this time, Glenn's name is commonly heard among collegiate track and field's enthusiasts. Well, this year is no different. At the indoor championships, Glenn competed in three events (60m, 200m and long jump). She earned All-America honors in the 60m and 200m after finishing fourth and fifth, respectively. As the outdoor season gets underway, Glenn is doing it all over again. She set a Drachman Stadium record in the 100m at the Jim Click Shootout on March 23, with a time of 11.36. She also clocked a speedy 24.06 in the 200m at the same meet. She has yet to compete in the long jump in the 2002 outdoor season. Glenn is looking to close out her impressive career at Arizona with a bang. So far, so good.

Hunter's Heat: Another young Wildcat is proving to be another great find by the Arizona coaches. Freshman Jeff Hunter continues to impress the Wildcat coaches meet after meet. He has already qualified for the Pac-10 Championships in both the 110m high hurdles and 400m intermediate hurdles. Hunter has also been a part of the 4x100m relay, which has provisionally qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships. He will be another important factor for the Wildcat men when the Pac-10 Championships roll around in mid-May.