

NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championship Quotes – Day 2
College Station, Texas (hosted by Texas A&M)

Men's Heptathlon Champion

Ashton Eaton – Oregon

There was good competition here. I feel good about getting two lifetime bests to start the day. Coming out of day one I was feeling kind of average. I was solid, but not what I wanted. I just had to start today firing off. I had to establish that I was here to compete, which really helped me. This (heptathlon) has gone by really fast. This is the fastest heptathlon I have been in. I just cleared my mind and that helped me to get through it. I am just glad that I was able to contribute to my team. That was my goal coming in; to contribute and get points for my team.

Women's Triple Jump Winner

Kimberly Williams-Florida State

I feel really good. I was missing the board in the beginning, but in the end a win is a win. I was runner-up last year and I am so happy I was able to win it all this year. I am a national champion and I had a lot of fun out there today.

Women's Shot Put Champion

Mariam Kevkhishvili - Florida

I'm happy I won and that I helped my team. I made my marks, but I don't feel like I did as well as I wanted to. This time I was kind of tight; I didn't give 100 percent. This is the second time I have thrown here. It is so beautiful.

Women's Pole Vault

Kylie Hutson, Indiana State

I was super excited. My PR (personal best) before was 4.30 (meters), which is 14-1 ¼. Then I cleared 4.35 on my first attempt. I had plenty of adrenaline going. Real early in the day at the low bars, I was just clearing them just to get over them. But as the day went on, my form progressed into a better technique. This facility is amazing. Obviously I like it because I PR'd. But the runways were really fast and everything here is really nice. I like it a lot.

Men's Weight Throw Champion

Jason Lewis – Arizona State

I was tired today, because I threw the shot put yesterday. My legs were pretty tired. I was just trying to stay hydrated, and keep enough food in me. Apparently everything clicked today. I wasn't expecting that kind distance. It feels good to be up there with all of the other Arizona State national champions. It is a very surreal feeling.

Women's Mile

Sarah Bowman - Tennessee

I felt really good. Coach told me if Sally (Kipyego of Texas Tech) took off, to stick to her like glue, and that's what I tried to do. At nationals it's not about the time that much, you want the place. This is an amazing track and an amazing facility. The track is fast and has wider turns. I like that because I have longer strides.

Men's Mile Champion

Lee Emanuel – New Mexico

Our strategy was too come out and run strong the entire way. Coach told me that if I thought someone was catching up on me, to just run harder, and go after it. He knew I would be strong enough to do that. There at the end, I knew for sure that I could do it, and that it was a chance of a lifetime, so I pushed harder, and got the victory. I hope this puts my name on the map a bit more. This is just a great experience.

Women's 60-Meter Hurdles Champion

Tiffany Ofili – Michigan

I am happy with the win. I felt confident coming into the competition; ready, excited, and anticipating it. I was really happy with the way training had been progressing coming into nationals so I was very confident going into my race.”

Men's 60-Meter Hurdles Champion

Ronnie Ash – Bethune-Cookman

Out of the blocks I thought I was kind of late, but I made up for it between the hurdles. I came in low on the first hurdle, and I think I hit it. So from there on I just picked up my foot speed to gain the ground that I lost at the first. I felt like I was around third or fourth place so I just ran harder and there it was at the end. This feels really great. I know it could have been a better race, but hey, I won.

Women's 400-Meter Dash Champion

Francena McCorory – Hampton

It was hard being in the first heat, knowing that I had a faster heat behind me. I just had to put it all out there and run as fast as I could. I wanted to win. I have been hurt the last two years so it was a big comeback for me and it feels great. Breaking the facility record is just icing on the cake. I have been working hard for this all season. This is the outcome I wanted.

Women's 60-Meter Dash Champion

LaKya Brookins

This feeling is unreal. I've dreamt about this and worked so hard for it. I've been on and off injuries and I didn't think it would happen this soon. I got off to a good start. I just tried to stay focused on my lane and not worry about anyone else. I just pretended they weren't there, just the finish line, and just do what I normally do.

Men's 60-Meter Dash Champion

Jacoby Ford – Clemson

I felt good. I felt like I could have had a better race. I just came out and wanted to redeem myself from the 2007 season. We were neck and neck. That is why I love running at the national level, because you run against the fastest, and it makes you faster. I know my football teammates were cheering me on, and it feels great to do this for Clemson.

Women's 800-Meter Run Champion

Lacey Cramer – BYU

This feels incredible. All my hard work from the season has definitely paid off. I didn't expect to come out here and win the championship, especially as a freshman. I didn't have high expectations and I think that lack of pressure let me perform my best. My coach works us hard so I really trust in him and his workouts and that is all you can do. I was nervous during the run but I stayed with the pack and worked my way up to the front. During that last turn it broke open in the first lane so I just went for it.

Men's 800-Meter Run Champion

Jacob Hernandez – Texas

It's just unbelievable. It was a long week and I was nervous coming in but I just gave it my all. I barely qualified yesterday, and my legs were acting funny but after running well in the DMR I knew I was ready for today. I won't be able to make it to the awards ceremony, my sister has her wedding tonight but I will definitely have some good news for the family. It felt great to cross that finish line on top for the second time now running against such a talented field. My work isn't done here though; I still have the outdoor season to work towards.

Women's 3,000-Meter Run Champion

Jenny Barringer – Colorado

It was really exciting to get out and run this race. I ran a 3k to start the season. It was kind of my rust buster. To get out and better that performance was really exciting. I've had some other really great performances this year and this is one event that I think I am best in and so that is why I ran it at nationals. I wanted to run for time, and get something out there that would stay around for awhile. That is what I was after, but in track and field women are really strong. I really expected someone to go out with me and I wasn't surprised that it was Susan. She ran a phenomenal race. She was right there breathing down my neck for most of the race.

Men's 3,000-Meter Run Champion

Galen Rupp – Oregon

This has been a great experience, and one of the most fun meets ever. I just wanted to come out today and run well. I am stronger than any of the other guys out there so I just took an early lead to where I could relax throughout the race.

4x400M Relay Champions

Baylor Men

We are happy that our streak is still alive. We came in here expecting to win the title but we respected the race too. You can't come into nationals and expect to walk away with a win, you have to earn it and we did that today. We really had to stay in our race. You can only do as much as you can and when you try to do more that is when you get in trouble. We all did what we were supposed to do and we came away with a win. This is probably the most strategic race we have run together.

Women's Team Champion

Tennessee Women's Head Coach - J.J. Clark

"We wanted to come here and win. We wanted to show what a great program we have. The turning point in the meet was really last night after the DMR world-record win. The energy from last night carried over into today and helped us through this nip-and-tuck meet."

Men's Team Champion

Oregon Head Coach – Vin Lananna

"It was a great day, a big day for the Ducks. We had a chance to do something really special at this meet and executed the plan coaching staff developed just about as well as we could have."

"My congratulations go to Texas A&M for hosting a well-run meet that was athlete-friendly, coach-friendly and was certainly entertaining for the crowd."

"Our women got their first top-10 finish and took a fantastic step forward these past two days."