

2009 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships
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Martin Maric, California, Men's Discus

"I wasn't really happy with any of my throws in the final until that last one, but my preliminary stuff was awesome. I'm glad to have the national championship, but I really need to find some consistency with my throws. But if that's all I have to be concerned with I think I'm in good shape."

D'Andra Carter, Texas Tech, Women's Discus

"I tried not to get too bogged down with the fact that this was a national championship event. When everything was culminating at the end and I knew I had a shot to win, it all came to me at once. I had to stay composed and let it fly. It feels so great to finally be a national champion."

Will Claye, Oklahoma, Men's Triple Jump

"It's a blessing to even be here. I can't explain the feeling. To go out and get that 56 (feet) felt great. At that point I knew I had a great shot to win it, it was just a matter of hoping, praying and waiting."

Kimberly Williams, Florida State, Women's Triple Jump

"It was a pretty tough weekend. This was the first time I've jumped all four days (with the long jump) and I took all of my jumps in each round, so today I just had to refocus and concentrate. I had to adjust for the wind so that my steps were right, but I'm very happy with this win."

Joanna Atkins, Auburn, Women's 400 meters

"I was nervous about having to do it from lane eight. I had to stay calm and relaxed and just run the way I know I'm capable of. That was a tough lane draw, and you hear people say that's it's hard to win it from out there. It's possible."

Jonathan Borlee, Florida State, Men's 400 meters

"That was a great race for me to run a PR and win the race, so I'm happy with that. Running with (brother) Kevin is great for us because we can push each other in practice and keep getting better."

Geena Gall, Michigan, Women's 800 meters

"I wanted to wait and see what was going to happen with the pack. The leaders went out fast like I thought they would, and I think it was favorable for me. I have a national championship and a PR so I'm happy with it."

Andrew Wheating, Oregon, Men's 800 meters

“I had to work for that one. The last 300 meters were tough, and I had to kind of grit it out. We got the 10 points, that’s all that really matters.”

Porscha Lucas, Texas A&M, Women’s 200 meters

“Coach has just been telling us to do what we do. After we picked up eight points in the 400, I knew I needed to hold up my end and come out and win this to keep us in the hunt.” I did what I could—I gave it everything I had.”

Charles Clark, Florida State, Men’s 200 meters

“I knew I had to get out quick, because my last 100 or so hasn’t been great. I got out of the blocks well and knew as soon as we turned the corner that I had the best shot to bring it home. I guess it was with about 20 meter to go that I knew I had it.”

Tiffany Ofili, Michigan, Women’s 100-meter hurdles

“Yesterday didn’t go the way I wanted to at all, but I did what I had to do to get into the final. Today was a new day and I knew if I kept my composure and ran the way I knew I could I would be fine.”

Ronnie Ashe, Bethune Cookman, Men’s 110-meter hurdles

“I knew Jason [Richardson] was going to come out hard. I think he may have slipped out of the blocks a little bit, and that was the only window I needed. It feels good to defend my indoor title against a field like this. I knew I had to bring my A-game, and I did.”

Susan Kuijken, Florida State, Women’s 1,500 meters

“That last 300 was crazy. I started to open it up and looked back and realized everyone else was coming. It seemed a little early, but I felt good and turned it on. This is awesome.”

German Fernandez, Oklahoma State, Men’s 1,500 meters

“The conditions weren’t great, I thought it was little humid when the race started. I wanted to be sure and set and set and honest pace, though. It turned out to be a great race and a great finish. I was just thinking ‘you’re almost there, don’t quit now’ down the front stretch, and I was able to hold off the field. Wow, great race.”

Texas, Women’s 4x400-meter relay

(Chantel Malone, anchor) “Coach told me this morning that I was going to anchor. We are a young team, but being a sophomore I felt like I had the experience to get it done. I got the baton with about a seven-meter lead, and knew that if I could hang on, we’d be national champions. Age doesn’t really matter as much as experience in this race. We are young, but experienced, and I think we showed that.”

Charles Clark, Florida State, Men’s 4x400-meter relay

(Charles Clark) "We knew we had to win it to have a shot at the team title. Everything else was going to take care of itself, but we absolutely had to win it. We won it, but credit (Texas) A&M for coming up big as well. I think we're all happy with this title, though."