

GREAT FRIENDS OF UNM TRACK STADIUM

THE HOME OF LOBO TRACK & FIELD

Located 5,085 feet above sea level, the Great Friends of University of New Mexico Track Stadium has been the home of the Lobo track and field program since 1985. The stadium is a multifunction, 5,000-seat facility that was renovated in the summer of 1996 to include a soccer field. The track oval and jump/vault runways were resurfaced in November of 2007 with a polyurethane acrylic material.

Since taking control of the track and field program in 2001, Matt and Mark Henry have injected new life into the stadium. Local fans and alumni alike have returned to the track to catch the Henry's promising, homegrown teams in action. Each year, the Lobos welcome some of the region's top teams for the annual Don Kirby Memorial Invitational. New Mexico has hosted the 2003 Mountain West Conference Outdoor Championships and the 1996 Western Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships. The venue has also been the longtime home of the elite Great Southwest Track & Field Classic, one of the nation's premier postseason high school invitationals.

The 400-meter track is composed of eight racing lanes and includes a steeplechase water-jump. There are two runways each for the long jump, triple jump and pole vault, located on the east side of the stadium and a high jump apron on the north end. With future renovations to include a track & field scoreboard and Wall of Champions, the Great Friends of UNM Track Stadium quickly becoming one of the finest venues in the West.

The opportunity to train and compete year-round in Albuquerque, gives Lobo athletes an extra advantage. With its mile-high elevation, more than 300 days of sunshine a year and legendary reputation, Albuquerque is a favorite training location for some of the world's top track and field athletes. The world class training environment and facilities at UNM provide an opportunity for exceptional track and field event performances.



OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD FACILITY

UNM TRACK STADIUM RENOVATIONS

TRACK & FIELD SCOREBOARD/WALL OF CHAMPIONS COMING SOON!

The 21-year-old Great Friends of UNM Track Stadium began a two-part renovation and expansion project during the 2005-06 season. The first step was to expand the east side of the facility to allow the long jump, triple jump, pole vault and shot put all to be contested in the same area within the stadium.

Two new long jump runways/pits and two triple jump runways/pits were installed, along with a new pole vault runway, all running north and south to minimize the effect of the notorious New Mexico winds during the spring. Two new shot put rings were also built on the east side, moving the event from the adjacent practice fields, back into the stadium. A wall was constructed to enclose the east side of the stadium and bleachers were also placed on the east side to give spectators a up-close view of the field events.

The second phase of the athlete and fan-friendly stadium renovations was completed in November of '06 when the track oval and jumping runways were resurfaced with a polyurethane acrylic material. Landscaping work was also done to improve the aesthetics of the facility.

Future stadium improvements include: a track & field scoreboard that will list athlete names, times and finishes and a Wall of Champions, sponsored by the New Mexico Track & Field Club, that will honor the legends of the program. Both projects are scheduled to be completed in the Spring of '07.

“This project is a real positive for both our athletes and fans at our home meets. We have a lot more room to accomodate more athletes in the field events and an outstanding new track surface, which we think will help us attract some top teams to compete in Albuquerque.”

-UNM head coach Matt Henry



GREAT FRIENDS OF UNM TRACK STADIUM RECORDS

WOMEN

100 Meters	Ashley Owens (Liberty HS)	11.20	2004
200 Meters	Greene (UTEP)/Smedley (SDSU)	23.10	1986/2003
400 Meters	Jessica Fox (Wyoming)	51.92	2003
800 Meters	Laima Baikauskaite (Lithuania)	2:03.80	1992
1,500 Meters	Shelly Steely (Unattached)	4:20.90	1992
3,000m Steeplechase	Lisa Antonelli (BYU)	10:43.64	2003
5,000 Meters	Courtney Pugmire (BYU)	17:03.59	1996
10,000 Meters	Katie Martin (BYU)	37:49.05	2003
100m Hurdles	Nicole Ireland (San Diego State)	13.36	2003
400m Hurdles	Nicole Ireland (San Diego State)	58.20	2003
4x100m Relay	Foster, Tyson, Hall, Owens (HS All-Stars)	43.99	2004
4x40m Relay	Ireland, Peters, Dyer, Smedley (SDSU)	3:37.05	2003
High Jump	Karol Damon (Colorado)	6-00.75	1990
Long Jump	Sarah Matthews (Niwot HS)	21-02.00	2005
Triple Jump	Lavern Clarke (New Mexico)	43-01.50	1990
Pole Vault	Andrea Dutirot (unattached)	15-01.00	2004
Shot Put	Amy Christiansen (BYU)	55-11.25	1996
Discus	Shelly Burman (Colorado State)	180-04	1998
Hammer	Grettel Miller (Colorado State)	192-06	1998
Javelin	Karen Buergdani (BYU)	201-01	1986
Heptathlon	Leslie Miller (San Diego State)	5,602 pts.	2003

MEN

100 Meters	Harvey Glance (Unattached)	10.03	1987
200 Meters	Dwayne Evans (Unattached)	20.08	1987
400 Meters	Alonzo Babers (Air Force)	45.37	1988
800 Meters	Thomas Johnson (Army)	1:48.16	1988
1,500 Meters	Greg Keith (New Mexico)	3:46.40	1986
3,000m Steeplechase	Damian Kallabis (UTEP)	9:06.15	1996
5,000 Meters	Kip Kangogo (BYU)	14:33.64	2003
10,000 Meters	Ben Payne (Air Force)	30:58.28	2003
110m Hurdles	Thom Garrison (Wyoming)	13.95	1989
400m Hurdles	Nate Page (Goldwin Track Club)	49.80	1992
4x100m Relay	Parker, Davenport, Palmer, Singleton (TX HS all-stars)	39.35	2003
4x400m Relay	Army	3:06.10	1988
High Jump	Williams/Smith/Cunningham	7-03.75	1988-92
Long Jump	Ralph Spry (unattached)	27-03.75	1988
Triple Jump	Quincy Howe (Wyoming)	52-07.50	2003
Pole Vault	Joe Dial (Athletics West)	19-05.75	1987
Shot Put	Rich Harrison (Air Force Sports)	63-04.00	2001
Discus	Casey Malone (Nike)	210-00	2006
Hammer	Drew Loftin (Colorado State)	232-11	2003
Javelin	Zachary Malekwa (unattached)	249-06	1987
Decathlon	Marcus Nichols (Air Force)	7,723 pts.	1996

