



2007 NEW MEXICO OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

AT THE NCAA Championships • Sacramento, Calif. • June 6 & 9

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NEW MEXICO FIVE OPEN NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION TONIGHT PROGRAM RECORD FIVE NEW MEXICANS REPRESENTING UNM AT NATIONALS

UPCOMING

The University of New Mexico will send its biggest contingent in 17 years to the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Sacramento, Calif. this week. Three women and two men - all products of New Mexico high schools - will represent UNM on the national stage. All five athletes are making their first appearance at the NCAA Championships. The outdoor championships will also be the final meet at UNM for coaches Matt and Mark Henry who will retire after seven years at their alma mater. The Lobos begin competition on Wednesday night. Friday's events will be broadcast live on CSTV from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. (Mountain), while CBS will have live coverage of Saturday's events from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

THE NCAA OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS AT A GLANCE

Online Coverage: Live meet results will be available online at www.ncaasports.com and www.hornetsports.com. Complete coverage of the NCAA Championships, including podcasts, photos and daily recaps, will be available at www.trackshark.com.

Television Coverage: Friday's events will be broadcast live on CSTV (ch. 274 on Comcast in Albuquerque) from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. (Mountain). CBS will have live coverage of Saturday's events from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Schedule: The meet runs Wednesday, June 6 through Saturday, June 9 at the Alex G. Spanos Sports Complex on the Sacramento State campus. The UNM contingent competes at the following times (Mountain Standard):

Wednesday, June 6

7 p.m. - Jr. Jarrin Solomon (400m prelims)*
7:20 p.m. - Jr. Ariel Burr (400m prelims)*
10:30 p.m. - Sr. Timmie Murphy (5,000m semifinals)^

Thursday, June 7

7 p.m. - So. Katie Coronado (javelin qualifying)#
9 p.m. - Sr. Jeremy Johnson (10,000m finals)

Friday, June 8

6:55 p.m. - (men's 400m semifinals)**
7:05 p.m. - (women's 400m semifinals)**
9:10 p.m. - (women's 5,000m finals)

Saturday, June 9

11 a.m. - (women's javelin finals)
11:37 a.m. - (men's 400m finals)
11:44 a.m. - (women's 400m finals)

* Top 2 from each heat plus next 6 fastest times advance to semifinals - 16 total.

^ Top 6 from each heat plus next 4 fastest times advance to finals - 16 total.

Top 12 marks advance to finals - 3 throws each.

** Top 3 from each semi plus next 2 fastest times advance to finals - 8 total.

Sacramento Weather Report: The forecast on Wednesday and Thursday evening calls for relatively favorable conditions for track and field competition. Temperatures should be in the high 60s with clear skies both evenings. Wind could be a factor, however, with speeds expected to reach 14 miles per hour.

2007 SCHEDULE

INDOOR

Date	Meet (host)	Location	Time/Results
Jan. 13	Mark Shumate All-Comer	ABQ Convention Center	non-scoring
Jan. 19-20	Modrall Sperling Lobo Invitational	ABQ Convention Center	M: 4th/8 W: 3rd/7
Jan. 21	Albuquerque All-Comer	ABQ Convention Center	non-scoring
Jan. 25-26	Roger Cox Multis	ABQ Convention Center	non-scoring
Jan. 27	Dan DeHart Invitational	ABQ Convention Center	M: 7th/10 W: 8th/16
Feb. 2-3	Dennis Heimrich Invitational	ABQ Convention Center	non-scoring
Feb. 9-10	TCR Race Productions Invitational	ABQ Convention Center	M: 2nd/7 W: 5th/11
Feb. 22-24	MWC Championships	ABQ Convention Center	M: 6th/6 W: 7th/9

OUTDOOR

Date	Meet (host)	Location	Time/Results
Mar. 17	Baldy Castillo Invitational (Arizona State)	Tempe, Ariz.	non-scoring
Mar. 24	USC Trojan Invitational	Los Angeles, Calif.	non-scoring
Mar. 31	Arizona International	Tucson, Ariz.	non-scoring
Apr. 6-7	Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	non-scoring
Apr. 11-13	Mt. SAC Relays	Walnut, Calif.	non-scoring
Apr. 14	UTEP Invitational	El Paso, Texas	non-scoring
Apr. 20-21	UCSD Triton Invitational	San Diego, Calif.	non-scoring
Apr. 28	Don Kirby Memorial Invitational	G.F.O. UNM Track Stadium	non-scoring
May 9-12	MWC Championships (San Diego State)	San Diego, Calif.	M: 6th/6 W: 5th/9
May 25-26	NCAA Midwest Reg. Championships (Drake)	Des Moines, Iowa	M: 18th/36 W: 18th/32
Jun. 6-9	NCAA Championships (Sacramento State)	Sacramento, Calif.	7 p.m.

BOLD indicates home meet • all times Mountain • all times/dates subject to change

two relay teams have advanced to the NCAA Midwest Regional Championship meet, including two NCAA Championship qualifiers, and seven school records have been set in the sprint and relay events under Henry's watch.

"The Henry name has been synonymous with track and field - locally and nationally - for many decades," said UNM athletics director Paul Krebs. "I'm disappointed that future Lobo student-athletes will not have the benefit of receiving guidance and coaching from Matt and Mark. They have worked tirelessly for the New Mexico track program and the sport of track and field. They will be missed."

Both Matt and Mark say they plan to stay in the Albuquerque area after finishing at UNM. Matt's sons Kurt (a junior) and Kyle (a freshman) will both remain with the program.

BEST OF THE MOUNTAIN WEST

The New Mexico men earned a record three Mountain West Conference Outdoor Track & Field Athlete of the Week awards this season, while the women were honored once for a combined program record of four awards in 2007. The Lobos had two Outdoor Athlete of the Week winners the previous two years combined.

Sophomore Anthony Fairbanks earned his first career award on March 21 - the first for a Lobo outdoors since 2005. Fairbanks finished second in the javelin at the Baldy Castillo Invitational in Tempe, Ariz. with a career-best and NCAA regional qualifying throw of 217' 10" (66.39m), surpassing his previous personal best distance in the event by over four feet.

Junior Jarrin Solomon later earned his first Athlete of the Week award on April 3 for his performance at the Arizona International meet in Tucson, Ariz. Solomon ran an NCAA regional qualifying time of 46.42 - the fastest by a Lobo since 1991 and fifth-best in MWC history. To win the 400-meter race. He finished 0.13 seconds ahead of the runner-up, Arizona State All-American Domenik Peterson, as he shaved 0.39 seconds off of his previous career-best. Solomon is the only athlete among the league's top-5 in the men's 400 to record his time before the month of May.

Solomon was also a part of the second-place UNM 4x400 relay team that clocked a season-best time of 3:10.72 in Tucson. The time was New Mexico's fastest in the event since 2003 and just 0.72 seconds off the regional qualifying standard.

Senior Jeremy Johnson earned his first award on April 17 after recording the third-fastest time in MWC history in his first career 10,000-meter race at the Mt. Sac Relays in Walnut, Calif. He crossed the finish line in a NCAA provisional qualifying time of 28:47.76, which was less than three seconds off the NCAA automatic qualifying mark. Johnson finished ninth overall and third among collegians in a field of 57 runners.

Sophomore Katie Coronado became the first UNM woman since '05 to win the weekly award after she broke an 11-year-old UNM javelin record with a throw of 169'-10.00" (51.77) in a second-place finish at the UTEP Invitational in El Paso, Texas. Coronado surpassed the previous Lobo school record by over four feet and moved up to third on the all-time MWC list for the event.

THESE ARE NEW MEXICO'S LOBOS

Over the past six years UNM head coach Matt Henry has worked to rebuild the track and field program primarily using in-state and in-city athletes. Few D-I athletics programs in the state of New Mexico can match Lobo track and field when it comes to being a truly New Mexican product. Zia pride is what fuels the program, coaches and athletes alike.

The 2007 roster features 71 in-state products, including 38 from the Duke City. Thirty-one men and women are former New Mexico high school track & field champions. More and more, the elite athletes in the state are choosing to stay home at New Mexico, even declining offers from big name out-of-state schools with greater financial resources.

2007 INDOOR MILESTONES

UNM Records

Jr. Ariel Burr • 400m •53.73
MWC Championships (Albuquerque, N.M.) – Feb. 24
Jr. Kristan Matison •60m •7.60*
TCR Race Productions Invitational (Albuquerque, N.M.) – Feb. 10

Jr. Jarrin Solomon • 400m •47.00
MWC Championships (Albuquerque, N.M.) – Feb. 24

Burr, Matison, S. Fortner, Zarrella • 4x400m Relay • 3:47.66
MWC Championships (Albuquerque, N.M.) – Feb. 24

Additional Best Marks Under Matt Henry (2001-07)

Sr. Jeremy Johnson •3,000m •8:08.61
Arkansas Last Chance (Fayetteville, Ark.) – March 2
So. Tiyana Peters • High Jump • 5-10.00
MWC Championships (Albuquerque, N.M.) – Feb. 24
Siemon, McCain, Ku. Henry, Solomon • 4x400m Relay • 3:13.79
MWC Championships (Albuquerque, N.M.) – Feb. 24

NCAA Provisional Qualifiers (4 athletes - 4 events)

Jr. Ariel Burr • 400m •53.73
MWC Championships (Albuquerque, N.M.) – Feb. 24
So. Sandy Fortner • Pentathlon •5,709
Roger Cox Multis (Albuquerque, N.M.) – Jan. 26
So. Tiyana Peters • High Jump •5-10.00
MWC Championships (Albuquerque, N.M.) – Feb. 24
Jr. Jarrin Solomon • 400m •47.00
MWC Championships (Albuquerque, N.M.) – Feb. 24

2007 OUTDOOR MILESTONES

NCAA Provisional Qualifiers (3 athletes - 3 events)

So. Sandy Fortner • Heptathlon •5,087 points
MWC Championships (San Diego, Calif.) – May 9-10
Sr. Jeremy Johnson • 10,000m •28:47.76
Mt. SAC Relays (Walnut, Calif.) – April 13
Sr. Timmie Murphy • 10,000m •34:17.47
Mt. SAC Relays (Walnut, Calif.) – April 13

NCAA REGIONAL QUALIFIERS (8 athletes: 4 women, 4 men - 8 events)

Jr. Ariel Burr • 400m •54.19
USC Trojan Invitational (Los Angeles, Calif.) – March 24
200m •23.72*
Don Kirby Memorial Invitational (Albuquerque, N.M.) – April 28
So. Katie Coronado • Javelin •169-10
UTEP Invitational (El Paso, Texas) – April 14
Sr. Jeremy Johnson • 5,000m •13:50.85
Stanford Invitational (Stanford, Calif.) – March 31
So. Anthony Fairbanks • Javelin •217-10
Baldy Castillo Invitational (Tempe, Ariz.) – March 17
Sr. Dan Feltman • Javelin • 202-09
MWC Championships (San Diego, Calif.) – May 12
Sr. Timmie Murphy • 5,000m •16:28.03
Stanford Invitational (Stanford, Calif.) – March 31
Jr. Tiyana Peters • High Jump • 5-10.00
UC San Diego Triton Invitational (San Diego, Calif.) – April 21
Jr. Jarrin Solomon • 400m •46.42
Arizona International (Tucson, Ariz.) – March 31

UNM Records

Jr. Ariel Burr • 400m •52.85
NCAA Midwest Regional Championships (Des Moines, Iowa) – May 26
So. Katie Coronado • Javelin •169-10
UTEP Invitational (El Paso, Texas) – April 14
Fr. Kelly McCabe • 3,000m Steeplechase • 11:15.58
UC San Diego Triton Invitational (San Diego, Calif.) – April 21

Additional Best Marks Under Matt Henry (2001-07)

Jr. Dornick Meadows • Triple Jump • 48-06.75
Arizona International (Tucson, Ariz.) – March 31
Jr. Jarrin Solomon • 400m •46.42
Arizona International (Tucson, Ariz.) – March 31
Sr. Timmie Murphy • 5,000m •16:25.21
NCAA Midwest Regional Championships (Des Moines, Iowa) – May 25

The New Mexico connection is just as strong with the coaching staff as Matt Henry (Albuquerque), Mark Henry (Albuquerque), Scott Steffan (Aztec, N.M.) and Keren Bentzur (Israel), as well as volunteer coaches Mark Johnson (Fontana, Wisc.), Matt Kraft (Albuquerque) and Derek Mackel (Albuquerque) all competed at and graduated from the University of New Mexico.

LOBO LEGACY

The University of New Mexico track and field program boasts an elite tradition of excellence that has included 11 national championship event victories, 70 All-America honors, 19 national top-25 team finishes, 205 conference championship event victories and five conference titles. Several current Lobos have grown up with a unique appreciation of the program's proud history. Six athletes on the 2007 roster are second generation members of the Lobo track and field program, many of whom can still see their surnames prominently displayed in the UNM record books.

Junior Kristan Matison is the daughter of one of New Mexico's finest sprinters, Rene Matison, who earned All-America honors in the 100-yard dash and as part of the 440-yard relay in 1966. Matison was also a member of four Western Athletic Conference champion relay teams and played a year of football for the Lobos before being drafted as a wide receiver by the Dallas Cowboys in 1969. Matison's name is also in the UNM record books as he anchored the record-setting 4x100y relay team and matched the fastest 100-yard time ever recorded at UNM. In 2006, he has continued to make an impact on the program with the founding the New Mexico Track & Field Club.

Fellow junior Jarrin Solomon can also find his family name featured throughout the history of New Mexico track and field thanks to the efforts of his father Michael Solomon. The elder Solomon was a two-time All-American and the 600-yard champion at the 1977 NCAA Indoor Championships. From 1974-77, Solomon claimed four-straight 600 titles, one 440 crown, was a member of the Lobos' three-time WAC champion mile relay team indoors and part of the outdoor record-setting 4x400m relay team. Solomon was also a two-time Olympian, competing at the 1976 Montreal games and 1980 Moscow Olympics.

Brothers Kurt and Kyle Henry have been in surrounded by UNM track and field tradition their entire life. Their dad, Matt Henry, is the seventh-year head coach at New Mexico, a former All-American for the Lobos and member of four WAC Champion relay teams. Mom, Lisa (formerly Lisa Chivario), competed at UNM in the early '70s and earned All-America honors in 1971 as the AIAW national runner-up in the long jump. Uncle Mark was also a letterwinner for UNM and is currently the associate head coach, while his grandfather Bub and great-grandfather Gwinn have a legacy of success in UNM athletics that goes back to the 1930s.

Sophomore Briana Paxton's mother, Laurie (formerly Laurie Gilliland), was a standout hurdler at UNM from 1975-78. Laurie was a three-time AIAW national qualifier in the 400 hurdles and won the event at the '77 WAC Championships. She is also a former school and conference record holder in the 100 hurdles. Briana's dad, Matt, played football for the Lobos in the late '70s.

Rookie Lynn Brasher's mom, Lucille, ran track for the Lobos from 1976-77. A second cousin, also named Lynn Brasher, ran track at UNM from 1979-80 and earned All-America honors in 1979 as part of the two-mile relay team.

Freshman Jeremy Newland's dad, Jef, is a former Lobo distance runner (1988-92) who helped UNM win the WAC cross country championship and advance to the NCAA Championship meet in 1988.

NEW MEXICO TRACK & FIELD CLUB

Championship track and field programs are not built overnight. They are constructed gradually, built upon a strong foundation of pride, tradition and a commitment to excellence. The University of New Mexico track and field program has built its legacy with the same championship formula.

Since 1930, New Mexico athletes have earned All-America honors 70 times, won 11 NCAA Championship events and claimed 205 conference events. Perhaps the most exceptional group of athletes ever to compete in any sport at UNM were on legendary coach Hugh Hackett's track and field teams of the 1960s.

A large group of Lobo legends from that era, including coach Hackett and former national champions Adolph Plummer and Art Baxter, reunited in Albuquerque on Jan. 20, 2006 for a memorable evening spent sharing memories and reaffirming a commitment to New Mexico track and field excellence. That night, reunion organizer Rene Matison, a two-time All-American at UNM, announced the founding of the New Mexico Track & Field/Cross Country Club.

The organization seeks to unite all the alumni, friends and supporters who have been part of New Mexico's proud track & field history and would like to help the program continue its ascent under head coach Matt Henry. The New Mexico Track & Field Club goals include celebrating and preserving the program's proud tradition while helping current and future generations of Lobo track and field athletes establish a championship legacy of their own through facility and equipment upgrades and donations to the track and field scholarship fund.

In its first year, the club raised funds to sponsor the UNM Men's and Women's Athlete of the Year awards, assist with team equipment needs and begin creating a New Mexico Track & Field Wall of Champions at the Great Friends of UNM Track Stadium. The group also helped secure funding for a Daktronics track & field scoreboard which is scheduled to be installed in the summer of '07.

More help is needed though and the New Mexico Track & Field/Cross Club is looking for members who want to see Lobo Track & Field once again take its place among the elite programs in the Mountain West Conference and eventually, the nation.

For more information contact Rene Matison via email at rpmatison@msn.com or call the Lobo Track & Field office at (505) 925-5735.

2007 UNM NCAA OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFIERS

Ariel Burr • 400 meters (No. 19 seed)

5-4 • Jr-2L

Carrizozo, N.M. (Carrizozo HS)

Career Best: 52.85 (May 26, 2007 - Des Moines, Iowa)

Preliminary Race Scouting Report: Burr will be running out of lane 4 in the second of five heats on Wednesday evening...she will see two familiar faces in her race as Mountain West Conference rivals Nicole Stone of San Diego State and Deborah Jones of TCU are in lanes 6 and 7, respectively...Jones, the MWC outdoor champion, defeated Burr at the conference meet and at the Midwest Regional Championships...Burr defeated Stone at the MWC Championships...Penn State junior Shana Cox owns the fastest entry time in the heat at 51.38...the top 2 finishers from each heat plus the next 6 fastest times overall advance to the 400m semifinals on Friday evening.

Quoting Burr: "I'm really excited I made it to nationals. I'm glad it finally happened and I just want to take advantage of this opportunity. Now that I'm in, I'm just going to try to take each round at a time. I'm going to have to PR each time I run to get to the finals, so I have to be mentally strong, treat my body well while I'm in Sacramento and just try to be in the best condition possible for each race. It's going to be a long three days, but my goal is to get to the finals. That's what I'm shooting for."

How She Qualified: Placed fifth - two spots higher than her seed - at the Midwest Regional Championships in Des Moines, Iowa (May 26) to earn the automatic bid to the NCAA Championships...had not finished higher than 20th in her two previous trips to the regional championship meet.

Last UNM Women's Sprinter To Qualify: Albuquerque products Terrian Florence (Sr.) and Natanya Jones (So.), both in the 100m, in 1990...Jones advanced to the semifinals (15th)...Burr is the first UNM woman to qualify in the 400.

All-American Women's Sprinters At UNM: One...Fr. Michelle Mathias (Colorado Springs, Colo.)...4th in the 200m at the 1981 AIAW national championships.

Road To Sacramento: Smashed her own school record by 0.19 seconds in her last race with a time of 52.85 in the finals (5th) of the NCAA Midwest Regional Championships...earned all-MWC honors with a third place finish (53.17) in San Diego...ran under 53.50 seconds in her final 4 races...also qualified for regionals in the 200 with a career-best time of 23.73 (altitude-adjusted) on April 28 in Albuquerque, but chose to run the 400 exclusively...she enters the national meet projected to finish 12th by Trackwire.com...it's the first time a UNM sprinter has ever appeared on Trackwire's weekly power rankings.

2007 400m Outdoor Performance Chart

March 17	Baldy Castillo Invitational (Tempe)	54.73	3rd
March 24	USC Trojan Invitational (Los Angeles)	54.19	3rd
April 13	Mt. SAC Relays - university/open (Walnut)	54.39	2nd
April 21	UC San Diego Triton Invitational (San Diego)	54.34	3rd
May 11	MWC Championships - prelims (San Diego)	53.49	2nd
May 12	MWC Championships - finals (San Diego)	53.17	3rd
May 25	MW Regional Championships - prelims (Des Moines)	53.28	5th
May 26	MW Regional Championships - finals (Des Moines)	52.85	5th

Career Highlights: UNM indoor and outdoor record holder in the 400 and a five-time all-Mountain West Conference honoree in the event...MWC indoor champion in 2007...MWC outdoor runner-up in 2005 and '06...three-time NCAA Regional qualifier...has run under 53 seconds twice in her career...two-time Academic all-MWC honoree.

Other Notes: One of 14 graduates in the class of '04 at tiny Carrizozo HS (town population 1,043) in southeast New Mexico...dominated the 1A competition throughout her career, capturing 14 individual gold medals and an additional four relay titles in state track meet appearances.

Katie Coronado • Javelin (No. 11 seed)

5-11 • So-1L

Ruidoso, N.M. (Ruidoso HS)

Career Best: 169-10 (April 14, 2007 - El Paso, Texas)

Qualifying Competition Scouting Report: Coronado will be throwing 12th out of 13 competitors in the second and final flight on Thursday evening...she has faced five competitors in flight 2 previously this season...the top-ranked athlete in the field, Oregon sophomore Rachel Yurkovich, will throw first in flight 2...each athlete will get three throws on Thursday and the top-12 marks will move on to finals competition on Saturday morning.

Quoting Coronado: "Missing out on nationals last year really haunted me. I was really disappointed and that feeling carried into this year. When I saw that I was actually going to go this year, I was really excited. I think I can do pretty good. I've just got to stay consistent and keep doing what I've been doing."

How She Qualified: Earned an at-large bid after placing sixth at the Midwest Regional Championships in Des Moines, Iowa (May 25) and posting a season-best mark of 169' 10" (51.77m) that ranks 11th nationally...was one of the last athletes left out of the 2006 NCAA women's javelin field after finishing seventh at the regional meet and recording a season-best of 161' 11"...a victim of the powerful Midwest competition, three automatic qualifying athletes from other regions were selected for the NCAA Championships in front of her despite posting lower season marks.

Previous UNM Woman To Qualify In The Javelin: Sarah Nicholson (Sr.) in 1997...Nicholson also qualified as a junior in 1995 and a sophomore in '96...Coronado is the first UNM women's javelin qualifier from the state of New Mexico.

All-American Women's Javelin Throwers At UNM: Nicholson finished 12th (150' 5") in the 1996 NCAA Outdoor Championships in her hometown of Eugene, Ore...she was awarded for being one of the top-8 placing U.S. citizens in the event.

Road To Sacramento: Became the Lobos' first two-time all-region honoree with a sixth place finish (163' 2") at the NCAA Midwest Championships...threw 162' 2" to capture the MWC javelin title in San Diego...was the first UNM woman to win gold in the event at the conference meet...was listed as high as eighth in the Trackwire.com national meet projections after breaking Sarah Nicholson's 11-year-old school record with a throw of 169' 10" on April 14 at the UTEP Invitational in El Paso, Texas...**the throw is currently the ninth-best by an American woman this year**...it also ranks third on the MWC all-time list and earned her conference Athlete of the Week for the first time in her career...finished 3rd in the section A competition at the Texas Relays (158'), defeating All-Americans and fellow 2007 NCAA competitors Sigrun Fjeldsted and Krista Woodward of Georgia...also defeated Texas A&M All-American and '07 NCAA qualifier Jessica Wingfield in a win at USC on March 24...has thrown over 165' twice in her career and over 160' in 5 straight meets.

2007 Outdoor Performance Chart

March 17	Baldy Castillo Invitational (Tempe)	159-09	1st
March 24	USC Trojan Invitational - sec. A (Los Angeles)	156-02	1st
April 7	Texas Relays - sec. A (Austin)	158-00	3rd
April 14	UTEP Invitational (El Paso)	169-10	2nd
April 21	UC San Diego Triton Invitational (San Diego)	160-04	5th
April 28	Don Kirby Invitational (Albuquerque)	167-06	1st
May 11	MWC Championships (San Diego)	162-02	1st
May 25	Midwest Regional Championships (Des Moines)	163-02	6th

Career Highlights: Two-time all-MWC honoree...conference runner-up in '06 behind two-time national champion Dana Pounds of Air Force...Academic all-MWC honoree.

Other Notes: Two-time class 3A javelin champion at Ruidoso HS (town population 7,698)...also won the discus crown as a junior...all-state selection in soccer and basketball as well...MVP of the state North-South basketball all-star game.

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Jeremy Johnson • 10,000 meters (No. 12 seed)

5-8 • Sr-1L

Albuquerque, N.M. (Manzano HS)

Career Best: 28:47.76 (April 13, 2007 - Walnut, Calif.)

Preliminary Race Scouting Report: Johnson owns the 12th-fastest entry time among the 26 competitors that will toe the line on Thursday night...it will be just the second 10,000-meter race of his career...he has faced three of the runners in the field head-to-head this spring, including Mountain West Conference rival Josh Rohatinsky of BYU (No. 2 seed)...Texas A&M Corpus Christi's Shadrack Songok (No. 5 seed) was the only opponent he faced in his previous 10K at the Mt. SAC Relays...Songok won the race with a time of 28:16.47...former UNM cross country All-American Shadrack Kiptoo-Biwott, now a sophomore at Oregon, is the No. 23 seed in the race.

Quoting Johnson: "Coach (Matt) Henry and I think there's a whole lot of improvement that can be made in the 10K since it was my first one when I ran at Mt. SAC. We think that I can really drop my time down a lot. Also, it's a really good field. We've got Galen Rupp, who's the collegiate record holder now, (Josh) Rohatinsky is the national champion in cross country, and I just want to run with the best I can. I just want to stay in contention. Keeping myself in the top five throughout the whole race is the goal. I'm going to try not to let the leaders break away from me at all and then the last mile to two miles, just hammer and hang on and see what we can do."

How He Qualified: Was selected from the provisional qualifying pool after clocking a time of 28:47.76 - less than three seconds shy of the automatic qualifying standard...was also eligible to compete in the 5,000 after earning an automatic bid with his third place finish at the NCAA Midwest Regional Championships on May 25 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Last UNM Men's Distance Runner To Qualify: Santa Fe native Matt Gonzales (Jr.) in 2004 (4th - 10,000m).

All-American Men's Distance Runners At UNM: Six men (eight awards)...Gonzales was the last, finishing 4th in the 10,000 in Austin, Texas in 2004...he also finished third in the 10K in Sacramento in 2003...Ibrahim Kivina (Sr.) was the first to earn All-America honors in the 10,000, finishing 2nd in 1984...George Scott (3 miles) and Web Loudat (3,000 steeplechase) were the first distance All-Americans at UNM in 1967.

Road To Sacramento: Recorded the third-fastest time in MWC history (28:47.76) in his first career 10,000-meter race at the Mt. SAC Relays in Walnut, Calif. on April 13...finished ninth overall and third among collegians in a field of 57 runners...enters the NCAA Championship meet ranked No. 12 in the most recent Trackwire.com 10K race projections...finished third in the 5,000m (14:01.43) at the Midwest Regional Championships, which featured 7 of the nation's top-25 ranked runners...came within 200m of the win before a late kick by Colorado's Brent Vaughn and fellow NCAA 10K competitor Kevin Chelimo (Texas Tech)...defeated Songok for the first time in 3 races in Des Moines...MWC runner-up in the 5K (14:13.16), behind Rohatinsky, on May 12 in San Diego...also earned all-MWC honors in the 1,500 (3rd - 3:50.94)...clocked a career-best 5,000m time of 13:50.85 (9th) on March 31 at Stanford.

Career Highlights: Has earned indoor/outdoor all-conference honors 5 times in the past two years, including four medals in '07...first team all-conference selection and recorded the fastest 8K time in UNM history this past cross country season...two-time Academic all-MWC honoree.

Other Notes: Returned to UNM in '05 after transferring to Arizona for 1 1/2 years...sat out the '05 track and cross country seasons due to NCAA transfer rules...returned to competition during the '06 track seasons...originally signed with New Mexico out of high school and was one of the team's top cross country runners as a 17-year-old freshman in '02...redshirted the '03 track seasons before moving on to Tucson, where he competed in cross country and track during the '03-04 seasons...has one year of XC eligibility remaining...New Mexico 5A 3,200m champion as a senior.

Timmie Murphy • 5,000 meters (No. 23 seed)

5-6 • Sr-3L

Farmington, N.M. (Farmington HS)

Career Best: 16:25.21 (May 25, 2007 - Des Moines, Iowa)

Preliminary Race Scouting Report: Murphy owns the 12th-fastest entry time among the 14 competitors in the first semifinal of the 5,000 on Wednesday night and is ranked 23rd in the 27-woman field overall...she is the lone runner from the Mountain West Conference in the 5K field...she defeated heat 1 competitors Racheal Marchand (Iowa) and Kellyn Johnson (Wichita State) at the NCAA Midwest Regional Championships in Des Moines on May 25...she also defeated Marchand at Stanford on March 31...the top 6 finishers in each semi plus the next 4 best times (16 total) advance to the finals on Saturday night.

Quoting Murphy: "It's pretty cool that we have five people (from New Mexico) here. That's pretty exciting. I've been doing a little more speed work and training for the 5K towards the end of the season. I think that I'm going to have to have the race of my life in order to get into the finals. I'm not ranked very high, so all I'm thinking about right now is getting into finals."

How She Qualified: Finished fourth - two spots above her seed - at the Midwest Regional Championships in Des Moines, Iowa on May 25 to earn the automatic bid...was a fading 7th with four laps to go before chipping away at the lead pack...used a dramatic surge over the final 600 meters, passing two runners to secure her spot in the NCAA field...also would have qualified in the 10,000 with her season-best time of 34:17.47, run on April 13 at Mt. SAC.

Last UNM Women's Distance Runner To Qualify: Jr. Tangi Galloway (10,000m - did not finish) in 1997...Murphy is the first UNM woman to qualify in the 5,000.

All-American Women's Distance Runners At UNM: Two...Galloway and Karen Cramond...Galloway finished 4th in the 10,000 as a sophomore at the 1996 NCAA Championships, while Cramond was fifth in the 2-mile run and 3rd in the 3-mile as a freshman at the 1976 AIAW national championships.

Road To Sacramento: Clocked a career-best time of 16:25.21 - the fastest in seventh-year head coach Matt Henry's tenure and 9 seconds off the 23-year-old UNM record - to finish fourth in her Midwest Regional Championships debut...became the first UNM woman to earn all-region honors on the track...clocked a time of 16:47.60 at the MWC Championships, earning all-conference honors for the first time outdoors with her third place finish...smashed her previous best entering the season with a time of 16:28.03 (5th - sec. 2) on March 31 at Stanford...raced just 3 times in the first two months of the season.

2007 5,000m Outdoor Performance Chart

March 31	Stanford Invitational - Sec. 2 (Stanford)	16:28.03	5th
May 12	MWC Championships (San Diego)	16:47.60	3rd
May 25	Midwest Regional Championships (Des Moines)	16:25.21	4th

Career Highlights: Two-time all-MWC honoree on the track...MWC indoor runner-up and a provisional qualifier in the 3,000m in 2006...redshirted the '06 outdoor season after completing her indoor career last year...two-time first team all-MWC and all-NCAA Mountain Region honoree in cross country, and a NCAA Championships qualifier this past fall.

Other Notes: Full name is Micky Timmieann Murphy...will graduate this summer with a degree in Exercise Science.

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Jarrin Solomon • 400 meters (No. 25 seed)

5-9 • Jr-2L

Albuquerque, N.M. (La Cueva HS)

Career Best: 46.42 (March 31, 2007 - Tucson, Ariz.)

Preliminary Race Scouting Report: Solomon will be running on the far inside in lane 3 in the third of five preliminary heats on Wednesday evening...two familiar competitors in Arizona State's senior All-American Domenik Peterson (lane 5) and Baylor freshman J.T. Scheuerman (lane 6) will be running outside of him in heat 3...Solomon defeated Peterson by 0.13 seconds in a March 31 win at Arizona and was 0.14 seconds faster than Scheuerman in the finals of the NCAA Midwest Regional Championships in Des Moines, Iowa...Solomon has the fifth-fastest qualifying time in his heat and No. 25 overall in the field...however, he has finished 1st or 2nd in 6 of his last 7 head-to-head 400 races...lone finish out of the top-2 in a head-to-head race was his fifth place effort Midwest Regional finals...the top 2 finishers from each heat plus the next 6 fastest times overall advance to the 400m semifinals on Friday evening.

Quoting Solomon: "It was real cool, real exciting to make it to NCAAs and to be up at that level. I felt that I could do it all season, so it was kind of a relief that I made it. This week, I think being in contention (for the lead in each race) is what is going to get me into the finals. If I can be in contention all week, then I think I'll be alright. I'm pretty confident. I've beaten some of the top seeded guys at regionals and during the season, so I'm pretty confident that I should be able to advance."

How He Qualified: Placed fifth - four spots higher than his seed - at the NCAA Midwest Regional Championships in Des Moines, Iowa (May 26) to earn the automatic bid to the NCAA Championships...had not finished higher than 17th in his two previous trips to the regional championship meet...is the lone Mountain West Conference sprinter in the field and one of eight qualifiers from the Midwest region.

Last UNM Men's Sprinter To Qualify: So. Tony Eziuka (400m) in 1991...Eziuka (Jos, Nigeria) suffered an injury before the prelims and did not start...Solomon is the first sprinter from a New Mexico high school to represent the Lobos at the NCAA Championships.

All-American Men's Sprinters At UNM: Four (five awards)...Jarrin's dad, Mike Solomon, and Charles Dramiga were the last UNM All-Americans in the 400, both in 1976...New Mexico has earned All-America honors four times in the 400 or 440-yard dash...Adolph Plummer won the 440 national title in 1961 and repeated as an All-American in '62.

Road To Sacramento: Earned all-region honors for the first time with a fifth place finish in Des Moines...finished just 0.08 seconds out of third...ran second behind Baylor's LeJerald Betters in his preliminary heat...defeated '07 NCAA qualifiers J.T. Scheuerman (Baylor), Aaron Buzard (Minnesota) and Justin Oliver (Texas A&M) and was 0.05 seconds behind Terrance Reid (Northern Iowa) in the finals...became the first Lobo since 1991 to win a conference 400 title, finishing with a time of 46.50 - 0.24 seconds ahead of the field - at the MWC Championships on May 12 in San Diego...recorded a personal record time of 46.42 on March 31 at Arizona...time ranks fifth on the MWC all-time list and is the fastest time in the conference before the month of May...has run under 47 seconds in 6 of his last 7 races and won four of his last 5 finals races.

2007 400m Outdoor Performance Chart

March 24	USC Trojan Invitational (Los Angeles)	47.53	4th
March 31	Arizona International (Tucson)	46.42	1st
April 13	Mt. SAC Relays - university/open (Walnut)	46.63	1st
April 28	Don Kirby Invitational (Albuquerque)	47.00*	1st
May 11	MWC Championships - prelims (San Diego)	47.54	3rd
May 13	MWC Championships - finals (San Diego)	46.50	1st
May 25	MW Regional Championships - prelims (Des Moines)	46.68	8th
May 26	MW Regional Championships - finals (Des Moines)	46.55	5th

Career Highlights: Four-time indoor/outdoor all-MWC honoree and three-time NCAA regional qualifier in the 400...also a 5-time all-conference honoree in the 4x400 relay...set the UNM indoor record (47.00) in a second place finish at the 2007 MWC Championships in Albuquerque...later led the UNM 4x400 relay team to its first conference title in 20 years...strong in the classroom as well, earning a pair of Academic all-MWC awards.

Other Notes: Trained with the Trinidad and Tobago national team over the summer and was an alternate at the 2006 Central American and Caribbean Games in Cartagena, Columbia...was a standout soccer player in high school and did not start training full time in track until his first year of college (2004-05)...3-time all-state defender in soccer who was recruited by North Carolina...class 5A state runner-up in the 400 as a senior...father, Mike Solomon, was one of the finest middle distance runners in UNM history, earning two All-America awards and winning the 600-yard title at the 1977 NCAA Indoor Championships...Mike was also a two-time Olympian, competing at the 1976 Montreal games and 1980 Moscow Olympics for his native Trinidad and Tobago.



**MATT
HENRY**

**Head Coach – Distance/Middle Distance/Cross Country
Seventh Year – University of New Mexico, 1975**

Matt Henry is in his seventh and final season as University of New Mexico head track & field/cross country coach. Matt and his twin brother Mark announced that they will retire from UNM after the 2007 outdoor season.

Thanks to the leadership and dedication of Henry and his staff, the University of New Mexico now boasts one of the most improved track and field programs in the country. Built upon a foundation of elite in-state talent with a blend of premier national and international competitors, the Lobos continue to reach new heights each year.

Under Henry's tutelage 18 UNM athletes have gone to the NCAA Championship meet, giving New Mexico representation six years in a row. The Lobos have also earned four All-America and two Academic All-America awards, won 24 MWC event titles and claimed all-MWC honors 117 times since 2001. Henry's fellow coaches, meanwhile, have recognized his accomplishments, naming him MWC Coach of the Year for men's outdoor track in 2002 and again in 2005 for women's cross country.

An aggressive campaign by Henry and his staff have helped to make dramatic improvements to New Mexico's facilities and once again make Albuquerque one of America's top track and field destinations. A state-of-the-art indoor facility, located in the heart of downtown, officially opened in the winter of 2006 and the Great Friends of UNM Track Stadium was renovated that same year with a resurfaced oval, expanded field events area and landscaping improvements. This spring, a modern track and field scoreboard will be installed as well as Wall of Honor, sponsored by the UNM Track & Field Alumni Club.

For Henry and his twin brother, associate head coach Mark Henry, the chance to lead their alma mater's track and field program into the 21st century was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

LOBO DISTANCE RUNNING UNDER MATT HENRY

An outstanding middle distance man himself in the early 1970s, Henry has returned New Mexico to its traditional place among the nation's top distance running schools. Just a few years after his return to UNM, Henry's homegrown track and cross country runners established themselves as one of the premier distance forces in the country.

Under Henry's tutelage, Santa Fe High School product Matt Gonzales has become one of America's top young distance prospects. Gonzales was one of most decorated runners in UNM history, earning All-America honors twice in cross country and three times on the track. He also led all collegiate runners by finishing sixth in the 5,000 at the 2004 U.S. Olympic Trials and was 11th in the 10,000 at the 2003 USA Championships.

Since turning pro two years ago, Gonzales has continued to train under Henry in Albuquerque. He placed second at the 2005 U.S. 10K Championships road race and went on to help Team USA notch its highest finish ever (3rd) at the '05 International Chiba Ekiden in Japan.

Henry's runners have earned a combined 31 all-MWC awards on the track in the distance and middle distance events, including 4 conference titles. Three athletes have also advanced to the NCAA Outdoor Championship meet. The Lobos have set school indoor records in the 3,000 (women), 5,000 (men) and distance medley relay (men and women), and outdoor records in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (women) and 5,000 (men) during Henry's tenure. New Mexico has also earned all-MWC cross country honors 17 times, all-Mountain Region 11 times and sent six individuals and one team to the NCAA Cross Country Championships.

In 2004, Henry put together the finest cross country team in school history. Led by two All-Americans in Gonzales (2nd) and freshman Shadrack Kiptoo-Biwott (14th), the men of New Mexico placed a program-best ninth at the NCAA Championship meet. True to the blue collar character of the program, it was a dramatic late surge by the team's fifth scoring running, fifth-year walk-on Sean Flaherty (Albuquerque Manzano HS), that propelled the Lobos into the top-10.

Matt and Mark Henry are part of a great lineage with extensive ties to the University of New Mexico. Their father, Gwinn "Bub" Henry, spent 30 years at UNM, most of that time as the Director of the Alumni Association. Bub and all five of his sons attended the University of New Mexico. Bub's father, Gwinn, was the Lobos' athletics director, head football coach and head track coach for three seasons from 1934-36. Gwinn Henry compiled a 16-12 record on the gridiron, including a Border Conference championship in 1934 with an 8-1 mark.

Henry, 54, received a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from UNM in 1975 and his master's degree in 1980. He and his wife, Lisa, have three boys: Kenny, 26, Kurt, 20, and Kyle, 18. Kenny ran at UNM and LSU, and is currently the head track and field coach at Albuquerque's Cibola High School. Kurt is a junior middle distance runner for the Lobos and Kyle is a rookie hurdler at UNM. Lisa Henry (formerly Lisa Chivarrio) also competed at UNM and was the runner-up in the long jump at the 1971 AIAW national championship meet. She was also an assistant under UNM women's head coach Barbara Butler in the mid-'70s.

MATT HENRY QUICK FACTS

- 2005 Mountain West Conference Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year.
- 2002 Mountain West Conference Men's Outdoor Track & Field Coach of the Year.
- Named head coach on June 17, 2000 after spending 15 years as head track & field/cross country coach at La Cueva High School in Albuquerque. While at La Cueva, Henry led the Bears to four straight boys' state track titles ('97-00), three boys' state cross country championships ('95-96, '98), a pair of girls' state cross country titles ('94-95) and was named National High School Track Coach of the Year in 1999.
- A four-year letterman for the UNM track team from 1971-74...competed in the 440-yard dash and 880-yard run...part of the Lobos' WAC champion two-mile relay team that earned All-America honors at the 1972 NCAA Indoor Championships.
- Twin brother Mark Henry is UNM associate head track & field/cross country coach...older brother, Pat, now with Texas A&M, was previously the head track coach at LSU, a program that captured 27 NCAA titles in his 17-year tenure...father, Gwinn "Bub" Henry, spent 30 years at UNM, most of that time as the Director of the Alumni Association...Bub and all five of his sons attended the University of New Mexico...Bub's father, Gwinn, was declared the fastest man in the world in 1911 and later served as the Lobos' athletics director, head football coach and head track coach for three seasons from 1934-36