

## **2007 Releases**

**February 24, 2007**

### **LAUREN COLLINS FINISHES 2ND IN MPSF PENTATHLON**

**SEATTLE, Wash.** --- UC Irvine sophomore Lauren Collins finished second in the pentathlon at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Indoor Track & Field Championships that concluded Saturday in Seattle.

Collins posted a personal-best total of 3,963 points. She had marks of 8.86 in the 60-meter hurdles, 5' 8 3/4" in the high jump, 37' 4" in the shot put, 17' 6 1/4" in the long jump and 2:19.23 in the 800 meters. Arizona State's Jacquelyn Johnson won the pentathlon with 4,159 points.

UCI freshman Alisha Misiata finished ninth in the shot put with a mark of 47' 3 1/2" as Arizona State's Sarah Stevens won the event at 58' 1 3/4." Misiata placed 11th in the 20-pound weight throw with a mark of 47' 7 1/4." Stevens also won that event with a mark of 69' 5 1/4."

Anteater senior Tayler Cusick finished 13th in the triple jump at 37' 6 1/2" as Stanford's Erica McLain was first at 44' 4."

**February 20, 2007**

### **UC IRVINE COMPETES AT MPSF CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS WEEKEND**

**LEAGUE MEET IN SEATTLE:** The UC Irvine women's indoor track and field team will have three representatives at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships in Seattle, Wash., Friday and Saturday (Feb. 23-24).

Sophomore Lauren Collins will compete in the pentathlon Friday and the high jump on Saturday.

Senior Tayler Cusick will compete in the triple jump Saturday while freshman Alisha Misiata is entered in the weight throw Friday and the shot put Saturday. All events will be conducted at Dempsey Indoor Stadium in Seattle.

**MPSF RANKINGS:** Collins has the MPSF's fourth-highest total this season in the pentathlon with 3,844 points and she is fifth in the high jump with a mark of 1.78 meters (5-10).

Cusick is 15th in the triple jump with a mark of 11.3 meters (37-2 1/4).

Misiata is 15th in the shot put at 13.56 meters (44-6) and 16th in the 20-lb. weight throw at 13.28 meters (43-7).

**February 10, 2007**

### **NORTHERN ARIZONA 4-WAY MEET RESULTS**

**FLAGSTAFF, Ariz.** - The UC Irvine women's indoor track & field team competed in the Northern Arizona 4-Way Meet at the Walkup Skydome Saturday morning.

Sophomore Lauren Collins took third in the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 8.94. Tayler Cusick took third in the long jump with a distance of 5.27 meters. Sarah Lady finished third in the shot put with a distance of 12.28 meters.

Corica Rodgers finished fifth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:00.11, teammate Nicole Alai was seventh with a time of 1:00.71. Lauren Willis and Nicole Dickerson tied for sixth in the 60 meter dash with a time of 7.89. Dickerson took seventh in the 200 meter dash with a time of 25.86. Erricka Williams was fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 11.14 meters.

The Anteaters will next compete February 23-24 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Indoor Track & Field Championships at Dempsey Indoor in Seattle.

**February 6, 2007**

### **ANTEATERS COMPETE AT NAU SATURDAY**

**UCI IN FLAGSTAFF SATURDAY:** The UC Irvine women's indoor track and field team competes in the NAU 4-Way Meet at the Walkup Skydome in Flagstaff, Ariz., Saturday (Feb. 10). Joining UCI and host Northern Arizona are Long Beach State, Fresno State and Southern Utah. Action is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.

**COLLINS, MISIATA FINISH 2ND IN IDAHO:** Sophomore Lauren Collins and freshman Alisha Misiata each earned second-place finishes in their respective events at the United Heritage Indoor Track & Field Invitational in Nampa, Idaho, last Saturday.

Collins cleared 5'10" in the high jump for second place. Boise State's Theodora Xylaki also had a top height of 5'10" but had fewer misses to finish first. Misiata finished second in the shot put with a mark of 44' 6." She placed 13th of 18 competitors in the weight throw with a mark of 44' 3 1/2."

**COLLINS 4TH IN MPSF:** Lauren Collins currently ranks fourth in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation with marks of 5-10 in the high jump and 3,844 points in the pentathlon. Taylor Cusick is eighth in the triple jump at 11.33 meters. Alisha Misiata ranks 11th in the shot put (13.56 meters) and 13th in the 20-pound weight throw (13.28 meters). Amber Sangster is 15th in the weight throw (12.47 meters) and 17th in the shot put (11.38 meters). Nicole Dickerson is 17th in the 200 meters (26.66) and 19th in the 400 meters (1:00.64).

**February 3, 2007**

### **LAUREN COLLINS, ALISHA MISIATA EARN SECOND-PLACE FINISHES AT UNITED HERITAGE INVITATIONAL**

**NAMPA, Idaho ---** UC Irvine sophomore Lauren Collins and freshman Alisha Misiata each earned second-place finishes in their respective events at the United Heritage Indoor Track & Field Invitational in Nampa, Idaho, Saturday.

Collins cleared 5'10" in the high jump for second place. Boise State's Theodora Xylaki also had a top height of 5'10" but had fewer misses to finish first.

Misiata finished second in the shot put with a mark of 44' 6." She placed 13th of 18 competitors in the weight throw with a mark of 44' 3 1/2."

**January 30, 2007**

**COLLINS, MISIATA TO COMPETE IN IDAHO SATURDAY**

**UCI PAIR IN IDAHO:** UC Irvine sophomore Lauren Collins and freshman Alisha Misiata will compete Saturday (Feb. 3) in the United Heritage Invitational hosted by Boise State at Nampa, Idaho.

Collins will compete in the high jump while Misiata is entered in the shot put and weight throw at the Jacksons Indoor Track Facility in Nampa.

**January 27, 2007**

**LAUREN COLLINS FINISHES 2ND IN PENTATHLON AT UW INVITATIONAL**

**SEATTLE, Wash. ---** UC Irvine sophomore Lauren Collins finished second in the pentathlon at the University of Washington Indoor Invitational that concluded Saturday in Seattle.

Collins totaled 3,844 points in the five events. She had marks of 9.10 in the 60-meter hurdles, 5-7 3/4 in the high jump, 36-10 1/2 in the shot put, 17-4 in the long jump and 2:19.64 in the 800 meters. Annett Wichmann of Hawaii won the pentathlon with 4,039 points.

Freshman Alisha Misiata finished second in her section of the shot put with a mark of 43-7 1/4. Freshman Amber Sangster placed fifth in her section with a mark of 37-4. In the weight throw, Misiata was eighth in her flight with a mark of 43-7 and Sangster was ninth in her flight at 40-11.

Freshman Nicole Alai was second in her section of the 800 meters with a time of 2:23.34.

Junior Nicole Dickerson placed third in her section of the 400 meters with a time of 1:00.64 and she was fourth in her section of the 200 meters in 26.66.

Senior Taylor Cusick finished sixth in her flight of the triple jump with a mark of 37-2 1/4.

**January 23, 2007**

**WOMEN'S INDOOR TEAM OPENS SEASON AT UW INVITATIONAL**

**SEASON OPENS IN SEATTLE:** The UC Irvine women's indoor track and field team opens its 2007 schedule at the UW Invitational in Seattle, Wash., Friday and Saturday (Jan. 26-27).

UCI will be represented by six competitors:

Lauren Collins (So.) - Pentathlon  
Taylor Cusick (Sr.) - Triple Jump  
Nicole Dickerson (Jr.) - 200 / 400 Meters  
Nicole Alai (Fr.) - 800 Meters  
Amber Sangster (Fr.) - Weight Throw / Shot Put  
Alisha Misiata (Fr.) - Weight Throw / Shot Put

Collins finished third in the high jump and fourth in the heptathlon (4,900 points) at the Big West Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championships last May. Her heptathlon total is eighth-best in school history. She qualified for last season's NCAA West Regional in the high jump with a mark of 5-9  $\frac{1}{4}$ , which is No. 2 in UCI history.

Cusick placed seventh in the triple jump at last year's Big West Championships with a mark of 38-3  $\frac{1}{2}$ , sixth-best in school history.

Dickerson had a top 200 time of 26.11 last outdoor season. She competed on UCI's 4x100 relay that finished sixth at the Big West Championships.