

National Champions



Angeliki Tsiolakoudi set a then collegiate championship record in the javelin when she won the 2000 NCAA Outdoor title with a mark of 60.24 (197-8). She still holds the WAC and the school record in the event with a best of 60.26 (197-8).

Women's Indoor Track (8)

1978			
Jennifer Smit	Shot Put		14.83 (48-8)
1979			
Debbie Mitchell	Mile Run		4:47.33
Esther Otieno	Long Jump		19-0 3/4 (58.1)
1980			
Debbie Mitchell	2,000 Run		6:04.7
UTEP Relay	Mile Relay		3:45.0
(Jeanine Brown, Esther Otieno, Carman Rivers, Truus Van Amstel)			
1986			
Cynthia Henry	Long Jump		6.54 (21-5 1/2)
1995			
Melinda Sergent	55 Dash		6.73
2001			
Svetlana Badrankova	800 Run		2:06.58

Women's Outdoor Track (5)

1978			
Jennifer Smit	Shot Put		15.79 (51-9 1/2)
Ria Stahlman	Discus		54.80 (179-9)
1984			
Kim Turner	100 Hurdles		13.02
1986			
Cynthia Henry	Long Jump		6.54 (21-5 1/2)
2000			
Angeliki Tsiolakoudi	Javelin		60.26 (197-8)

Men's Cross Country (3)

1980			
Suleiman Nyambui	Cross Country		29:04.0

1981			
Mathews Motshwarateu	Cross Country		28:45.6

1983			
Zakarie Barie	Cross Country		29:20.0

Men's Indoor Track (38)

1968			
Bob Beamon	Long Jump		8.30 (27-2 3/4)
Bob Beamon	Triple Jump		15.93 (52-3 1/2)

1971			
UTEP Relay	2 Mile Relay		7:37.6
(Fernie DeLaCerde, Kerry Ellison, Rod Hill, Peter Romero)			

1973			
Hans Hoglund	Shot Put		19.54 (61-1 1/4)

1974			
Hans Hoglund	Shot Put		20.60 (67-7 1/4)
Larry Jessee	Pole Vault		5.03 (16-6)

1975			
Peter Farmer	35-lb Weight		21.07 (69-1 1/2)
Arnold Grimes	Triple Jump		16.86 (55-4)
Hans Hoglund	Shot Put		20.67 (67-9 3/4)
Greg Joy	High Jump		2.18 (7-2)

1976			
Emmitt Berry	35-lb Weight		20.01 (65-8)
Arnold Grimes	Triple Jump		16.29 (53-5 1/2)
UTEP Relay	DMR		9:43.16
(Joe Gichongi, James Munyala, Paul Njoroge, Wilson Waigwa)			

1977			
Greg Joy	High Jump		2.22 (7-3 1/4)
Wilson Waigwa	Mile Run		3:58.97
UTEP Relay	DMR		9:43.11
(Frank Munene, James Munyala, Paul Njoroge, Fred Ongaga)			

1978			
James Munyala	Mile Run		3:59.81

1979			
Michael Musyoki	3 Mile Run		13:21.64
Suleiman Nyambui	Mile Run		3:57.89
Suleiman Nyambui	2 Mile Run		8:37.87

1980			
Bert Cameron	440-yard Dash		48.7
Suleiman Nyambui	Mile Run		4:05.26
Suleiman Nyambui	2 Mile Run		8:36.82

1981			
Bert Cameron	440-yard Dash		48.23
Peter Lemashon	1000		2:12.29
Michael Musyoki	3 Mile		13:25.03
Suleiman Nyambui	2 Mile		4:01.85

1982			
Tore Johnsen	35-lb Weight		21.42 (70-3 1/2)
Gabriel Kamau	3 Mile Run		13:07.81
Suleiman Nyambui	Mile Run		4:00.65
Suleiman Nyambui	2 Mile Run		8:38.91

1984			
Tore Johnsen	35-lb Weight		22.03 (72-3 1/2)

1985			
Tore Johnsen	35-lb Weight		21.50 (70-6 1/2)

1992			
Mika Laaksonen	35-lb Weight		20.71 (67-11 1/2)

1993			
Marko Wahlman	35-lb Weight		21.84 (71-8)

1995			
Alex Papadimitriou	35-lb Weight		21.77 (71-5 1/4)

1996			
Obadele Thompson	200 Dash		20.36

1997			
Obadele Thompson	200 Dash		20.67

Men's Outdoor Track (42)

1968			
Kerry Pearce	3,000 Steeplechase		8:50.8

1970			
Paul Gibson	120-yard Hurdles		13.6

1971			
Harrington Jackson	100-yard Dash		9.5

1972			
Fred DeBernardi	Discus		59.86 (196-5)
Fred DeBernardi	Shot Put		20.28 (66-6 1/2)

1973			
Hans Hoglund	Shot Put		19.68 (64-6 3/4)

1974			
Peter Farmer	Hammer		70.26 (230-6)

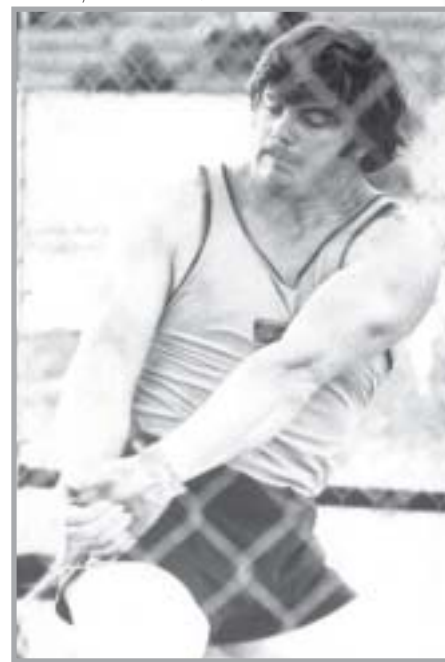
1975			
Hans Hoglund	Shot Put		21.33 (70-0)
James Munyala	3,000 Steeplechase		8:47.93

1976			
James Munyala	3,000 Steeplechase		8:24.86

1977			
James Munyala	3,000 Steeplechase		8:29.51
Wilson Waigwa	1,500 Run		3:39.89
Svein Walvik	Discus		60.62 (198-11)

1978			
Peter Lemashon	800 Run		1:45.68
Michael Musyoki	10,000 Run		28:30.91

1979			
Jerome Deal	100		10.19
Suleiman Nyambui	10,000 Run		29:01.30



Peter Farmer won both the 1974 NCAA Outdoor title in the hammer and the 1975 NCAA Indoor title in the 35-pound weight throw. A seven-time All-American, Farmer set a then collegiate championship record in the hammer with a mark of 70.26 (230-6) in 1974.

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1980

Bert Cameron	400 Dash	45.23
Steve Hanna	Triple Jump	16.79 (55-1)
Suleiman Nyambui	5,000 Run	13:44.43
Suleiman Nyambui	10,000 Run	29:21.85
Thommie Sjöholm	Hammer	68.58 (225-0)

1981

Bert Cameron	400 Run	44.58
Steve Hanna	Triple Jump	17.04 (55-11)
Suleiman Nyambui	5,000 Run	13:38.2
Suleiman Nyambui	10,000 Run	28:34.23

1982

Suleiman Nyambui	5,000 Run	13:54.90
Suleiman Nyambui	10,000 Run	29:03.54
Milt Ottey	High Jump	2.32 (7-7 1/2)

1983

Bert Cameron	400 Dash	44.62
Gidamis Shahanga	5,000 Run	13:54.13
Gidamis Shahanga	10,000 Run	29:10.28

1986

Olav Jønsen	Discus	60.40 (198-2)
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1992

Olapade Adeniken	100 Dash	10.09
Olapade Adeniken	200 Dash	20.11
Mika Laaksonen	Hammer	71.30 (233-11)

1994

Jim Svenoy	3,000 Steeplechase	8:41.22
Andrew Tynes	200 Dash	20.20w

1995

Jim Svenoy	3,000 Steeplechase	8:21.48
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1997

Obadele Thompson	100 Dash	10.13
Obadele Thompson	200 Dash	20.03

1999

Matti Närhi	Javelin	79-74 (261-7)
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National Championship Records Held by UTEP

Men's Cross Country Team Championships

Arkansas 10, Michigan St. 8, **UTEP 7**, Oregon 4, Villanova 4, Drake 3, Indiana 3, Penn St. 3, Wisconsin 3, Iowa St. 2, San Jose St. 2, Stanford 2, Western Michigan 2, Houston, Kansas, Notre Dame, Oklahoma St., Oregon St., Rhode Island, Syracuse, Tennessee, Colorado.

Men's Cross Country - Team Score

17 - UTEP (Mathews Motshwarateu 1, Michael Musyoki 2, Gabriel Kamn 3, Suleiman Nyambui 5, Gidamis Shahanga 6), 1981

Men's Indoor Track Team Championships

Arkansas 16, **UTEP 7**, Kansas 3, Villanova 3, Southern California 2, George Mason, LSU, Manhattan, Missouri, SMU, Tennessee, Washington St.

Men's Indoor Track Individual Champions

Arkansas 42, **UTEP 38**, Villanova 35, SMU 20, Washington St. 20, Tennessee 18, Kansas 16, Florida 12, Houston 12, Oklahoma 12, Southern California 12, Texas A&M 11, Kansas St. 10, Nebraska 11, Baylor 11, Alabama 10.

Men's Indoor Track - Championship Records

Gabriel Kamau 3 Mile Run March 12, 1982

Men's Indoor Individual Champions, Year

6 - Arkansas, 1994.
4 - Villanova, 1968-69; **UTEP 1975-81-82**; SMU, 1981

Men's Indoor Individual Titles, Year

2 - Bob Beamon, UTEP, 1968 (long jump, triple jump); Suleiman Nyambui, UTEP, 1979-80-82 (mile run, two-mile run).

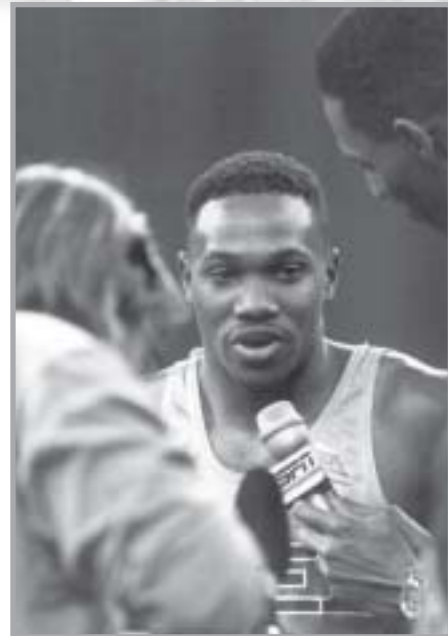
Men's Indoor Individual Titles, Career

7 - Suleiman Nyambui, UTEP (mile run 1979-80-81-82, two-mile run 1979-80-82).

Men's Indoor Repeat Champions

4 - Michael Carter, SMU (shot put 1980-81-83-84); **Suleiman Nyambui, UTEP (mile run 1979-80-81-82)**.

3 - **Hans Hogland, UTEP (shot put 1973-74-75)**; **Tore Johnsen, UTEP (35-lb weight throw 1982-84-85)**; **Suleiman Nyambui, UTEP (two-mile run 1979-80-82)**.



Obadele Thompson established a then-NCAA indoor record in the 200 dash (20.36) at the 1996 Indoor NCAA Championships. Thompson was a national champ in the 200 at the 1996 and 1997 indoor championships, and won both the 100 and 200 at the 1997 outdoor championships.

Men's Outdoor Track Team Championships

Southern California 26, Arkansas 9, UCLA 8, **UTEP 6**, Illinois 5, Oregon 5, LSU 4, Stanford 4, Kansas 3, SMU 2, Tennessee 2, Arizona State, BYU, California, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Navy, Ohio State, San Jose State, Villanova.

Men's Outdoor Track Individual Champions

Southern California 103, UCLA 61, Oregon 48, Ohio State 43, **UTEP 42**, Arkansas 40, Stanford 40, Illinois 39, Washington State 35, Villanova 33, Michigan 32, Texas 32, LSU 31, Kansas 30, Tennessee 30, California 27, BYU 25, SMU 25.

Men's Outdoor Track - Championship Records

Suleiman Nyambui 10,000m June 1, 1979

Men's Outdoor Individual Champions, Year

7 - Ohio State, 1936.
6 - Southern California, 1953.
5 - Stanford, 1928; Southern California, 1931; **UTEP, 1980**; Arkansas, 1994.

Men's Outdoor Individual Titles, Career

8 - Jessie Owens, Ohio St. (100-yard dash 1935, 100-meter dash 1936, 220-yard dash 1935, 200-meter dash 1936, 220-yard low hurdles 1935-36, long jump 1935-36).
7 - **Suleiman Nyambui, UTEP (5,000-meter run 1980-81-82, 10,000-meter run 1979-80-81-82)**.

Men's Outdoor Repeat Champions

4 - Balazs Kiss, USC (hammer throw 1993-94-95-96); Scott Neilson, Washington (hammer throw 1976-77-78-79); **Suleiman Nyambui, UTEP (10,000-meter run 1979-80-81-82)**; Steve Prefontaine, Oregon (three-mile run 1970-71-72-73).

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One of the greatest distance runners in collegiate history, Suleiman Nyambui won 15 national titles and was a 19-time All-American from 1979-82 at UTEP. Nyambui is pictured with BYU's Doug Padilla after the two-mile run at the 1981 NCAA Indoor Championships in Detroit, Mich.