

2003 UCLA MEN'S TRACK & FIELD #21 UCLA TO FACE CROSSTOWN RIVAL #3 USC

BRUINS BATTLE TROJANS FOR LEXUS GAUNTLET POINTS AND PRIDE IN ANNUAL DUAL MEET.

This Week (April 26) – Art Venegas' UCLA men's track & field team will battle crosstown rival USC for Lexus Gauntlet points this Saturday in the annual UCLA-USC dual meet. This year, the meet will be held at USC's Katherine B. Loker Stadium and Cromwell Field.

The UCLA-USC dual meet has been a staple of Southern California athletics since 1934. The Bruins have won 23 of the last 24 match-ups, including last year's 121-81 victory. The Trojans' last win came in 2001, in a close 82-81 victory. That win snapped UCLA's 22-year win streak (1978-2000, 1982 was a non-scoring meet).

In the history of the meet, UCLA athletes hold 13 meet records, while USC athletes hold eight. In the overall standings, the Trojans have won 39 meets, the Bruins have won 30.

Lexus Gauntlet - This year's dual meet, worth five points, will count in the year-long Lexus Gauntlet Trophy competition between the Bruins and Trojans. The Lexus Gauntlet Trophy will be awarded to the institution that wins the most head-to-head competitions in all sports between the schools. Currently, USC leads UCLA 50 to 30. The Bruins have claimed victories in men's water polo, women's soccer, women's cross country, men's volleyball, and men's tennis. UCLA also leads in women's water polo, which is currently in season.

For more information on the Trophy and current point standings, please go to www.gauntlettrophy.com.

Television Coverage - The UCLA-USC dual meet will be televised, tape delayed, by the Fox Sports Network as follows:

<u>Fox Sports West</u>	<u>Fox Sports West 2</u>
May 11 2:00 PM	May 3 5:00 PM
May 13 Noon	May 5 8:00 PM
May 17 6:00 PM	May 7 1:00 PM
	May 10 5:30 PM

Looking Ahead - The Bruins will host the first UCLA Invitational on Saturday, May 3, at Drake Stadium. Field events will begin with the women's hammer throw at 8:00 AM, followed by the men's hammer at 9:00 AM. Running events will kick off at 10:00 AM with the women's 5000m run, followed by the men's 5000m at 10:30 AM.

The UCLA Invitational Information Packet and Entry Form are available on the UCLA men's track website at <http://www.uclabruins.com/m-track/>.

Last Weekend (April 16-19) - Mt. SAC Relays, Pomona-Pitzer Invitational and Long Beach State Invitational

Mt. SAC Relays

Day One (April 17) Results:

Three Bruins competed in the first day of the 45th annual Mt. SAC Relays, held in Walnut, CA. In Thursday's University Open divisions, Bruins competed in the discus and 5000m run.

In the discus, redshirt freshman Jeremy Silverman placed second with a throw of 167-10 (51.17m) behind Arizona's Richard Legarra (174-04, 53.14m). True freshman David Shortenhaus was 15th with a throw of 140-08 (42.89m).

In the 5000m run, senior Justin Patananan was 22nd, finishing in 14:52.07.

Day Two (April 18) Results:

In the second day of competition at the Mt. SAC Relays, held in Walnut, CA, the Bruin men received strong performances in the 400m dash, high jump and 1500m run. UCLA was led by freshmen Craig Everhart and Ryan Hollins, who placed second in the 400m and high jump, respectively.

In the 400m, the Bruins ran their fastest times of the season. Everhart placed first in section two in a career best 47.06 (NCAA Regional Qualifying mark) and was second overall behind Andrew Rock of Wisconsin-La Crosse, who ran 45.87 on the day. Sophomore Mario Bassani also won his section in a season best 47.86, placing 12th overall. Sophomore Denye Versher placed fourth in section three in a season best 48.42 (22nd overall). And, sophomore Martell Munguia was sixth in section two with a time of 48.90 (24th overall).

In the long jump, Hollins placed second with a jump of 6-9.50 (2.07m). Senior Josh Levy finished fifth at 6-5.50 (1.97m).

And, in the 1500m run, sophomore Erik Emilsson placed second in his section in 3:50.74, 32nd overall.

Day Three (April 19) Results:

In the final day of competition at the Mt. SAC Relays, held in Walnut, CA, nine Bruin men competed. Leading the way for the Bruins was sophomore hurdler Jonathan Williams, who placed fourth overall in the 110m hurdles in a season best 14.22 (w:+0.4, NCAA Regional Qualifier).

Starting off the day was the 4x100m relay team of Robbie Hambleton, Mario Bassani, Chauncey Smith and Williams. The squad placed fourth in section two in 41.24 and finished sixth overall.

In the 100m, Smith placed fourth in section one in 10.92 (w:0.0) and 12th overall.

In the 800m, junior Nick Thornton placed eighth in a season best 1:49.68 (NCAA Regional Qualifier).

In section two of the 400m hurdles, in senior John Barbieri placed fourth in a season best 52.24 (15th overall, NCAA Regional Qualifier), followed by Williams in fifth in 52.57 (19th overall, NCAA Regional Qualifier). Freshman Matt Willis placed sixth in the section in a season best 52.61 (20th overall, NCAA Regional Qualifier).

In the men's mile invitational, sophomore Ben Aragon placed fifth in 4:05.83. Former Bruin great Jesse Strutzel won the event in 4:02.80.

In the pole vault, sophomore Yoo Kim finished in a three-way tie for fourth with a vault of 16-6.75 (5.05m, NCAA Regional Qualifier). Junior Pat Luke no-heighted.

In the shot put invitational division, Dan Ames placed fifth (63-3.50, 19.29m) and Scott Wiegand was eighth (61-7.75, 18.79m). In the collegiate/open shot put, redshirt freshmen Jeremy Silverman and Jake Knight placed seventh and eighth, respectively. Silverman threw 58-7.50 (17.87m, NCAA Regional Qualifier) and Knight threw 57-4.25 (17.48m).

Pomona-Pitzer Invitational (April 18)

At the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational, held April 18 in Pomona, CA, senior Phil Young placed eighth in the 1500m in 3:52.60. Freshman Chad Galbreath placed 37th in the 1500m in a season best 3:59.22

Long Beach State Invitational (April 19)

Two Bruin vaulters competed at the Long Beach State Invitational. Freshman Mike Landers tied for second with a vault of 16-0.75 (4.90m, NCAA Regional Qualifier). Sophomore Shane Hackett placed ninth with a vault of 15-11 (4.85m).

California Invitational Decathlon (April 16-17)

At the conclusion of the California Invitational Decathlon, hosted by Azusa Pacific University, Bruins Andrew Phillips and Chris Staton placed third and fourth, respectively, with 6730 and 6645 points. Former Bruin Octavious Gillespie, competing for Guatemala, placed first with 6986 points.

Phillips' second day marks: 110mH - 15.83 (w: -0.2, 752 pts.); DT - 116-7 (35.55m, 575 pts.); PV - 15-10.50 (4.84m, personal dec. best, 862 pts), JT - 168-6 (51.37m, 609 pts.); and 1500m - 4:54.68 (personal dec. best, 591 pts.).

Staton's second day marks: 110mH - 15.70 (w: -0.2, 767 pts.); DT - 126-4 (38.50m, personal dec. best, 634 pts.); PV - 13-7 (4.14m, personal dec. best, 656 pts.); JT - 153-8 (46.83m, 542 pts.); and 1500m (4:59.30, personal dec. best, 564 pts.).

Day One (April 16) Results:

After the first day of competition at the California Invitational Decathlon, hosted by Azusa Pacific University, Bruin decathletes Chris Staton and Andrew Phillips are in sixth and ninth place, respectively. Staton, who had the top high jump mark of the day at 6-7 (ties personal dec. best), also scored a personal best first day total of 3,482 points. Phillips, who set a personal decathlon high jump best of 5-11.50, scored 3,341 points.

Former Bruin decathlete Octavious Gillespie, competing for Guatemala, placed second with 3,629 points.

Phillips' first day marks: 3,341 points; 100m - 11.76 (w: 0.0, 699 pts); LJ - 21-5.25 (w: +2.7, 6.53m, 704 pts.); SP - 41-1 (12.52m, 638 pts.); HJ - 5-11.50 (1.82m, personal dec. best, 644 pts.); and 400m - 53.61 (656 pts.).

Staton's first day marks: 3,482 points (personal first day best); 100m - 11.70 (w: 0.0, 711 pts.); LJ - 21-9.50 (w: -0.2, 6.64m, 729 pts.); SP - 37-2.50 (11.34m, 566 pts.); HJ - 6-7 (2.01m, ties personal dec. best, 813 pts.); and 400m - 53.45 (663 pts.).

National Rankings

In collegiate track and field, there are two national rankings- **Trackwire** and the USTCA sponsored **Team Power Ranking**.

Trackwire's National Top 25 is a power ranking of NCAA Div. I T & F teams. This ranking's methodology takes into account a variety of statistical predictors and is intended to project the outcome of the 2003 NCAA Div. I T & F Championships (June 11-14, Sacramento, CA). The scores provided with the rankings indicate each team's projected score based on formcharts for each NCAA event. **Team Power Ranking** is a computer program rating teams by individual marks and dual meet strength.

Team Power Ranking

As of April 2, the Bruins are ranked No. 3 in the nation with 350.91 points behind No. 1 Tennessee (354.61) and No. 2 Florida State (354.11). Rounding out the Top-5 are BYU (4th, 345.87) and Indiana (5th, 339.89).

Trackwire National Top 25 Rankings

Week of UCLA Men

Preseason Indoor 18thT

Before NCAA Indoor 17thT

*Bruins tied for 29th at the 2003 NCAA Indoor.

April 8 n/a

April 15 21stT

April 22 21stT

Art Venegas-UCLA Men's Head T & F Coach

Entering his third season as the UCLA men's head coach and his 22nd year on the Bruin staff, directing the UCLA women and men's throwers.

- 2003 Mondo Indoor West Region Coach of the Year
- 2003-02 MPSF Indoor Coach of the Year
- 2002 Cal/NV Outdoor Coach of the Year
- Has coached 33 NCAA individual titles in the throws
- Since 1990, UCLA throwers have won 45 Pac-10 titles
- Contributed to four NCAA team championships (Men-(2), 1988-87 Outdoor; Women (2), 2001-00 Indoor) and 23 Pac-10 team crowns (Men 10/ Women 13) as Bruin assistant coach (throws) for both the UCLA women and men's teams.
- Coaches world-class athletes John Godina/Seilala Sua
- Premier collegiate throws coach in the U. S.

UCLA's Pac-10 Athletes of the Week

Starting April 14, and continuing each week until the Pac-10 Championships (May 17-18 at USC), the conference office will release women and men's track and field Athletes of the Week.

April 14 - Nominated: Sophomore Jonathan Williams (track) and junior Dan Ames (field).

April 21 - Nominated: Freshmen Craig Everhart (track) and Ryan Hollins (field).

UCLA's NCAA REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

For the first time in NCAA history, a West Regional Qualifying meet will be held (May 30-31 at Stanford) to determine individual entries to the 2003 NCAA Championships. Qualifying standards must be met to advance to the four Regional Qualifying meets around the country (conference champions will automatically qualify). At the Regional Qualifying meets, the top five finishers in each event will advance to the 2003 NCAA Outdoor, with an additional six to eight at-large student-athletes to be selected in each individual event based upon a season-long performance list.

UCLA's 2003 NCAA West Regional Qualifiers (Updated April 21)

400m - Craig Everhart, 47.06

800m - Nick Thornton, 1:49.68; Ben Aragon, 1:50.48; Jon Rankin, 1:51.11

1500m - Jon Rankin, 3:47.66

3000m SC - Erik Emilsson, 8:50.32; Justin Patananan, 9:05.03

110mHH - Jonathan Williams, 14.22; Tony Golston, 14.30
400mH - Kyle Erickson, 51.36; Jonathan Williams, 51.63; John Barbieri, 52.24; Matt Willis, 52.61

4x100m - Hambleton, Bassani, Smith, Williams, 40.68

4x400m - Erickson, Everhart, Thornton, Barbieri, 3:10.06

HJ - Kevin Weaver, 6-11 (2.11m); Ryan Hollins, 6-11 (2.11m)

PV - Yoo Kim, 17-9 (5.41m); Pat Luke, 16-8.75 (5.10m),

Mike Landers, 16-6.75 (5.05m); Shane Hackett, 16-2.75 (4.95m)

LJ - Juaune Armon, 24-11 (7.59m)

SP - Dan Ames, 64-7.75 (19.70m); Scott Wiegand, 64-3.75 (19.60m); Jake Knight, 59-2.75; Jeremy Silverman, 59-2

DT - Dan Ames, 200-9 (61.20m); Scott Wiegand, 191-8 (58.42m); David Shortenhaus, 170-6 (51.98m); Jeremy Silverman, 169-1 (51.54m)

HT - Dan Ames, 198-9 (60.59m); Jeremy Silverman, 183-8 (55.99m)

ACADEMICS

Pac-10 Cross Country

Honorable Mention

Bryan Bauerle

Phil Young

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Juaune (Ju-won) Armon (R-mon), John Barbieri (Bar-bee-air-ee), Eleazar (goes by first name of Eli) Dial (Dee-al), Yoo (U) Kim, Josh Levy (Lee-vee), Martell Munguia (Moong-gey-a), Brian Ruziecki (Roo-zeek-ee), David Shortenhaus (Shorten-house), Chris Staton (Stat-in), Denye (Den-yea) Versher, Scott Wiegand (Wee-gand).

2003 BRUIN OUTDOOR AND INDOOR MEET RECAP

OUTDOOR RESULTS

April 11-12

Cal-Nevada Championships

The Bruin men won their second consecutive Cal-Nevada title, scoring 214 points over the two-day competition.

UCLA was victorious in six individual events and the 4x400m relay.

Here are the Bruins' 2003 Cal-Nevada individual champions:

110mH - Jonathan Williams (Los Angeles/Notre Dame HS) won in 14.40 (NCAA Regional Qualifier).

400mH - Senior Kyle Erickson (Elmhurst, IL/York HS) won in 51.72 (NCAA Regional Qualifier). Freshman Matt Willis (La Palma, CA/Servite) placed second in 52.69 (NCAA Regional Qualifier).

4x400m - The relay team of John Barbieri, Nick Thornton, Kyle Erickson and Mario Bassani won in 3:10.32 (NCAA Regional Qualifier).

PV - Yoo Kim won with a vault of 17-0.75 (NCAA Regional Qualifier).

LJ - Juaune Armon (San Jose, CA/Archbishop Mitty) won with a jump of 24-11, a season best and NCAA Regional Qualifier.

SP - Junior Dan Ames (Lakeside, CA/El Capitan) was first (63-0.25) after throwing the top mark of the day in qualifying, a personal outdoor best 64-7.75.

DT - Ames also won the discus (196-0) after throwing a personal best 200-9 (No. 5 in school history) in qualifying.

April 4-5

Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersee Invitational

At the first annual Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersee Invitational, the Bruins had 19 NCAA Regional Qualifying performances.

The Bruin men had four event winners. Sophomore Erik Emilsson in the 3000m steeplechase (9:02.46); senior Kevin Weaver in the high jump (6-11, season-best, NCAA Regional Qualifier); freshman Demetre Howard in the triple jump (47-5, personal-best) and sophomore Yoo Kim in the pole vault (17-8.50, personal-best, No. 7 in school history, NCAA Regional Qualifier).

Also performing well for the Bruins were, on the track - junior Nick Thornton in the 800m (1:50.45, season-opener, NCAA Regional Qualifier); senior Kyle Erickson (3rd, 51.36, season-opener) and sophomore Jonathan Williams (4th, 51.63, season-best, NCAA Regional Qualifier) in the 400m hurdles; UCLA's second-place 4 X 400m relay (3:10.1, season-best, NCAA Regional Qualifier). And in the field - junior Juaune Armon in the long jump (2nd, 24-2.25); junior Pat Luke (2nd, 16-8.75, season-best, NCAA Regional Qualifier) and sophomore Shane Hackett (3rd, 16-2.75, season-best, NCAA Regional Qualifier); junior Dan Ames in the shot put (2nd, 64-5, personal-outdoor best, NCAA Regional Qualifier) and discus (2nd, 188-4, season-opener, NCAA Regional Qualifier) and senior Andrew Phillips in the javelin (3rd, 175-9, personal-best).

Freshman Ryan Hollins, who is the starting center on the Bruin men's basketball team, had an outstanding two-day performance in the jumps. On Friday, he placed second in the qualifying long jump with a personal-best 22-3. On Saturday, Hollins was second in the high jump (6-9.50, personal-best, NCAA Regional Qualifier), fourth in the long jump (21-8) and second (46-1.25, season-opener) in the triple jump.

March 28-30

Stanford Invitational

UCLA was led by sophomore Erik Emilsson, who placed fourth in the 3000m steeplechase, with a time of 8:50.32. It was Emilsson's second-best time in the steeplechase, the No. 8 mark in school history and a NCAA Regional qualifier. Also in the steeplechase, senior Justin Patananan placed 10th, with a season-best and NCAA Regional qualifying mark of 9:05.03.

In the 800m, sophomore Martell Mungia placed sixth, winning his heat in a time of 1:51.41 (outdoor personal-best).

UC Davis Decathlon

At the UC Davis Multi-Events (March 26-27), UCLA decathletes Andrew Phillips and Chris Staton placed first and second, respectively, in Group B. Phillips scored a total of 6485 points and Staton scored 6480 points over the two-day event.

After the first day, Phillips had scored 3330 points and Staton had 3459 points. On the first day, Phillips' marks and times were 11.80 (100m, +1.9, 691 pts.), 22-0.25/6.71m (LJ, 745 pts.), 41-5.75/12.64m (SP, 645 pts.), 5-10.50/1.79m (HJ, 619 pts.) and 54.25 (400m, 629 pts.). On the second day, Phillips' marks were 15.99 (110mH, +3.2, 734 pts.), 120-9/36.81m (DT, 600 pts.), 14-1.25/4.30m (PV, 702 pts.), 160-9/48.99m (JT, 574 pts.) and 5:02.63 (1500m, 545 pts.).

Staton's first day marks were 11.63 (100m, +0.0, 725 pts.), 21-11.50/6.69m (LJ, nwi, 741 pts.), 38-3.25/11.66m (SP, 586 pts.), 6-6.75/2.00m (HJ, 803 pts.) and 54.86 (400m, 604 pts.). On the second day, Staton's marks were 15.23 (110mH, +3.6, 822 pts.), 120-0/36.59m (DT, 596 pts.), 11-1.75/3.40m (PV, 457 pts.), 180-10/55.11m (JT, 665 pts.) and 5:14.16 (1500m, 481 pts.).

At the meet, Phillips and Staton each set personal decathlon bests. Phillips had an event best 22-0.25 in the long jump. Staton set a personal best total point total (6480), first day total (3459) and second day total (3021). Staton also had even bests in the 100m (11.63), long jump (21-11.50), 400m (54.86), 110m hurdles (15.23) and javelin (180-10).

Former Bruin Octavious "Ali" Gillespie placed sixth in Group A with a total of 6767 points.

March 1 - UCLA Men Open 2003 Home Outdoor T & F Season With Quad Wins Over Cal Poly-SLO, CS Fullerton and CS Los Angeles

Art Venegas' Bruin men's track & field team on Saturday at Drake Stadium opened the 2003 home outdoor season with a quadrangular win over Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, CS Fullerton and CS Los Angeles. (39). The UCLA men won its quad with 237 points, ahead of CP-SLO (206), CSF (92) and CSLA (39).

On the track, the Bruins were led by senior John Barbieri (Carpinteria HS), who won the 400m hurdles (52.31, NRQ) and ran the anchor on UCLA's winning 4 X 400m relay (3:14.17). Other Bruin winners on the track were - sophomore Ben Aragon (Santee/West Hills HS) in the 800m (1:50.89, NRQ, personal-best), sophomore Jon Rankin (Spring Valley/Monte Vista HS) in the 1500m (3:47.66, NRQ) and sophomore Jonathan Williams (Los Angeles/Notre Dame HS), who was first in the 110m hurdles (14.23, NRQ, personal-best) and second in the 400m hurdle (52.81).

In the field, the Bruins were led by redshirt freshman Jeremy Silverman (Annville, PA/Annville-Cleona HS), who won both the shot put (58-7.25, NRQ) and hammer throw (176-0). Other Bruin winners in the field were senior Kevin Weaver (McKinleyville HS) in the high jump (6-8.25) and junior Juaune Armon in the long jump (24-10, NRQ).

INDOOR RESULTS

March 14-15 – 2003 NCAA Indoor Championships (Fayetteville, AR)

At the conclusion of the 2003 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, Coach Art Venegas' Bruin men have scored eight points and finished 29th.

Arkansas won its 17th men's NCAA Indoor Track and Field title with 52 points. Auburn was the runner-up with 28 points, followed by Nebraska in third place with 26 points. LSU placed fourth with 24 points. Villanova and Tennessee tied for fifth, each scoring 23 points.

Results (Saturday, March 15/ Ames Places Fourth in the Shot Put

In the final of the men's shot put, junior Dan Ames (Lakeside, CA/El Capitan) placed fourth and scored five points with a throw of 64-7 (19.68m). Winning the event with the No. 2 throw in the world this year was Nebraska's Carl Myerscough at 70-6.25 (21.49m). Ames received his second indoor All-America honor of the weekend, and fourth overall, with today's performance.

Senior Scott Wiegand (Arcadia, CA/Arcadia) finished 14th overall with a throw of 60-9.25 (18.52m).

Results (Friday, March 14/Ames Sixth in the Weight Throw

After the first day of competition at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, held at the Randal Tyson Track Center in Fayetteville, AR, the Bruins scored three points. Competing for the Bruin men were junior Dan Ames (Lakeside, CA/El Capitan) and sophomore Ben Aragon (West Hills, CA/Santee).

In the 35-lb. weight throw final, Ames placed sixth and scored three points with a throw of 68-00.25 (20.73m). Thomas Freeman of Manhattan won the weight throw title with a throw of 71-2.50 (21.70m). With today's performance, Ames earned his third indoor All-America honor (2002 and 2001 indoor shot put).

In his first trip to the NCAA Indoor Championships, Aragon competed in the preliminaries of the mile. He placed fourth in his heat in 4:08.39, but did not advance to the final.

Feb. 28-March 2 – 2003 USA T & F Indoor Championships (Boston, MA)

Scott Wiegand Fourth in the Shot Put

At the 2003 USA Indoor Track & Field Championships, UCLA senior Scott Wiegand placed fourth and Bruin junior Dan Ames tied for sixth in Sunday's shot put competition.

Wiegand (Arcadia HS) placed fourth in the shot put with a mark of 64-7.75. Ames (Lakeside/El Capitan) was sixth (tied) in the shot put (63-5.50).

Bruin alumni who competed were - in the pole vault, Scott Slover was 10th (17-8.50) and in the shot put, John Godina placed second (68-5.25).

Feb. 21-22 – 2003 MPSF Indoor Championships (Boise, ID) UCLA Men Win 2003 MPSF Indoor T & F Championships

Art Venegas' UCLA men's track & field team won the 2003 MPSF T & F Indoor Championships and for the second season in a row, Venegas was named the MPSF Indoor Men's Coach of the Year.

The Bruins defended their team title with 127.5 points. In the 10-team field, UCLA placed first, ahead of second place-Stanford (99) and third-place Arizona (74).

The Bruin men were led by six first-place event finishers.

400m - freshman Craig Everhart was first (47.68) and sophomore Denye Versher was second (47.86).

800m - sophomore Nick Thornton finished first (1:51.13) and sophomore Martell Munguia was second (1:52.36).

DMR - The relay of senior Phil Young, senior John Barbieri, Munguia and sophomore Ben Aragon placed first, in a time of 9:52.75.

LJ - sophomore Juaune Armon won the long jump, with a leap of 25-1.25 (NCAA provisional).

SP - Senior Scott Wiegand placed first (65-3.25, NCAA Automatic, personal-best, No. 7 in school history) and junior Dan Ames was second (64-8.75, personal-best, No. 9 in school history).

WT - Ames won the 35lb. weight throw, his effort of 67-9.25 was an NCAA provisional qualifier.