

2003 UCLA MEN'S TRACK & FIELD #8 UCLA GEARS UP FOR NCAA WEST REGIONALS

THIS WEEK (MAY 24)

The Bruin men will take a week break before heading to the NCAA West Regional Qualifying meet, held May 30-31 at Stanford's Cobb Track and Angell Field.

The UCLA throwers will compete Tuesday, May 20, at the 24th annual Salinas Throwers Invitational at Hartnell College.

LAST WEEKEND (MAY 17-18)

PAC-10 CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the conclusion of the 2003 Pac-10 Championships, Coach Art Venegas' Bruins finished fourth with 123 points. Leading UCLA was junior Dan Ames, who won the discus, his second Pac-10 title. In all, the Bruins had three Pac-10 Champions. Ames won both the shot put (63-5.50/19.34m) and discus (196-4/). And, junior Juaune Armon won the long jump (26-1, 7.95m).

"I think that we fought well," said Venegas. "I would've liked for us to place higher, but I'm very pleased with our point total and our performances. We had some outstanding performances this weekend."

Final Team Point Totals: 1. USC 139, 2. Stanford 128, 3. Oregon 127, **4. UCLA 123**, 5. Arizona State 82, 6. Washington State 77, 7. California 54, 8. Arizona 46, 9. Washington 37.

Field Finals

Shot Put – 1st - Dan Ames, 63-5.50 (19.34m, NCAA Regional Qualifier); 2nd - Scott Wiegand, 62-7.50 (19.08m, NCAA Regional Qualifier); 5th - Jeremy Silverman, 60-0.50 (18.30m, NCAA Regional Qualifier); 8th - Jake Knight, 57-0.75 (17.39m, NCAA Regional Qualifier).

It is the eighth time in 13 years that a Bruin has won the Pac-10 shot put title.

Pole Vault – 2nd - Yoo Kim, 18-2.50 (5.55m, NCAA Regional Qualifier); 4th - Pat Luke, 17-2.75 (5.25m, NCAA Regional Qualifier).

Kim set a new Korean national record (previous record was 18-1.50), UCLA sophomore class record (previous record was 18-1.25), and is tied for No. 3 in school history along with Bruin vault coach Anthony Curran.

Long Jump – 1st - Juaune Armon, 26-1 (7.95m, w: +2.0, NCAA Regional Qualifier).

Javelin – No competitors.

Hammer Throw – 3rd - Ames, 206-09 (63.01m, personal best, No. 9 in school history, NCAA Regional Qualifier).

High Jump – 6th - Ryan Hollins, 6-10.25 (2.09m, NCAA Regional Qualifier); 9th - Kevin Weaver, 6-8.25 (2.04m).

Triple Jump – 9th T - Hollins, 48-7.50 (14.82m, w:+0.8, personal best); 14th - Armon, 45-10.75 (13.99m, w: -0.2).

Discus – 1st - Ames, 196-4 (59.84m, NCAA Regional Qualifier); 4th - Wiegand, 186-3 (56.78m, NCAA Regional Qualifier); 9th - Silverman, 165-6 (50.44m, NCAA Regional Qualifier).

Track Finals

3000m Steeplechase – 3rd - Erik Emilsson, 8:58.18 (NCAA Regional Qualifier); 12th - Justin Patananan, 9:15.68.

10,000m – No competitors.

4x100m – No entry.

1500m – 5th - Ben Aragon, 3:46.95 (personal best, NCAA Regional Qualifier); 9th - Jon Rankin, 3:50.28.

110m Hurdles – 4th - Anthony Golston, 14.09 (w: +3.8); 6th - Jonathan Williams 14.21 (w: +3.8).

400m – 5th - Craig Everhart, 46.61 (personal best, NCAA Regional Qualifier).

100m – No entries.

800m – 4th - Aragon, 1:50.42 (NCAA Regional Qualifier); 6th - Nick Thornton, 1:51.42.

400m Hurdles – 3rd - Kyle Erickson, 49.87 (NCAA Regional Qualifier); 5th - John Barbieri, 50.99 (personal best, NCAA Regional Qualifier); 7th - Williams, 51.64 (NCAA Regional Qualifier).

200m – 6th - Marques Burrus, 22.11 (w: -0.3).

5,000m – No entries.

4x400m Relay – 2nd - Denye Versher, Thornton, Erickson and Everhart, 3:07.63 (season best, NCAA Regional Qualifier).

TELEVISION COVERAGE

The Pac-10 Championships will air, tape delayed, as follows:

Thur., May 22 CSNM 7 p.m. ET
Empire Network 12 p.m. ET
FOX Sports Chicago 12 p.m. CT
FOX Sports Detroit 12 p.m. ET
FOX Sports Midwest 11 a.m. CT
FOX Sports New England 12 p.m. ET
FOX Sports Ohio 12 p.m. ET
FOX Sports Rocky Mountain 12 p.m. MT
FOX Sports South 11 a.m. CT
FSSO 1 p.m. ET
FOX Sports West 12 p.m. PT

Sat., May 24 FOX Sports Arizona 2 p.m. PT
FOX Sports Bay Area 5 p.m. PT
FOX Sports Northwest 2 p.m. ET

Sun., May 25 FOX Sports Florida 4 p.m. ET
FSNO 4 p.m. CT
FOX Sports Pittsburgh 2 a.m. ET
FSWI 4 p.m. CT

Mon., May 26 FOX Sports West 2 8 p.m. PT

Tue., May 27 FOX Sports New York 1 p.m. ET

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 May 19, the Bruins are ranked No. 2 in the nation with 373.16 points. Tennessee is ranked No. 1 with 376.4 points. Florida is No. 3 with 365.53 points, followed by No. 4 BYU (364.63 points) and No. 5 Florida State (362.66 points).

Trackwire National Top 25 Rankings

Week of UCLA Men

Preseason Indoor	18thT
Pre-NCAA Indoor	17thT
*Bruins tied for 29 th at the 2003 NCAA Indoor.	
April 8	n/a
April 15	21stT
April 22	21stT
April 28	19thT
May 6	16thT
May 13	13thT
May 20	8th

Bruins Ranked in the U.S. Top-20 (as of May 20)

There are three Bruins currently ranked on the U.S. Top-20 list: juniors Juaune Armon (LJ, No. 7) and Dan Ames (DT, No. 8 & SP, No. 11) and seniors Kyle Erickson (400mH, No. 13) and Scott Wiegand (SP, No. 13).

ART VENEGAS-UCLA MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD HEAD 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.

May 13 - Nominated: Senior Kyle Erickson (track).

May 6 - Field Athlete of the Week: sophomore **Yoo Kim**, who vaulted a career best 18-0.50 (5.50m, tied for No. 4 in school history, NCAA Regional Qualifier). Nominated: Sophomores Anthony Golston (track) and Yoo Kim (field).

April 29 - Nominated: Sophomore Ben Aragon (track) and junior Dan Ames (field).

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

April 14 - Nominated: Sophomore Jonathan Williams (track) and junior Dan Ames (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 May 19)

400m - Craig Everhart, 46.61; Denye Versher, 47.19
800m - Ben Aragon, 1:48.48; Nick Thornton, 1:49.42; Martell Munguia, 1:50.92; Jon Rankin, 1:51.11
1500m - Ben Aragon, 3:46.95; Jon Rankin, 3:47.66
3000m SC - Erik Emilsson, 8:50.32; Justin Patananan, 9:05.03
110mHH - Jonathan Williams, 13.93; Tony Golston, 14.02
400mH - Kyle Erickson, 49.78; John Barbieri, 50.99; Jonathan Williams, 51.28; Anthony Golston, 52.25 Matt Willis, 52.61
4x100m - McCauley, Bassani, Smith, Williams, 40.19
4x400m - Versher, Thornton, Erickson, Everhart, 3:07.63
HJ - Ryan Hollins, 7-0.25 (2.14m); Kevin Weaver, 7-0.25 (2.14m)

PV - Yoo Kim, 18-2.50 (5.55m); Pat Luke, 17-2.75 (5.25m), Mike Landers, 16-6.75 (5.05m); Shane Hackett, 16-2.75 (4.95m)

LJ - Juaune Armon, 26-1 (7.95m)

TJ - Ryan Hollins, 48-7.50 (14.82m)

SP - Dan Ames, 64-7.75 (19.70m); Scott Wiegand, 64-3.75 (19.60m); Jeremy Silverman, 60-11.25 (18.57m); Jake Knight, 59-2.75 (18.05m)

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, 206-9 (63.01m); Jake Knight, 187-1 (57.02m); Jeremy Silverman, 184-0 (54.97m)

ACADEMICS

Pac-10 Cross Country

Honorable Mention

Bryan Bauerle

Phil Young

UCLA PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

MAY 10-11

PAC-10 MULTI EVENTS

At the conclusion of the Pac-10 Multi Events, held at USC's Loker Stadium May 10-11, senior decathlete Andrew Phillips placed ninth with a season best score of 6,743 points. Oregon's Santiago Lorenzo won the 2003 Pac-10 Decathlon title with 7,564 points.

Over the two-day event, Phillips set new career bests in the 100m (11.52), high jump (6-1.25, 1.86m) and 110m hurdles (15.61). And, he set a new first day point total of 3,430 points.

Phillips' second day marks: 6,743 points; 110mH - 15.61 (w: +0.4, 777 pts.); DT - 113-03 (34.53m, 554 pts.); PV - 15-7 (4.75m, 834 pts.); JT - 152-07 (46.52m, 537 pts.); 1500m - 4:51.34 (611 pts.).

Phillips' first day marks: 3,430 points; 100m -11.52 (w: +4.4, 748 pts.); LJ - 21-11.50 (6.60m, 741 pts.); SP - 38-9.50 (11.82m, 595 pts.); HJ - 6-1.25 (1.86m, 679 pts.); 400m - 53.34 (667 pts.).

Current team point standings (as of 5/11/03) are: Oregon 19, Washington State 9, USC 6, Stanford 3, Arizona 2, UCLA 0, Washington 0, Cal 0, Arizona State 0.

OXY INVITATIONAL

Senior Kyle Erickson led the Bruin men yesterday, winning the 400m hurdles in a season best and NCAA Regional qualifying time of 49.78. Erickson's performance in the 400m hurdles led the Bruins in seasonal best and NCAA Regional Qualifying performances. Senior John Barbieri and sophomore Tony Golston also ran season bests of 51.67 and 52.25, respectively.

In the 800m, sophomore Ben Aragon, junior Nick Thornton and sophomore Martell Munguia also ran seasonal bests and NCAA Regional qualifying times of 1:48.41, 1:49.42 and 1:49.73, respectively.

Former Bruin great John Godina won the shot put with a throw of 67-8.25 (20.63m)

Results (* - NCAA Regional Qualifying mark)

100m (no wind indicated) - 4. John McCauley, 10.74;

5. Marques Burrus, 10.75; 10. Chauncey Smith, 10.88

200m (no wind indicated) - 7. Marques Burrus, 21.72;

10. Robbie Hambleton, 21.89

400m - 5. Denye Versher, 47.19*; 13. Robbie Hambleton, 48.41

800m - 3. Ben Aragon, 1:48.41*; 7. Nick Thornton, 1:49.42*; 9. Martell Munguia, 1:49.73*

1500m - 2. Phil Young, 3:51.42

5000m - 5. Chad Galbreath, 15:05.91

110mH (w: +2.1) - 3. Jonathan Williams, 14.13*; 5.

Anthony Golston, 14.22*

400mH - 1. Kyle Erickson, 49.78*; 4. John Barbieri, 51.67*; 5. Anthony Golston, 52.25*

4x100 - 2. 40.75 (McCauley, Mario Bassani, Williams, Craig Everhart)

TJ (no wind indicated) - 8. Demetre Howard, 46-2.75 (14.09m)

SP - 1. John Godina, 67-8.25 (20.63m)

Javelin - 15. Eli Dial, 174-1 (53.06m)

May 3

UCLA Invitational

The top Bruin performers at the UCLA Invitational were sophomore Yoo Kim, freshman Ryan Hollins and senior Kevin Weaver. Kim won the pole vault with a personal best vault of 18-1.50 (5.50m), tied for No. 4 in school history. Hollins and Weaver each jumped 7-0.25 (2.14m) in the high jump. The last time two Bruins jumped over seven feet in the same season was in 1997, when Rich Pitchford and Ed Bennett, jumped 7-2.25 and 7-1, respectively.

Bruin winners on the track:

-100m – senior John McCauley (Buhl, ID HS), 10.85.

-200m (heat one) – sophomore Robbie Hambleton (San Marino/Loyola), 21.84 (personal-best).

-400m – sophomore Denye Versher (Oakland/St. Mary's), 47.73.

-800m (heat two) – sophomore Martell Mungia (Sacramento/Woodcreek), 1:50.92 (personal outdoor best, NRQ).

-1500m – senior Phil Young (La Canada HS), 3:54.00.

-110m Hurdles – sophomore Anthony Golston (San

Diego/Point Loma), 14.24 (personal-best, NRQ).

Bruin winners in the field:

-HJ – Hollins, 7-0.25 (personal-best, NRQ).

-PV – Kim, 18-0.50 (personal-best, tied for No. 4 in school history, fifth Bruin in history to vault over 18-feet, NRQ).

-HT – redshirt freshman Jeremy Silverman (Annville, PA/Annville-Cleona), 180-4.

Other top Bruin performances were turned in by:

-senior John Barbieri (Carpinteria HS), placed third in the 400m hurdles, 52.14 (season-best, NRQ).

-senior Kevin Weaver (McKinleyville HS), second place in the high jump (7-0.25, season-best, NRQ).

-junior Dan Ames (Lakeside/El Capitan), placed third in the shot put (61-10.50, top placing collegian) and second in the discus (188-2). Bruin great John Godina won both the shot put (67-6.75) and discus (200-1).

Bruin great Josh Johnson, son of UCLA legend Rafer Johnson, won the javelin (217-8) and Octavius Gillespie, who was a Bruin senior in 2002, won the long jump (22-3.50).

April 26

UCLA-USC Dual Meet

The UCLA men defeated the Trojans 82-81 before a crowd of 3,087 in the annual dual meet, held at USC's Katherine B. Loker Stadium and Cromwell Field. UCLA has won 24 of the last 25 meetings between the two teams, and improves its overall record against USC to 31-39.

In the last meeting between the Bruins and Trojans at Cromwell Field (2001), the Trojans won 82-81, snapping UCLA's 22-year win streak. The 2001 dual meet was decided by the 5000m. This year's meet was also decided by the 5000m, with UCLA sweeping the event, scoring the necessary 82 points to clinch the meet. Today's 82-81 meet score was the third straight time on Cromwell Field (1999, 2001, 2003) that the dual meet was decided by that margin.

On the day, the Bruins won seven events and swept four of the seven. Multiple winners for the Bruins were sophomore Ben Aragon, who won the 800m, 1500m and 5000m, and junior Dan Ames in the shot put and discus.

HT – In the hammer throw, held Friday at West LA City College, junior Dan Ames placed third, scoring one point, with a throw of 196-8 (59.94m, NCAA Reg. Qual.). Freshman Jake Knight placed fourth with a personal best throw of 187-1 (57.02m, NCAA Reg. Qual.). And, freshman Jeremy Silverman was sixth (177-10, 54.20m).

3000m SC – The Bruins swept the event, scoring nine points. Sophomore Erik Emilsson won in 8:56.67 (NCAA Reg. Qual.). Senior Justin Patananan was second in 9:23.92. Freshman Chad Galbreath, competing in his first

collegiate steeplechase, placed third in 9:59.32.

4x100m – The Bruin squad of John McCauley, Mario Bassani, Chauncey Smith and Jonathan Williams ran a season best and NCAA Regional Qualifying time of 40.19. The Trojans won in a Pac-10 leading time of 39.90.

LJ – Junior Juaune Armon won the long jump for the second year in a row with a season best jump of 25-8.75 (7.84m, w:+0.5), NCAA Reg. Qual.). Freshman Demetre Howard placed fifth with a jump of 20-8 (6.17m, w: -0.9). USC's Allen Simms and Julian Kapek placed second and third with jumps of 25-4 (7.72m, w:+1.9) and 24-1.50 (7.35m, w:+1.4), respectively.

1500m – Bruins Ben Aragon and Jon Rankin went one-two in the 1500m. Aragon ran 4:12.40 for the win, followed by Rankin in 4:13.02. Senior Phil Young placed fourth in 4:15.08. USC's Tomas Babiskiewicz was third (4:14.29).

JT – Freshman David Shortenhaus placed second with a personal best throw of 195-02 (59.49m), followed by Eli Dial in third placed with a season best 193-0 (58.82m). Chris Staton was sixth (162-11m 49.67m). Andrew Phillips, competing as a non-scorer, threw 175-7 (53.53m). USC's Dennis Rice won with a throw of 209-2 (63.75m).

400m – Freshman Craig Everhart placed second in a personal best 46.72 (NCAA Reg. Qual.), followed by Denye' Versher in third place in a season best 47.50. Mario Bassani placed fourth in a season best 47.64. And, Robbie Hambleton, competing as a non-scorer, ran 48.42. USC's Brandon Matlock won in 46.04.

SP – The Bruins swept the shot put, scoring nine points. Junior Dan Ames placed first with a throw of 64-1.75 (19.55m, NCAA Reg. Qual.). Senior Scott Wiegand was second at 63-1.25 (19.23m, NCAA Reg. Qual.). And, freshman Jeremy Silverman placed third with a personal best throw of 60-11.25 (18.57m). Freshman Jake Knight, a non-scorer, threw 56-7.25 (17.25m).

110mH – Sophomore Jonathan Williams placed second in a personal best 13.98 (w:+1.2). Anthony Golston was fourth in 14.45 and Chris Staton was sixth in a season best 15.27. USC's Ryan Wilson, the Pac-10 leader, won in 13.95.

100m – Senior John McCauley placed third in a wind-aided season best 10.68 (w:+2.1). Marques Burrus was fourth (10.70) and Matt Bruno was sixth (10.73). Chauncey Smith, a non-scorer, ran 10.77. USC's Wes Felix won in 10.24.

TJ – Armon, competing in his second event of the day, placed fourth with a seasonal wind-aided best jump of

48-2.50 (14.69m, w:+2.5). Ryan Hollins was fifth with a jump of 43-9 (13.33m, w:+0.9). USC swept the event. Allen Simms won with a jump of 56-4 (17.17m, w:+0.6). Julien Kapek was second (55-1, 16.79m, w:+0.7) and Jonas Halgrimsson was third 950-1.25, 15.27m, w:+0.9).

400mH – Senior Kyle Erickson placed second in a season best 50.05 (NCAA Reg. Qual.), followed by Williams in second in a personal best 51.28 (NCAA Reg. Qual.). Senior John Barbieri was fourth (52.27) and Matt Willis, a non-scorer, ran 52.73. USC's Ryan Wilson won the event in 49.80, his second victory of the day.

DT – The Bruin throwers swept their second event of the day, scoring nine points in the discus. Ames won his second event with a throw of 192-05 (58.65m, NCAA Reg. Qual.). Wiegand threw 187-4 (57.10m, NCAA Reg. Qual.) for second. Silverman threw 166-10 (50.86m, NCAA Reg. Qual.). And, Shortenhaus, a non-scorer, threw 155-9 (47.47m).

HJ – Freshman Ryan Hollins placed second with a personal best jump of 6-11.75 (2.13m, NCAA Reg. Qual.). Senior Kevin Weaver was fourth (6-8, 2.03m) and Josh Levy was sixth (6-6, 1.98m). Non-scorers Chris Staton and Justin Nelson both jumped 6-6 (1.98m). USC's Dawid Jaworski won with a jump of 7-1.75 (2.18m).

PV – Yoo Kim placed second with a vault of 17-3.75 (5.28m, NCAA Reg., Qual.). Pat Luke was third with a season best vault of 17-0 (5.18m, NCAA Reg. Qual.). Mike Landers was fourth with a vault of 16-0 (4.88m). Non-scorers Shane Hackett and Andrew Phillips vaulted 15-5.75 (4.72m) and 15-0 (4.57m), respectively.

800m – Aragon won in a season best 1:50.35 (NCAA Reg. Qual.). Nick Thornton placed second in 1:50.66 (NCAA Reg. Qual.). And, Martell Munguia placed fifth in 1:53.67.

200m – Everhart placed third, scoring a key point for the Bruins, in a personal best 21.45 (w:+0.5). Marques Burrus placed fourth in a season best 21.60, followed by John McCauley in fifth in a personal best 21.69. Chauncey Smith, a non-scorer, ran 22.13.

5000m – The Bruins swept the 5000m to clinch the 2003 UCLA-USC Dual Meet with 82 points to USC's 76 points. Ben Aragon won his third event of the day in 14:46.43. Erik Emilsson placed second in 14:48.98. And, Justin Patananan was third in 14:52.02.

4x400m – The relay team of Denye' Versher, Nick Thornton, Mario Bassani and Kyle Erickson ran 3:09.56 behind USC's 3:08.70. With the results of the relay, the final meet score was UCLA 82, USC 81.

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.).

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.