

Guidry, Smith top NCAA Division I Silver Anniversary Indoor Team

This year marked the 25th year of women competing in the NCAA Division I Indoor Championships. To mark this anniversary, the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association has selected a Silver Anniversary Team.

Earlier this year, Carlette Guidry of Texas and Trecia Smith of Pittsburgh were named the NCAA Division I Most Outstanding Student-Athletes for indoor track and field. The awards were made in conjunction with the NCAA's celebration of 25 years of women participating in NCAA championship competition.

Guidry won eight NCAA indoor titles in her four seasons at Texas. She earned national indoor titles in the 55-meter dash, 200 meters, 4 x 400 relay and long jump.

Smith won three NCAA indoor titles in the long jump while at Pittsburgh and also claimed a national championship in the triple jump.

Selection to the Silver Anniversary Team is based on performances at the NCAA Division I Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships. The team consists of the outstanding individuals in each event as well as the top coach and most successful school over the past 25 years.

The first combined NCAA Division I Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships were held in 1983 in Pontiac, Michigan.

The NCAA Division I Silver Anniversary Team for indoor track and field:

55 and 60 meters

Carlette Guidry, Texas, and Gwen Torrence, Georgia

In the first 15 years of the NCAA Indoor Championships, the short sprint for women measured 55 meters. It was changed to 60 meters in 1999. Guidry won three NCAA titles at 55 meters (1988-90-91) while Torrence was first in 1986 and 1987. Torrence's winning time of 6.56 seconds in 1987 is the meet record.

200 meters

Muna Lee, LSU

Lee won back-to-back NCAA indoor titles in helping the Lady Tigers win team championships in 2002 and 2003. Her winning time of 22.61 in 2003 is the second-fastest winning time in meet history. Lee qualified for the U.S. Olympic team in 2004 and won seven NCAA titles (indoors and outdoors) during her collegiate career.

400 meters

Maicel Malone, Arizona State

Malone won three straight NCAA indoor titles from 1990-92. She also anchored Arizona State's 4 x 400 relay to victory in 1991. Malone won an Olympic gold medal in 1996 as a member of the U.S. 4 x 400 relay. She is currently the women's track coach at Florida A&M.

800 meters

Amy Wickus, Wisconsin

Wickus is the only three-time champion in the 800 in NCAA indoor history, claiming successive titles in 1993-95. She also ran the anchor leg on a pair of victorious Wisconsin teams in the since-discontinued 4 x 800 relay. In 1993, Wickus won a gold medal in the 800 at the World University Games and competed in the World Outdoor Championships.

Mile

Suzy Favor, Wisconsin

Favor won three NCAA indoor mile titles (1987-89-90) and set a meet record of 4:30.63 that still stands. She won a fourth NCAA indoor title in 1990 in the 3,000 meters. Favor won nine NCAA individual championships (indoors and outdoors) during her career and was named the outstanding outdoor track performer on the NCAA Division I Silver Anniversary Team. She competed in the 1992, 1996 and 2000 Olympics.

3,000 meters

Vicki Huber, Villanova

Huber won three straight NCAA indoor championships in the 3,000 meters (1987-89) and also won the mile in 1988. Huber's winning time in the 3,000 at the 1989 NCAA Indoor Championships (8:55.29) stood as the meet record for 15 years. She finished sixth in the 3,000 meters at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul and competed in the 1,500 at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

5,000 meters

Kim Smith, Providence

Smith won the 2004 NCAA title in 15:14.18, the fastest winning time in meet history by 13 seconds. Her victory in the 5,000 was half of a distance double as she also won the 3,000 in 8:49.18, another meet record. Smith competed for her native New Zealand at the 2004 Olympics.

55-meter hurdles

Candy Young, Farleigh Dickinson, and Gillian Russell, Miami

Young won the 55-meter hurdles at the first two NCAA indoor meets (1983-84). Russell won the NCAA indoor title as a freshman in 1991 and won it again as a senior in 1995. Young won her first title in 7.47; Russell won her second title in the same time. The 55-

meter hurdles were discontinued following the 1998 NCAA Indoor Championships, replaced by the 60-meter hurdles the following winter.

60-meter hurdles

Virginia Powell, USC

Powell won the 60-meter hurdles at the 2005 and 2006 NCAA Indoor Championships, clocking a U.S. collegiate record of 7.84 in defending her title. Powell also won a pair of NCAA outdoor titles in the 100-meter hurdles, setting a collegiate record of 12.48. She competed in the 2005 World Outdoor Championships in Helsinki, Finland.

4 x 400 relay

Texas

The Longhorns have won the 4 x 400 relay at the NCAA Indoor Championships seven times (1988, 1990, 1995, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2004). Texas set the meet record of 3:27.66 in 2003. The 2003 Texas team consisted of Keasha Downer, Raasin McIntosh, Moushami Robinson and Sanya Richards.

4 x 800 relay

Villanova

Villanova won the 4 x 800 relay five times, including four in a row from 1987-90). The 1987 foursome of Kathy Franey, Colleen Gallagher, Michelle DiMuro and Gina Procaccio clocked a meet-record 8:24.72. Procaccio is now the head women's cross country and track coach at her alma mater. The 4 x 800 relay was discontinued following the 1993 NCAA Indoor Championships.

Distance medley relay

North Carolina

The Tar Heels set an American record of 10:59.46 in winning the 2007 NCAA indoor title. The record-setting team was comprised of Megan Kaltenbach, Tyra Johnson, Georgia Kloss and Brie Feinagle. North Carolina also won NCAA distance medley titles in 2003 and 2006.

High jump

Amy Acuff, UCLA

Acuff won three NCAA indoor titles (1994-95-97). In 1995, she set a meet record by clearing 6 feet, 5½ inches. Acuff also won a pair of NCAA outdoor championships and competed in three Olympic Games, finishing fourth in 2004.

Pole vault

Amy Linnen, Arizona and Kansas

Linnen vaulted to NCAA indoor championships in 2002 and 2005. She competed for Arizona in 2002 and won her 2005 title representing Kansas. Linnen's winning clearance of 14-10¼ in 2002 is the meet record.

Long jump

Trecia Smith, Pittsburgh

Smith won three successive NCAA indoor titles beginning in 1997. Smith also won the NCAA indoor triple jump and ended her collegiate career with seven NCAA indoor and outdoor championships. Smith finished fourth in the triple jump at the 2004 Olympics for Jamaica and won the world outdoor title in 2005.

Triple jump

Yvette Bates, USC

One of the pioneers of the event, Bates claimed back-to-back NCAA indoor titles in 1987 and 1988. Her winning mark of 45-3 in 1987 was a meet record and is the sixth-longest winning mark in the history of the NCAA Indoor Championships. At the NCAA Outdoor Championships, Bates finished second twice and third once.

Shot put

Laura Gerraughty, North Carolina

Gerraughty won the 2003 NCAA indoor title and successfully defended her title the following year with a meet-record throw of 62-10. She returned from an injury in 2005 to place second at the 2006 NCAA Indoor Championships.

Weight throw

Brittany Riley, Southern Illinois, and Candice Scott, Florida

Scott won successive NCAA indoor titles in the weight throw, reaching a meet-record 79-3¾ in her 2005 victory. Riley won just one title, but her performance was one of the most dominant in any event. Riley set a world best of 83-10¼ to win the 2007 championship.

Pentathlon

Jacquelyn Johnson, Arizona State

In an event that wasn't added to the NCAA Indoor Championships until 2004, Johnson has won half of the national titles. She finished first in 2006 with 4,287 points and defended her title this winter with a dramatic come-from-behind win over Washington State's Diana Pickler. Johnson has also won a pair of NCAA heptathlon titles outdoors.

Coach

Pat Henry, LSU and Texas A&M

Henry won 10 NCAA indoor championships at LSU, including five in a row from 1993-97. His teams also finished second twice. Henry's 1989 national champions had four individual winners. Last year, he was named the Silver Anniversary coach for outdoor track and field. Henry is currently the coach at Texas A&M, where his Aggies won the 2007 Big 12 indoor championship.

Institution

LSU

The Tigers have won 11 NCAA indoor titles, nearly twice as many as the next-best team, Texas (six). Billy Maxwell guided LSU to its first NCAA indoor title in 1987, and Pat Henry won 10 national titles. LSU athletes have won 29 individual NCAA indoor titles along with five relay titles.