

Attendance Thursday: 5,791 Friday Morning/Afternoon: 9,672 Friday Night: 10,770 Saturday: 14,504 Total Attendance: 40,737	Weather - High - 50 , Low - 44 8 a.m.: 44 degrees, NE 7 mph, Rain Noon: 46 degrees, NEE 12 mph, Cloudy 4 p.m.: 50 degrees, NE 10 mph, Overcast Total Precipitation: 0.31"
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DRAKE RELAYS RECORDS BROKEN - SATURDAY

Women's University Sprint Medley Relay

Arkansas, 3:43.64 (Regine Williams, Daina Harper, Taylor Ellis-Watson, Chrishuna Williams). Old record 3:45.48, Arkansas, 2012.

Men's University/College 110 Hurdles

Omar McLeod, Arkansas, 13.21. Old record 13.48, Terrence Somerville, Cincinnati, 2011

Women's Invitational 100 Hurdles

Jasmin Stowers, Nike, 12.40. Old record 12.58 Kim Castlin, Nike, 2014.

Men's Invitational Shuttle Hurdle Relays

Team Blue, 52.94 (Jason Richardson, Aleec Harris, Aries Merritt, David Oliver). Old record 53.77, USA White (Jeff Porter, Dominic Berger, Aires Merritt, Tyron Akins)

Women's Invitational 400

Francena McCorory, Adidas, 50.13. Old record 50.64 Lillie Leatherwood-King, Alabama, 1987.

High School Girls 4x100 Relay (Tie)

Cedar Rapids Jefferson, 47.55 (Lucy Schneekloth, Abilene Ranschau,, Morgan Meese, Jasmine Blue). Ties record of 47.55, Des Moines Roosevelt, 2012.

WORLD LEADING MARKS SET - SATURDAY

Men's Invitational Mile

Leo Manzano, Hoka One One, 4:00.05

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Men's Invitational Triple Jump

Will Claye, USA, 55-7

FIFTY AND COUNTING

A sellout crowd of 14,504 witnessed five Drake Relays fall and five world-leading marks set on Saturday, marking the 50th consecutive season that a capacity crowd has filled Drake Stadium to watch the final day of America's Athletic Classic.

MANZANO OUTDUELS CENTROWITZ IN MILE

Reigning USA 1500 champion Leo Manzano ran the fastest time in the world this year in winning the invitational mile. Manzano, a four-time NCAA champion at Texas, surged past US indoor mile champion Matthew Centrowitz to win in 4:00.05. Centrowitz, who won the Grand Blue Mile on Tuesday, was second in 4:00.54. The previous world best was 4:01.00 by Jose Juan Esparza.

TATE'S TERRIFIC IN 400 HURDLES

Cassandra Tate's big closing charge carried her to a victory in the Beijing WC Preview women's 400 hurdles. Tate beat Georganne Moline in a dash to the finish to win in 55.68, the No. 3 time in the world this year. Tate's previous best this year had been 56.97. Moline finished in 55.74. Tate was an SEC and NCAA champion at LSU and ended her 2014 season ranked No. 2 in the US. Moline was the top-ranked US runner last year.

A STAR IS BORN

Former LSU star Jasmin Stowers, running out of lane seven, beat a star-studded field to win the Beijing WC Preview women's 100 hurdles -- and she did it in record time. Stowers, the USA indoor 60 hurdles champion this year, won the race in 12.40 seconds, the fastest time in the world this year and fifth-fastest all-time in U.S. history. The old Relays record was 12.58 by Kristi Castlin last year. Two-time Olympic medalist Dawn Harper-Nelson was second, Castlin was third, 2013 world champion Brianna Rollins was fourth and 2014 USA runner-up Queen Harrison was fifth.

BLUE FLASH

A USA Blue team that included world record holder Aries Merritt and defending world outdoor champion David Oliver flashed to a Relays record in the invitational men's shuttle hurdle relay. The quartet put together a time of 52.94 to erase the old record of 53.77 set by a team that included Merritt at last year's Relays. Jason Richardson led off for the winning team and was followed by Aleec Harris, who ran the world's leading time in winning the Beijing WC Preview 110 hurdles Friday night, Merritt and Oliver.

FANTASTIC FRANCIANA

Defending world and USA outdoor champion Francena McCoroy sped to a world leading time in the Beijing WC Preview women's 400 and erased a 28-year-old Drake Relays record. McCoroy outran Sanya Richards-Ross and Novlene Williams-Mills to win in 50.13. That erases the Drake record of 50.64 set in 1987 by Lillie Leatherwood-King, a Drake Relays Hall of Famer and one of the Relays' Athletes of the Century. Richards-Ross, the 2012 Olympic gold medalist, was second in 51.09 and Williams-Mills, ranked No. 1 in the world last year, took third in 51.11.

CLAYE SAILS IN TRIPLE JUMP

Will Claye, last year's USA champion, soared to the top of this year's world list in the triple jump. Claye, the Olympic silver medalist in 2012, went 55 feet, 7 inches. The previous world best was 55-2 by Brazil's Jean Rosa.

A GOOD VAULT, INDOORS OR OUT

In an event that featured two record holders, Sam Kendricks and Sam Barber each cleared 19-1 to share the title in the Beijing WC Preview men's pole vault. That's better than the Relays record of 19-¾, but the weather forced the event indoors so it won't go down as a new mark. It's the first time the event was held in the Fieldhouse since Toby Stevenson won in 2006. Kendricks was an NCAA champion at Mississippi and won the USA indoor title this year. Barber, a junior at Akron, is an indoor and outdoor NCAA champion and the current world leader. World record holder Renaud Lavillenie was third at 18-5 ¼ and decathlon world record holder Ashton Eaton cleared 17-1 ½ to finish 12th. Lavillenie from France had his streak of 13 straight wins in the pole vault dating back to last year come to an end Saturday. It was the second straight day at the Relays that two world record holders competed in the same event. Eaton and Aries Merritt ran in the 110 hurdles.

A CUP FOR THE RAZORBACKS

A runaway victory in the university women's 4x400 relay clinched the Hy-Vee Cup in the women's division for Arkansas. The Razorbacks won in 3:31.35 with a team of Brianna Swinton, Daina Harper, Chrishuna Williams and Taylor Ellis-Watson. That same foursome won the sprint medley relay earlier in the day.

ANOTHER WIN, ANOTHER RECORD FOR ARKANSAS WOMEN

Arkansas broke its own Drake Relays record in winning the university women's sprint medley relay and now has the top two times in the world in the event this year. With Chrishuna Williams on the anchor, Arkansas won in 3:43.64 to break the record of 3:45.48 it set in 2012. Williams ran her anchor 800 in 2:07.3 to keep her team safely in front. Arkansas came into the meet with a world best of 3:42.36, a time logged at the Texas Relays.

A THREE-PEAT FOR ILLINOIS

For the third-straight season, the Illinois men took home the Hy-Vee Cup thanks to wins in the sprint medley relay and the 4x400 relay. In addition to the Fighting Illini's two relays wins, they also won the men's steeplechase and the men's 400 hurdles. Illinois has now won 74 relay titles and 143 overall titles, both Drake Relays best marks.

Illinois began the day racing to a time of 3:18.85 in the sprint medley relay, which ranks ninth on the collegiate list this year. Thirty minutes later, Dylan Lafond won the men's steeplechase in 8:56.64 to claim the Fighting Illini's 68th individual title and 141st title overall. Those figures grew to 69 and 142 when Cam Viney won the 400 hurdles during the afternoon sessions. Viney helped Illinois clinch the Hy-Vee Cup in the 4x400 meter relay, as the Fighting Illini won in 3:06.23.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, OMAR

Omar McLeod of Arkansas celebrated his 21st birthday by breaking the Relays record in the university-college 110 hurdles. McLeod, the NCAA indoor 60 hurdles champ this year, won in 13.21 to erase the old record of 13.48 set by Terence Somerville of Cincinnati in 2011. McLeod's time ranks No. 3 in the world. McLeod's Drake Relays meet record of 13.21 equalled the seventh fastest 110-meter hurdle time in college history. Only four men in college history have run faster. Renaldo Nehemiah, Maryland, 13.00 (1979), Devon Allen, Oregon, 13.16 (2014), Aleec Harris, Sr., Southern Cal 13.18 (2014) and Wayne Davis II, Texas A&M, 13.20. McLeod returned to the track later to lead off the Razorbacks' 4x100 relay team, which won the university event in 39.78 seconds.

ANOTHER FLAG FOR FRANKLIN

Ohio State hurdler Alexis Franklin is now a two-time winner for the weekend after running a strong first leg on the Buckeyes' university-college shuttle hurdle relay team. Anchored by freshman Chantel Ray, Ohio State won in 54.35 seconds. Franklin won the 400 hurdles on Friday.

PISTOLS FIRING

Oklahoma State claimed five of the six distance relays at the Drake Relays, as the Cowgirls became only the fourth school to win all three of the women's distance relays. Natalja Pilisuina, an eight-time Big 12 champion and 2013 NCAA champion in the 1500 meters, anchored all three of the Cowgirls' relays teams. OSU won the 4x1600 on Thursday with a Drake Relays record of 18:58.11 before claiming the 4x800 title last night, crossing the line in 8:27.88. The Cowgirls' other Drake Relays triumph came in the women's 4x200 back in 1990.

The Cowboys won the men's 4x1600 relay on Thursday in a photo finish against in-state rival Tulsa, before claiming the distance medley relay crown on Saturday. Both relay teams were anchored by Kirubel Erassa, a four-time Big 12 champion.

TECH'S DUFFIELD DOES IT IN HIGH JUMP

Texas Tech's Jacorian Duffield, ranked No. 3 in the world, cleared 7-4 ½ to win the university-college high jump. It's the best winning jump at the Relays since Jon Shelton of Texas cleared 7-5 in 1988. Duffield, the NCAA indoor champion this year, has a top jump of 7-7 this year, a height he cleared at the Texas Relays.

SISTER ACT

Big Ten champion Cindy Ofili of Michigan became the second member of her family to win the university-college women's 100 hurdles. Ofili ran 12.96 to edge Baylor's Tiffani McReynolds by two-hundredths of a second. Ofili's sister, Tiffany Porter-Ofili, won the Relays title in 2008.

WILL EIGHT BE ENOUGH FOR JENKS?

Linn-Mar's Stephanie Jenks has done it again, winning the high school girls 1500 in 4:31.09 to become the second girl to win the distance triple (800-1500-3000) in the same year at the Drake Relays. It's also the eighth Relays title for Jenks, tying her with Dowling Catholic's Katie Flood and Sioux City East's Shelby Houlihan for the all-time lead among high school girls. Jenks is the only one of the three with eight individual championships. Houlihan was the first to accomplish the distance triple at Drake, winning those events in 2011. Jenks, who finished seventh in the 400 hurdles, is a junior so she'll have another year to add to her total.

SCHWEIZER CLAIMS RARE RELAYS DOUBLE

Dowling Catholic's Ryan Schweizer became the first in Drake Relays history to win both the high school boys 800 and 1600 meters in a single meet, as he won Saturday's 1600 meters in 4:18.18. Schweizer won the boys 800 on Friday in 1:52.15, a meet record, and also helped the Maroons set a Drake Relays record of 3:26.58 in the sprint medley relay on Friday. In addition to winning three Drake Relays flags, Schweizer, a junior, was runner-up in the 3200 meters on Thursday in 9:15.01.

PLOCK POWERS TO THREE STRAIGHT

Iowa City High's Sarah Plock became the first athlete to win the high school girls 400 hurdles three straight times. Plock circled the blue oval in 1:01.22, just off the meet record of 1:01.01 set by Davenport North's AG Bradford in 2008. The City High senior is No. 2 on the state's all-time list with a time of 1:00.55 earlier this year and is the defending Class 4A champion in the event.

DAVENPORT ASSUMPTION DEFENDS 4x800 TITLE

Davenport Assumption repeated as Drake Relays champions in the girls 4x800 relay, crossing the line in 9:20.99, led by a solid anchor leg by sophomore Joy Ripslinger, who finished fourth in Friday's 800 meters in 2:12.42. Davenport Assumption became the fourth school to repeat as champions, as Iowa City won a trio of titles from 2002-04, North Tama of Traer won back-to-back titles in 2006 and 2007 and West Des Moines Valley won the event in 2012 and 2013.

PLEASANT VALLEY BACK ON TOP IN BOYS 4x800

After a five-year dry spell, Pleasant Valley returned to the victory stand in the high school boys 4x800 relay. With Andrew Dixon running a 1:56.8 anchor, the Spartans won in 7:53.84, the state's best time this year. Pleasant Valley won three straight Drake titles in the event from 2007 to 2009 but had not won since. Johnston's Josh Borwick ran a fine 1:54.3 anchor to get the Dragons into second place.

A TRIO OF 4x800 TITLES FOR THE BLUE TIGERS

Lincoln sped to its third straight Drake Relays title in the women's college 4x800 relay. The team of Willomena Williams, Ebony Rose, Jhevere Hall and Monique Thompson won in 8:57.14, with Thompson running a 2:15.0 anchor. That same foursome won last year's race and Thompson ran the leadoff leg in the Blue Tigers' 2013 victory.

WARRIORS RULE IN SHUTTLE HURDLE

Waukee swept the high school shuttle hurdle relays for the second time in three years. The Warriors won the boys race for the third straight year, finishing in 56.62. The girls ran 1:03.55 for their third victory in four years. Both times rank No. 7 on their respective all-time lists. Waukee also won both races in 2013.

FLYING J-HAWKS

Cedar Rapids Jefferson tied the Drake Relays record and Iowa all-time best in the high school girls 4x100 relay. The J-Hawks' foursome of Lucy Schneekloth, Abilene Ranschau, Morgan Meese and Jasmine Blue ran 47.55 to match the Des Moines Roosevelt marks set in 2012. That same group set a Relays record in the 4x200 relay on Friday.

SMALL SCHOOL, FAST TIME

West Burlington/Notre Dame became the first non-Class 4A school to win the high school boys 4x100 relay in 88 years. The quartet of Timmy Williams, Brant Wrede, Isaiah Trousil and Xavior Williams won the race in 42.87. Until that victory, a small school had not won the 4x100 since Clarinda in 1927. The 4x100 win capped an outstanding Relays for the Falcons, who got victories from Trousil in the 100, Jacob Smith in the 400 hurdles and Jeff Giannettino in the high jump.

CENTRAL MISSOURI THROWER DOUBLES UP

Central Missouri's Heavin Warner picked her second victory for the weekend, winning the women's hammer throw at 194, 7 inches. It's the third victory of the meet for coach Kip Janvrin's team. Warner won the discus on Friday and teammate Erika Kinsey won the high jump.

A SWEEP FOR WAYLAND BAPTIST

The Wayland Baptist women had a weekend to remember at the Drake Relays. The Pioneers won three relays titles on Saturday, as Wayland began the day winning the sprint medley in 3:58.27. Wayland Baptist won the 4x100 crown in 45.22, before finishing the day with a 4x400 relay win in 3:40.78. The Pioneers also won the 4x200 meter in 1:36.20 on Friday. The Wayland Baptist men, led by Drake Relays Hall of Famer Devon Morris, won those same four events in the 1985 Drake Relays.

Wayland also has two victories on the men's side -- Benard Keter in the 10,000 and the college distance medley relay.

SHEPPERSON LEADS BISON TO DOUBLE

Clay Shepperson, Oklahoma Baptist's anchor on its winning 4x800 relay squad yesterday, helped the Bison win their second title of the weekend on Saturday as OBU won the sprint medley relay in 3:25.07. It marks the fifth time in the past nine years that Oklahoma Baptist has won the men's college sprint medley relay.