

WESTERN ALL-CENTURY TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS

Two international performers headline the Western Washington University track and field all-century (1900-99) teams for men and women.

The Men's Track and Field Athlete of the Century is Allen James (1983-86), a four-time NAIA All-American who participated in Olympic Games in 1992 and 1996 and was the champion in the 30-kilometer walk at the U.S. Olympic Trials in 1992.

The Women's Track and Field Athlete of the Century is Wendy Taylor, who was the AIAW national champion in the 100 hurdles in 1973 and still holds the school record in that event (13.7). Competing for Canada, Taylor finished sixth in the World University Games that year.

Included in the 45 members of the team are four national champions. Dave VanderGriend won the 1968 NAIA championship in the javelin, and placed fourth in the U.S. Olympic Trials that year.

Amy Cameron, a two-time NAIA All-American, won the national championship in the 100 hurdles in 1997.

Kristy Dees and Joan Williamson each won NAIA championships in 1984, Dees winning the high jump, Williamson the javelin.

Williamson was a three-time All-American, as was hurdler Mike Vorce, whose best NAIA finish was second in the 400 hurdles in 1974.

The two earliest entries on the all-century team are Norm Bright (1928-31) and Walt Schilaty (1931-32). Bright once held the American record in the two-mile run. Schilaty ran the 100 meters in 10.7 in 1932, a school record that stood for 54 years, and qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials.

MEN

Sprints

Dan Gagnon (Port Angeles), 1937-39

Ran 9.6 100-yard dash during regular season and 9.7 at league meet in 1939. Set Tri-Normal record in 220 of 21.8 in 1939. Member of WWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Walt Schilaty (Everett), 1931-32

Ran 10.7 100 meters at U.S. Regional meet and qualified for U.S. Olympic Trials. That time wasn't bettered by a Western athlete for 54 years. Member of WWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Marc Hill (Kent/Kent-Meridian), 1993-94

Named Outstanding Athlete at NAIA District 1 Championships. Member of 4x400 relay that placed fifth at NAIA nationals in 1993 to earn All-America honors and finished seventh in 400 at nationals in 1994. School record holder in 200 (21.4) and 400 (47.25).

Ted Whan (Victoria, B.C.), 1953-56
Four-time NAIA District 1 champion in 440 yards.

Hurdles

Mike Vorce (Murdock/Lyle), 1971-74
Three-time NAIA All-American, placed second in 400-yard intermediate hurdles at nationals in 1974, third in 1973 and fourth in 1972. School record holder in both hurdle events. Member of WWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

John Kotsogeanis (Bellingham/Sehome), 1976-79
Placed sixth in 400 hurdles at NAIA nationals in 1980 to earn NAIA All-America honors. Participated at nationals four times.

Middle Distance

Norm Dahl (Edison), 1939-41, 1947
Member of WWU Athletic Hall of Fame. Vikings top point maker, running at least five events in every meet.

Devin Kemper (Gig Harbor), 1998-present
Placed second in 800 at NCAA II nationals to earn All-America honors. Holds school record in 800 (1:49.95) and mile (4:11.50).

Long Distance

Norman Bright (Chehalis), 1928-31
Set conference record in mile. Placed 11th at 1944 Boston Marathon. Set American record in two mile. Member of WWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Bruce Manclark (Tacoma/Lakes), 1978
District champion in marathon with record-setting time that still stands as school record. Also set school marks in 5,000 and 10,000.

Gerry Swan (New Westminster, B.C.), 1951-54
Made four trips to nationals in two mile, placing second twice and sixth twice. Four-time NAIA All-American. Member of NAIA Hall of Fame.

Don Trethewey (Kamloops, B.C.), 1958-61
Won steeplechase at NAIA nationals in 1960 and placed fifth at NCAA nationals in 1961.

Jeff Van Kleeck (Lynden), 1989-92
Placed sixth in 5,000 at NAIA nationals in 1992 and fourth in 1993. Two-time All-American. School record holder in 5,000 (14:36.59).

Walkers

Allen James (Seattle/Shorecrest), 1983-86

Four-time NAIA All-American, participated in two Olympic Games. U.S. Olympic Trials champion in 1992. Placed second at NAIA nationals in 10,000 walk in 1985, third in 1984 and fifth in 1983 and 1986. Four-time NAIA District 1 champion. Member of WWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Tony Engelhardt (Seattle/Shorecrest), 1986-89

Placed second in 10,000 walk at NAIA nationals in 1989 and fifth in 1987 and 1988. Three-time All-American. School record holder for 5K walk (22:18.2).

Torry Lingbloom (Ferndale), 1980-83

Placed second in 10,000 walk at NAIA nationals in 1981 and fifth in 1982. Two-time All-American.

Jumps

John Hunt (Tacoma/Mount Tahoma), 1964-67

Placed second at NAIA nationals in long jump in 1967, making three trips to nationals. School record holder in long jump with a mark of 24-1/2 that has stood for 32 years. Member of WWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jerry Hopper (Stanwood), 1987-89

Placed third in triple jump at NAIA nationals in 1988 and sixth in 1986. Two-time All-American. School record holder in triple jump (49-9 1/4).

Throws

Scott Easley (Gig Harbor/Peninsula), 1994-95

Placed fourth in shot put at NAIA nationals in 1994 and again in 1995. Two-time All-American. School record holder in shot put (55-7).

Chuck Erickson, 1927-30

Set Tri-Normal record in javelin in 1930 of 186-1 1/2. Also an outstanding long jumper. Member of WWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Ken Swalwell (New Westminster, B.C./Trap Tech), 1952-55

Placed second in discus at nationals in 1955 and fourth in 1954. Member of WWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Dave VanderGriend (Lynden), 1965-68

Placed first in javelin at NAIA nationals and finished fourth at U.S. Olympic Trials in 1968. His best throw was 241-5. Member of WWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Dave Reister (Olympia), 1976-79

Placed second in javelin at NAIA nationals in 1979 and fourth in 1977. Two-time All-American.

Multi-Events

Jeff Neubauer (Bellingham/Sehome), 1982-86

Won NAIA District 1 decathlon in 1983 (6,743)

School record holder in decathlon (6,297).

Four-time participant at NAIA National Championships

Ron Olson (Stanwood), 1992

Won NAIA District 1 decathlon in 1992. Scored 42 points in seven events in leading Western to district crown that year.

WOMEN

Sprints

Hollie Watson (Port Orchard/South Kitsap), 1986-89

Placed third in 100 and fourth in 200 at NAIA nationals in 1987 to earn All-America honors. Holds school record in 100 (11.93) and 200 (24.32).

Kathy Miller (Hansville/North Kitsap), 1984-87

Member of two All-America relay teams, placing third in 4x400 at NAIA nationals in 1984 and fifth in 1986. Participated in four national meets.

Hurdles

Amy Cameron (Gresham, OR), 1996-97

NAIA national champion in 100 hurdles in 1997 and placed fifth in 1996.

Two-time All-American.

Best 100 hurdle time was 14.10.

Brandi Stevenson (Bellingham/Sehome), 1993-95

Placed fourth in heptathlon at NAIA nationals in 1996 and fifth in 400 hurdles in 1994. Two-time All-American. Holds school records in 400 hurdles (60.36) and heptathlon (4,641).

Wendy Taylor (Abbotsford, B.C., Secondary), 1972-74

Ran 13.7 100 hurdles in 1973, still a school record. National AIAW champion in 1973 and placed third in 1973. Placed sixth at World Games in 1973.

Janell (Powers) Massey (Maple Falls/Mount Baker), 1983-86

Placed sixth in 400 hurdles at NAIA nationals in 1986 and eighth in 1985. Two-time All-American. Also ran on three All-America relay teams, placing third in 4x400 in 1984, fifth in 4x400 in 1986 and sixth in 4x800 in 1983. Participated in four national meets.

Middle Distance

Jeanna Setera (Maple Valley/Tahoma), 1983-84

Placed fifth in 800 at NAIA nationals in 1984 to earn All-America honors. Also ran on two All-America relay teams, placing third in 4x400 in 1984 and sixth in 4x800 in 1983.

Jennifer Eastman (Centralia), 1987-88

Placed third in 3,000 at NAIA nationals in 1988 and sixth in 1987. Two-time All-American. Holds school records in 1500 (4:32.7) and 3,000 (9:38.76).

Shirley Swanson (Mount Vernon), 1971-72

Placed second in 440 at AIAW nationals in 1971 and third in 1972. Two-time All-American. Member of WWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Long Distance

Kris Maraveller (Colville), 1992-93

Placed third in 10,000 at NAIA nationals in 1993 to earn All-America honors. School record holder in 10,000 (37:23.4)

Genevie Pfueller (Bellingham/Sehome), 1985, 1987-89

Placed third at NAIA nationals in 3,000 and fourth in 5,000 in 1985, finished fourth in 5,000 in 1987.

Three-time All-American. Member of WWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Marilyn Thibodeau (Juneau, AK/Juneau-Douglas), 1979-81

Placed second in 1,500 and sixth in 3,000 at AIAW nationals in 1982.

Lisa Waltenburg (Chehalis), 1990-91

Placed second in 3,000 at NAIA nationals in 1991 to earn All-America honors. Holds school record in 5,000 (17:06.1).

Jumps

Kristy Dees (Puyallup), 1981-84

NAIA national champion in high jump in 1984 and placed second in 1982. Two-time All-American. Holds school record in high jump of 5-8 1/4. Member of WWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jane Wallace (Issaquah), 1996-99

Placed fifth in triple jump at NAIA nationals in 1997 to earn All-America honors. Holds school record in triple jump of 39-8.

Donna Larry (Mercer Island), 1982

Placed fifth in long jump at NAIA nationals in 1997 to earn All-America honors. Holds school record in long jump of 19-2. She also placed seventh in 100 hurdles at nationals.

Throws

Dee Balderson (Kennewick), 1992-95

Placed second in discus at NAIA nationals in 1995 and fifth in 1994. Two-time All-American. Personal best toss was 148-11.

Sherie Schroeder (Ferndale), 1994-97

Placed third in shot put at NAIA nationals in 1996 and fourth in 1998. Two-time All-American. Holds school records in shot put (44-6) and discus (151-10).

Joan Williamson (Deming/Mount Baker), 1981-84

NAIA national champion in javelin in 1984, placing fourth in 1982, fifth in 1983 and eighth in 1981. Three-time All-American. School record holder in javelin (166-6). Member of WWU Athletic Hall of Fame.

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