

Seven Tar Heels compete in NCAA finals

By Robbie Harms
Staff Writer

The country's best runners, throwers and jumpers will convene Wednesday through Saturday at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, for the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Among them will be seven Tar Heel athletes hoping to etch their names in the North Carolina track and field record books.

The top 12 finishers at the Regional Championships (East and West) qualified for the national meet. Thus, 24 athletes will compete in each event in Des Moines.

Here are previews of each of the Tar Heels competing.

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SEAN SUTTON

EVENT: 4x400 Relay

SEASON'S BEST: 3:06.49 at NCAA East Regionals

BOTTOM LINE: The young relay team qualified for nationals with an 11th-place finish at regionals and will look to shock the nation. And if it isn't their year, all four runners are returning next season.



O'NEAL WANLISS

EVENT: 4x400 Relay

SEASON'S BEST: 3:06.49 at NCAA East Regionals

BOTTOM LINE: Wanliss, along with Lipsey and Sutton are each freshman, while it's the junior Parros that runs the anchor leg of the 4x400 relay team that was second best in the ACC championship.

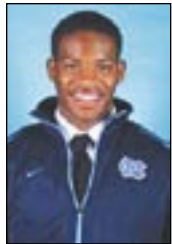


TASHA STANLEY

EVENT: 800m

SEASON'S BEST: 2:03.52 at ACC Outdoor Championships

BOTTOM LINE: Stanley finished sixth at regionals to qualify for the national meet and has the fifth-best time in the country this season. She'll look to end her UNC career with some hardware.



JAVONTE LIPSEY

EVENT(S): 4x400 Relay, 400m hurdles

SEASON'S BEST: 50.67 at ACC Outdoor Championships in the 400m hurdles

BOTTOM LINE: Lipsey, whose season-best time is No. 18 in the country, nabbed the final qualifying spot at regionals.



CLAYTON PARROS

EVENT(S): 4x400 Relay, 400m

SEASON'S BEST: 46.30 at NCAA East Regionals in the 400m

BOTTOM LINE: Parros hopes to keep the momentum from regionals rolling. He has the talent for a top-5 finish and will look to put in a good show in his final race before the Olympic Trials.



SANDI MORRIS

EVENT: Pole Vault

SEASON'S BEST: 4.10 m (13-5 1/4) at NCAA East Regionals

BOTTOM LINE: Morris won the women's pole vault at the East Regionals, but her height would have placed 12th at the West's same meet. If she has one of her best meets, a top-5 finish is not out of the question.



CHRISHAWN WILLIAMS

EVENT: Long Jump

SEASON'S BEST: 6.22 m (20-5) at NCAA East Regionals

BOTTOM LINE: Williams' eighth-place finish at regionals should have her confident heading into nationals. A top-10 finish in Des Moines would be a significant accomplishment in her first-ever national meet.

Lynch shines during final year

UNC senior Becky Lynch was a finalist for the 2012 Tewaaraton Award.

By Henry Gargan
Staff Writer

When Becky Lynch was a sophomore, she was a part of an offense that was a force to be reckoned with, combining for more than 400 points that season.

But that North Carolina women's lacrosse team was led by Corey Donohoe.

Even as an underclassman, Lynch's stats compared nicely with those of the junior All-American. But because of the exploits of her elders, she didn't get as much hype.

For Lynch, that wasn't a problem.

"She was never over-focused on her stats," coach Jenny Levy said. "She let the game come to her. She never goes in saying 'I've got to get my assists' or 'If I don't get five goals I'm not going to be an All-American or be nominated for a Tewaaraton.'"

Despite — or perhaps because of — that mindset, she eventually was.

Last month, the Long Island senior was chosen as one of five finalists for the Tewaaraton Award, women's lacrosse's most prestigious individual trophy.

Though Maryland midfielder Katie Schwarzmann won the award, Lynch said she was honored to have been a nominee.

As a senior, Lynch was third on the team in scoring with 42 goals and tied for the team lead in assists. But her stats only hint at what a linchpin Lynch has been.

When Levy's staff began recruiting Lynch, they noticed she led her high school's basketball team in rebounding.

"That's a gritty thing, you know," Levy said. "That's someone who's willing to go in, get the ball and be physical."

At UNC, Lynch proved that she was willing to do anything for her team. In high school, she had been a midfielder. Levy almost immediately switched her to attack.

From there, Lynch proved to be an effective goal-scorer, though her midfielder background and team-first nature didn't desert her. Her junior season, Lynch etched the proof into the record books with 36 assists, breaking the team's season record.

"I'm more of a player that plays my hardest, and doesn't really think about stats," Lynch said. "If I have goals, great. If not, as long as other people on my team have goals, I'm happy."

Teammates have said that the lacrosse team is a family. For Lynch, that feeling defined her career.

Her father, Jeff Lynch, played lacrosse at UNC, and as a recruit attending the team's lacrosse camp, she knew that the place was in her blood.

As a senior for the Tar Heels, she became the family's matriarch. After Donohoe graduated, the spotlight finally fell upon Lynch, revealing that she'd been patiently prepared to lead all along.

But even when asked questions directly concerning her contribu-

tions, Lynch prefers to discuss what the team did for her.

"I appreciate how important it is to have relationships on the field or off the field because looking back, that's what you really remember," she said. "It's great being able to look back at Carolina and realize how many people really touched my life and how many people I've really had an influence on."

For Lynch, her influence is a gift she'd like to keep giving. Like Donohoe, who is an assistant coach at Navy, Lynch too is headed into coaching. Lynch is excited by the prospect of coaching but also sees a future for herself as a teacher. Levy said she's a natural at both.

With a psychology degree, Lynch will move to England in the fall. There, she'll work as a lacrosse coach and teaching assistant at a high school in Bedford, just north of London.



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Becky Lynch, a recent graduate and Tewaaraton Award finalist, will move to England to pursue a career in coaching lacrosse and teaching.

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Solution to last week's puzzle

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Franklin bank closing

Bank of America is closing its location on Franklin Street, but will stay in town. See pg. 5 for story.

Lacrosse award finalist

Lacrosse player Becky Lynch was a finalist for the Tewaaraton Award. See pg. 7 for story.

New FSU programs

Fayetteville State University will offer students five new graduate programs. See pg. 5 for story.

Summer arts events

The N.C. Museum of Art will host an event celebrating Doc Watson. See pg. 5 for calendar.

The dB's album review

The dB's released their first album in 25 years, *Falling Off the Sky*. See pg. 6 for review.

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14 Cleanse

15 Does a scrapbooking task

16 Away from the wind

17 Tension-easing activity

19 Breathing organ

20 In accordance with

21 Road trip respite

22 Triangular architectural feature

23 Music to a collector's ears

28 Pursue quietly

30 IRS business designation

31 Partner of ciencias

32 Perfect

36 Warsaw

37 Drink suggested by the starts of 17-, 23-, 47- and 58-Across

39 Ancient gathering place

41 Fried, filled tortilla

43 All-out

44 Be gaga over

46 Keystone State team, familiarly

47 New Orleans tourist spot

52 Patron saint of girls

53 Campaigned

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57 Men's clothing cut

58 Starlet's benefactor, perhaps

62 Alien-seeking org.

63 Circle

64 Thunder sound

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1 Turn on a griddle

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4 "Charlotte's ___"

5 Cut taker

6 White-wine cooking liquids

7 Diving bird

8 Hook shape

9 Leb. neighbor

10 Big name in restaurant surveys

11 Out

12 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument

13 Abductee of Paris

18 Skating venues

22 George who famously asked Knute Rockne to

"win just one" for him

24 Ellington's "___ Song Go Out of My Heart"

25 Eyepieces

26 Thing to pass in class

27 Word with gum or rain

28 Gullible sort

29 Gillette's ___ II

33 "Tender ___ Night"

34 Rebellious dispositions

35 Wessailer's song

37 Olympic sport in which belts are worn

38 Second word of many fairy tales

40 They're rolled in Spain

42 Chocolate critters

43 Turn over

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