

2013 DRAKE RELAYS NOTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Attendance: 7,129

Weather: Low - 45 (9:30 a.m.), High - 55 (6 p.m.)

Start - 45 degrees, clear, Wind - 10mph, W

Noon - 52 degrees, clear, Wind - 8 mph, WSW

6 p.m. - 55 degrees, clear, Wind - 11 mph, SSW



PRESENTED BY **HyVee**

AUSTIN ENDS DRAKE DROUGHT IN 5000 METERS

Drake's Brogan Austin charged past North Central's John Crain in the final turn, then held off Crain down the stretch to win the men's invitational 5000 meters, the first victory in that event by a Bulldog athlete. Austin finished in 14:12.50 to edge Crain by .30 seconds. The event has been run at the Relays since 1964. It was the first victory at the Relays by a Drake runner since Gina DeWitt won the university-college 800 in 1995. Austin was the first male athlete from Drake to win since Shaun Benefield won the university-college 800 in 1993. Austin has enjoyed success on the Drake track previously. While at Boone High School, he won Class 3A state championships in the 1600 and 3200 in 2010.

GOORIS REPEATS IN DECATHLON

Northern Iowa senior Daniel Gooris won the decathlon for the second straight year, finishing with 7,395 points. It's the seventh time in the last 10 years that a Northern Iowa athlete or an athlete connected to UNI has won the event. Gooris emerged as the champion after Jake Arnold, who held a 317-point lead through nine events, failed to finish the 1,500. He still finished second with 6,955 points. Arnold set the Drake Stadium of 8,215 points in winning the decathlon at the USA Championships in 2010. Gooris' scored is No. 10 in the U.S. this year.

HEPTATHLON

Former Des Moines Christian athlete Lindsay Lettow captured her first Drake Relays title, compiling 5,470 points to win the heptathlon. Lettow was a two-time NCAA Division II champion in the heptathlon and a two-time champ in the pentathlon at Central Missouri, where she was coached by 15-time Drake Relays decathlon champion and 2000 Olympian Kip Janvrin. She placed in the top four in every event except the javelin. Mary Nall of Mississippi was second with 5,324 points, 12 ahead of Northern Iowa's Paige Knodle. Former Nebraska athlete Chantae McMillan, third at the U.S. Olympic Trials last summer and 29th in the London Olympics, competed in five of the seven events, skipping the shot put and 200.

DISCUS LEGACY SETS RECORD

Freshman Kiana Phelps of Kingsley-Pierson/Woodbury Central set the first record of the 2013 Drake Relays. Phelps won the high school girls discus with a throw of 154-3, which bettered the old record of 151-1 by Iowa City West's Taylor Freeman in 2007. Phelps' father, Scott, won the high school boys discus at the 1986 Drake Relays and is still the Class 1A state meet record holder. Kiana came

within one inch of failing to make the finals, then fouled on her first two throws of the final round before setting the record on her final attempt.

ROBERTS-LEWIS REPEATS IN GIRLS LONG JUMP

Jalyn Roberts-Lewis of Des Moines Roosevelt won the high school girls long jump for the second straight year. Roberts-Lewis went 18-10 1/4, which ranks 13th on the state's all-time list. Her jump was the fourth best winning performance at the Drake Relays, which first held a long jump for high school girls in 1992.

URBANDALE SENIOR REPEATS IN BOYS SHOT PUT

Urbandale senior Shaquille Wells repeated as the champion in the high school boys shot put, throwing 59-7 1/2, more than four feet farther than his winning throw last year. Wells is the only Urbandale athlete who has won the event at Drake.

IOWA STATE ENDS BIG TEN RUN IN WOMEN'S 4X1600 RELAY

Iowa State ended a four-year championship run by Big Ten schools in winning the women's university-college 4x1600 relay. With senior Ejiro Okoro anchoring in 4:43.4, the Cyclones finished in 19:16.69. Iowa won last year's race, while Minnesota won in 2009, 2010 and 2011. It's the first Drake Relays victory for Iowa State in the event and the Cyclones easily outran Minnesota, which took second in 19:23.25. Maggie Gannon (4:52.7), Dani Stack (4:49.2) and Crystal Nelson (4:43.4) ran the first three legs for the Cyclones.

ANOTHER WIN FOR IRISH IN MEN'S 4X1600 RELAY

Notre Dame won the men's university-college 4x1600 relay for the sixth time in the last 12 years and the seventh time overall. The Irish got a solid 4:04.1 anchor from Jeremy Rae to win in 16:42.89. Notre Dame's last Drake Relays victory in the event came in 2008, when the Irish won it for the third straight time. D.J. Thornton (4:15.2) led off for Notre Dame and was followed by Michael Clevenger (4:08.3), J.P. Malette (4:15.7) and Rae, who was coming off a fourth-place finish in the 1500 at the Mt. SAC Relays. Minnesota was second and Iowa State third. Rae anchored Notre to second-place finishes in the 4x1600 at Drake in 2010 and 2011.