



2019 NCAA OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNE 5-8 | MIKE A. MYERS STADIUM | AUSTIN, TEXAS

Event Winner Quotes Wednesday, June 5, 2019

DANIEL HAUGH, Kennesaw State, Sr. (Men's Hammer Throw Champion)

"The only thought that comes to mind is thankful. Thankful for the Lord who makes this possible, thankful for my parents, my coaching staff, my friends and family who believe in me and push me day in and day out. None of this would be possible without the community that I am surrounded with on a daily basis."

"It was just my training. You know in these types of conditions and this environment you always fall back to the level of your training. I think that showed today. It wasn't the distance I was hoping for, but you come here to compete and you come here to have fun, and that's what we did."

"It's awesome (to win Kennesaw State's first Division I track and field championship). I'm just super thankful for (Kennesaw State) to give me this opportunity and none of it would be possible without all of the support staff there."

ANDERSON PETERS, Mississippi State, So. (Men's Javelin Throw Champion)

"It feels really good to be part of a team that was able to go 1-2-3 in the javelin. It also feels really good to throw 86 meters again, but I didn't quite accomplish my goal for the season yet, which is to get into the 90-meter section, so I'm looking forward to the international season."

"This is all part of the process. At the Texas Relays I was able to throw 86 meters once, and here I was able to do it twice, so it's all part of the training leading up to the World Championships."

"I'm proud of myself and I'm proud of my teammates (for being the first team since 1964 to go 1-2-3 in the NCAA Championships). I'm proud of everyone who was part of the competition."

"I believe this is a special stadium for javelin throwers. I think most javelin throwers look forward to competing here. I've been excited to compete here all season, so I think it's a special place for the javelin."

TRIPP PIPERI, Texas, So. (Men's Shot Put Champion)

"I don't think people are used to this heat and humidity, so that's always a plus, and I've got a lot of my family and friends here to support me. I wouldn't say those are the biggest factors, but it was nice having them here and being able to show out for the fans and being at home, it's great."

"A lot of (the key to success) is just being in the right mindset. I listen to a lot of music and I get really fired up, which is one way to put it. Coming into big meets like this, I've just got to trust my form. I've been doing it all year, I've been practicing non-stop, just working at it, and this is not the meet to really think about it, it's just 'go.'"

"(The moment after winning) was great. I can't really explain that much, I was just ecstatic. I've been thinking about that for weeks – just being able to look up to the stands and be like, 'I did it here at home. I did it for y'all.' That type of feeling is unbeatable, especially now."

JUVAUGHN HARRISON, LSU, So. (Men's Long Jump Champion)

"It was a big accomplishment for me (to win with so many jumpers over eight meters). To be able to come out here and compete well and win for my team was a really big accomplishment for me. I went out early in indoor and I didn't do well last year, so to come out here and win, it's just heaven."

"I definitely thought I was going to have to go better (than 8.20m) with the way the competition was going, but then it started slowing down because the equipment wasn't working. I guess it worked out in my favor, but I felt like it was going to be a little farther."

"I'm very proud of the achievement. It was a goal of mine coming into the season to be able to come out here and win nationals, and to be able to come out and do it, I'm just happy. I feel really good about it."

CHRIS NILSEN, South Dakota, Jr. (Men's Pole Vault Champion)

"I had a Texas tailwind, and it's a really good spot to jump. I'm not really coming out of this thinking, 'Oh I beat Mondo,' because he still jumped higher than me way more times. He's jumped 6.05m before. I'm happy to be taking shots at the collegiate record, but above all, I was just thinking, 'This competition was nuts.' It was seven people over 5.70m, and then two people over 5.80m. I think it's just a pleasure to come out here. I wasn't thinking about beating anybody, but it's amazing. I love that I get to come out here and compete against all of my friends. These guys are all my friends and I love them all to death."

"I'm lost for words (on being part of one of the best competitions in NCAA history). It's an honor, I'm grateful, and it makes it even better that I'm friends with all the guys. I think if I had been overseas at a meet in Europe or something and I had jumped high, I would have thought, 'Okay, that's kind of cool,' but I get to share this experience with a bunch of college guys. It might be the best NCAA competition there's been right now,

but it's also one of the best competitions that's happened in pole vault in a long time, period. It was just fun."

"I think I've kind of been looking for that PR since last year, but to come here and do it at NCAAs and defend my title. That's perfect."

CLAYTON YOUNG, BYU, Sr. (10,000 Meter Champion)

"It feels incredible. I wouldn't be here without my team, first shout out to them."

"It's a very rare occasion that I've got that speed in me (in the last lap), but that whole race was just patience, patience, patience. I knew if I stayed patient and took the lead that once I took the lead I'd have to give it all. I knew if I beat the Alabama runner to the last 200m that I could take it and finish strong enough to make it the line. My kick hasn't always been well-known, I often get passed in the last 200m. It's happened time and time again. I've been at nationals in six different events now, and I've led going into the last 400m two or three times and gotten eaten up every time. So practicing that over and over and over again to close it out this senior year, it feels incredible. It took me long enough to figure it out."

"It was just a shift in mentality. In the 10K, it's all about staying as relaxed as possible, shout out to my father. When I stay as relaxed as possible, especially going into that last 400m, I think that's what made the difference. I wasn't spent and I knew I had more in me."

"I knew that one of us from BYU was going to win it (coming in). I kept telling my teammates time and time again over the last two weeks that I've got a great feeling that one of us four is going to win it. We had six guys going in, but the big four – shout out to Rory Linkletter, Connor McMillan, Conner Mantz – I think any of us could have won it on this day. I just happened to pull the right straw today, but if we ran this race tomorrow, I bet one of them might win."