

MEET HISTORY

K.T. WOODMAN CLASSIC HISTORY / SHOCKER PRE-STATE CHALLENGE

The K.T. Woodman Classic celebrates the 67th anniversary of the inaugural event this week at Cessna Stadium. The K.T. Woodman Classic is the signature home outdoor meet every season for Wichita State. Wichita State University and the WSU-ICAA have renovated Cessna Stadium in recent years to provide a first-class facility for the Shocker men's and women's track and field programs and the annual running of the K.T. Woodman Classic.

Originally billed as a "college invitation track meet," this event has evolved into an important meet for high schools, junior colleges and many of the top collegiate track programs in the Midwest. The meet has grown to include nearly 75 high schools in the Shock Pre-State Challenge portion of the meet, as well as several college-division entrants in the K.T. Woodman Classic portion. Past collegiate participants have come from the University of Kansas, Kansas State, Pittsburg State, Emporia State and Fort Hays State.

In early 1947, former WSU track and field coach Charles "Ab" Bidwell was looking for some competition to prepare his team for the upcoming spring season. On April 5 of that year, teams from El Dorado Junior College, Bethel College, Friends University and Kansas State Teachers College joined the Wheatshockers in a meet held at the site of the original WSU track on 17th Street, where the Sheldon Coleman Tennis Complex now sits. Wichita took first place in the invitational, and a track tradition was born.

Under the direction of Bidwell (1946-54), and his successors Mel Patton (1954-56), Fritz Snodgrass (1956-68), Herm Wilson (1969-83), John Kornelson (1984-2000), and current head coach, Steve Rainbolt (2001-present), the Shocker Invitational has grown and evolved into a highly recognized and respected event.

For the first 22 years, the invitational was conducted as a one-day event, with two or three colleges and universities and a number of local high schools participating in the meet. In 1969, under Wilson's direction, the meet was extended to two days.

The meet continued to grow, with as many as 200 teams and more than 3,000 athletes in some of the early K.T. Woodman Classic meets during the 1970s. Top performers appearing over the years have included Olympians Carl Lewis (long jump), Al Oerter (discus) and Evelyn Ashford (sprints); Kansas products Jim Ryun (Wichita East and Kansas) and Bob Barratt (Wichita North), both of whom were high school All-Americans in the distance events, while Ryun went on to compete in the Olympics; hurdles record-holders Jim Bolding (Oklahoma State), Marcus Walker (Colorado), Nolan Cromwell (Kansas), and high school All-American Ron Beiter. The Colorado 400-meter relay team of the early 1970s, featuring Cliff Branch and Larry Brunson, and Barton County/Wichita State sprinter Alicia McQueen dazzled crowds with their speed.

The Shockers have also been well-represented over the years, with All-American distance runners Alan Walker and Randy Smith, as well as Olympians Preston Carrington (long jump), Werner Botha (800m), Viktors Lacinis (800m), Fred Burton (pole vault), and Einars Tuperitis (800m). WSU record-holders Rene Bumgarner and Nina Thompson made appearances and won during their high school and college careers.

Over the past 65 years, the meet has undergone several changes, including a move to its present site at Wichita State's Cessna Stadium. Different event names have also come and gone throughout the years, as the University of Wichita Invitational gave way to the WSU Invitational, and later, the WSU Relays. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, the meet was held in conjunction with other home sporting events and became known as the Shocker Sports Festival.

In 1986, the meet was renamed to honor former track team member and captain, K.T. Woodman, a 1936 graduate of the University of Wichita. By the time Woodman graduated from WU, he had earned seven letters in track and basketball.

In 1985, Woodman, who competed on dirt and cinder tracks during his collegiate career, was motivated by a need to do something beneficial for the young men and women in the track program at Wichita State and to repay the university for the opportunities he received. His donation of \$100,000 resulted in the much-needed refurbishing of the track. Until his death in 1996, Woodman remained active on campus and in the athletic department, serving on the Alumni Council, as a member of the Shocker Athletic Scholarship Organization (SASO) and in several other capacities. His memory lives on in the minds and hearts of those who compete in and cheer on athletic competitions.



J.K. GOLD CLASSIC / HERM WILSON INVITATIONAL / VARSITY APARTMENTS INVITATIONAL



In August 2014, Wichita State hosted the 66th annual John 'J.K.' Kornelson Gold Classic to kick off the cross country season. The J.K. Gold Classic, hosted at the RAFT Golf Course in Augusta, Kan., has developed into an annual event for the Shockers to start the season in the comfort of familiar confines. In recent years, the event has evolved into more than a college cross country race, as high school varsity and junior varsity races are now included in the meet.

During the 2015 indoor track & field season, Wichita State hosted two meets at the WSU Heskett Center — the Herm Wilson Invitational, presented by Varsity Apartments, and the Shocker Prelude, presented by Varsity Apartments. Shocker Track & Field renamed the WSU Invitational to the Herm Wilson Invitational in 2011 in honor of Herm Wilson, who served as head coach of WSU track & field from 1967-83. Wilson was inducted into the Shocker Sports Hall of Fame in 1996. The Shocker Prelude was formally known as the WSU Quad and Multi and Varsity Apartments Invitational.

SHOCKER OUTDOOR RECORDS

Men	Date	Time/Mark	Event	Time/Mark	Date	Women
I. Adenyanju	1990	10.20	100-Meter Dash	11.44	5/15/11	N. Larch-Miller
B. Swan	5/18/02	20.70	200-Meter Dash	23.51	5/15/11	A. Moore
K. Peppers	5/28/83	46.39	400-Meter Dash	53.33	5/28/83	S. Forbes
E. Tupuritis	7/13/96	1:43.90	800-Meter Run	2:06.12	4/18/09	K. Johnson
E. Tupuritis	1996	3:41.00	1,500-Meter Run	4:16.71	6/26/09	K. Johnson
A. Walker	6/23/72	4:00.90	One-Mile Run			
			3,000-Meter Run	9:46.90	4/23/88	K. Evans
R. Smith	6/18/75	8:28.00	3,000 M Steeplechase	10:12.28	6/2/08	M. Land
B. Johnson	4/3/2015	14:03.58	5,000-Meter Run	15:18.86	2013	A. Tuliamuk
M. Annandale	5/29/91	28:48.64	10,000-Meter Run	32:07.20	2013	A. Tuliamuk
T. McKown	5/26/12	13.42	110-Meter Hurdles			
			100-Meter Hurdles	13.37	4/23/05	L. Eck
V. Lacis	6/3/01	49.60	400-Meter Hurdles	57.48	5/13/12	N. Morerod
M. Reckley	5/30/03	39.46	4x100-Meter Relay	45.43	5/17/09	N. Morerod
J. Grove						N. Larch-Miller
B. Swan						T. Larch-Miller
S. Armstrong						Pruitt
B. Swan	4/27/01	3:07.71	4x400-Meter Relay	3:41.45	4/16/05	I. Petruna
V. Lacis						K. Harmon
S. Johansson						L. Feldberga
D. Powell						T. Gallegos
D. Puvogel	4/24/82	7-4.5 in	High Jump	6-1 1/4 in	5/11/89	C. Long
R. Barkdull	4/24/96	18-6.5 in	Pole Vault	13-9 1/4 in	2008	B. Demo
D. Duvall	4/5/80	26-2.5 in	Long Jump	20-10 1/2 in	4/24/10	L. Brown
R. Lewis	4/25/03	55-1 1/2 in	Triple Jump	43-10 1/2 in	5/18/02	I. Radevica
B. Johnson	5/17/03	60-10 1/2 in	Shot Put	47-11 3/4 in	5/12/07	K. Wartick
C. Tozier	1995	197-9 in	Discus	181-9 in	2013	M. Garcia
J. Hamilton	6/1/91	205-9 in	Hammer Throw	201-00 in	4/13/98	K. Panek
T. Mazanec	6/7/10	238-1 in	Javelin	159-10 in	5/17/99	V. Webb
A. Bahner	2013	7,847 pts	Decath/Heptath	5,899 pts	5/16/93	T. Friesen

MEET RECORDS — COLLEGE / STADIUM RECORDS

Collegiate Meet Records

Men

100m	9.99	..... Ray Edwards (Unattached) — 2005
200m	20.5	..... Izaq Adeyanju (Wichita State) — 1990
400m	46.25	..... Ivory Williams (Butler County CC) — 2005
800m	1:47.25	..... Einars Tupuritis (Wichita State) — 1995
1,500m	3:46.28	..... Eliud Njubi (Dodge City CC) — 1999
Mile	4:09.96	..... Mark Kennard (Missouri) — 1993
3,000m	8:20.51	..... Kiptum (Oklahoma State) — 1994
3,000m steeple	8:52.4	..... Steve Fisher (Missouri) — 1979
5,000m	14:12.4	..... George Collier (Wichita State) — 1982
10,000m	30:21.77	..... David Mountford (Oklahoma City) — 2014
110m HH	13.66	..... Todd McKown — 2012
400m IH	51.49	..... Viktors Lacis (Wichita State) — 2002
4x100m relay	40.32	..... Askia Track Club — 1989
4x400m relay	3:10.8	..... Nebraska — 1982
4x110m H relay	57.57	..... Wichita State — 2011
High jump	7-5	..... Nathan Leeper (Unattached) — 2002
Pole vault	18-5	..... Pat Manson (Kansas) — 1989
Long jump	27-4 1/4	..... Clint Whitaker (Missouri) — 1979
Triple jump	54-6	..... Randy Lewis (Unattached) — 2005
Shot put	63-4	..... Luke Pinkelman (Nebraska) — 2012
Discus	198-4	..... Eric Korsoj (Nebraska) — 1981
Hammer	240-4	..... Yuri Sedykh (Unattached) — 1995
Javelin	246-10	..... Ron Bahm (Kansas) — 1986

Women

100m	11.30	..... Dominique Kimpel (Iowa Central CC) — 2012
200m	23.7	..... Beverly McDonald (Barton) — 1990
400m	54.0	..... Michelle Maxey (Kansas State) — 1986
800m	2:05.00	..... Deb Hartzog (Kansas) — 1979
1,500m	4:22.23	..... Kellyn Johnson (Wichita State) — 2009
3,000m	9:46.9	..... Kathryn Evans (Wichita State) — 1988
5,000m	16:19.17	..... Tonya Nero (Wichita State) — 2011
10,000m	34:46.4	..... Mariam Kaumba (Oklahoma Baptist) — 2005
100m HH	13.40	..... Lindsay Eck (Wichita State) — 2005
400m IH	57.60	..... Ryann Krais (Kansas State) — 2011
3,000m steeple	10:17.60	..... Desiraye Osburn (Unattached) — 2007
4x100m relay	45.05	..... Barton County CC — 1990
4x400m relay	3:43.90	..... Kansas State — 2011
High jump	6-2	..... Gwen Wentland (Nike) — 1996
Long jump	20-6 1/2	..... Saunders (Barton) — 1992
Triple jump	41-11 1/2	..... Krisztina Kovacs (Nebraska) — 2002
Pole Vault	13-7 3/4	..... Brooke Demo (Wichita State) — 2009
Shot put	52-07	..... Rebekah Green (Kansas State) — 2001
Discus	181-9	..... Mariah Garcia (Wichita State) — 2013
Hammer	196-11	..... Loren Groves, (Unat. - Kansas State) — 2010
Javelin	169-10	..... Wilkinson-Colgrove (Unatt.)



Cessna Stadium Records

Men

100-Meter Dash - Ray Edwards Unattached, 2005	9.99
200-Meter Dash - James Butler, Oklahoma State, 1982	20.40
400-Meter Dash - Adrian Rogers, Maccabi TC, 1979	45.34
800-Meter Run - Rick Wohlhuter, University of Chicago TC, 1977	1:45.8
1,500-Meter Run - Rick Wohlhuter, University of Chicago TC, 1975	3:36.4
One-Mile Run - Mark Kennard, Missouri, 1983	4:09.96
3,000-Meter Run - Patrick Kiptum, Oklahoma State, 1994	8:20.51
3,000-Meter Steeplechase - Doug Brown, Athletics West, 1980	8:33.7
5,000-Meter Run - Craig Virgin, St. Louis TC, 1979	13:31.67
10,000-Meter Run - Dan Dwyer, OCE Athletics, 1979	29:02.5
110-Meter Hurdles - Tonie Campbell, So. California, 1981	13.44
400-Meter Hurdles - Jim Bolding, Pacific Coast Club, 1975	48.69
4x100-Meter Relay - Colorado, 1971	39.34
1,600 (4x400)-Meter Relay - DC International, 1980	3:03.0
High Jump - Nathan Leeper, Unattached, 2002	7-5
Long Jump - Carl Lewis, Santa, Monica TC, 1982	27-6 1/4
Triple Jump - Ajayi Agbelbaku, Maccabi TC, 1982	55-2 3/4
Pole Vault - Earl Bell, Arkansas State, 1976	18-7 1/4
Discus - Al Oerter, New York Athletic Club, 1980	227-11
Shot Put - Al Feuerbach, Pacific Coast Club, 1974	70-10 1/2
Hammer - Richard Olsen, Maccabi TC, 1980	243-0
Old Javelin - Sam Colson, Kansas, 1972	272-5
Decathlon - Jeff Bennett, Eagle TC, 1975	8,040 points

Women

100-Meter Dash - Evelyn Ashford, Maccabi TC, 1979	11.16
200-Meter Dash - Evelyn Ashford, Med TC, 1981	22.62
400-Meter Dash - Shirley Williams, Prairie View A&M, 1979	52.16
800-Meter Run - Essie Kelly, Prairie View A&M, 1979	2:03.80
1,500-Meter Run - Francie Larrieu, Pacific Coast Club, 1979	4:11.9
One-Mile Run - Leisha Tenney, Wichita State, 1983	5:05.7
3,000-Meter Run - Brenda Webb, Know TC, 1980	9:15.5
3,000-Meter Steeplechase - Desiraye Osburn, Unattached, 2007	10:17.60
5,000-Meter Run - Sarah Brisendine, Garden City CC, 2002	16:22.95
10,000-Meter Run - Mariam Kaumba, Oklahoma Baptist, 2005	34:46.4
100-Meter Hurdles - Stephanie Hightower, LA Naturite, 1982	13.19
400-Meter Hurdles - Sandy Myers, LA Naturite, 1981	56.58
4x100-Meter Relay - LA Naturite, 1982	44.29
1,600 (4x400)-Meter Relay - Prairie View A&M, 1979	3:32.8
High Jump - Pam Spencer, LA Naturite, 1981	6-5 1/4
Long Jump - Dorothy Scott, Atom TC, 1982	21-2
Triple Jump - Malaiyah Love, Southern Illinois, 2012	43-2 1/4
Pole Vault - Natalie Willer, Nebraska, 2011	13-9 1/4
Discus - Jeneva McCall, Southern Illinois, 2012	183-8
Shot Put - Jeneva McCall, Southern Illinois, 2012	53-8.5
Hammer - Jeneva McCall, Southern Illinois, 2012	225-9
Old Javelin - Kate Smith, Pacific Coast Club, 1977	201-1
Heptathlon - Patsy Walker, Houston, 1981	5,662 points