

Georgia sophomore Denzel Comenentia - men's hammer throw champion

“It feels great winning this title because I wasn’t expecting it,” said Comenentia. “To execute like I did late in the comp was an encouraging feeling. Alex (Poursanidis) and I are the first to score for the men so hopefully we boost everyone up with our performances today.”

Georgia freshman Beatrice Llano - women's hammer throw champion

“This is an amazing feeling and I think gives me more power and motivation heading into the NCAA Prelims and Nationals,” said Llano. “I am proud to score points for my team and I think it proves that being a freshman is not an excuse.”

Texas A&M junior Ioannis Kyriazis - men’s javelin champion

“I’m super happy and super excited to be part of this team. I just want to keep performing at a high level.

“Honestly, because I threw with cross-over steps, it didn’t feel like a good throw. It was kind of an empty throw. But when I heard it was 80 meters, I was kind of surprised since I didn’t expect it to be 80 meters.

“Now I want to get a good throw at NCAA West to qualify for nationals, and then I’ll use my throws in Eugene to try to set a new PR.”

Alabama junior Alfred Chelanga - men’s 10,000m champion

“The race turned out well, because I won. The first half was really slow, then we were supposed to make a move after 17 laps. He made a move with 12 laps to go, and I decided to follow him. He told me we were too slow, and I said ‘okay, let’s go.’”

Missouri sophomore Jamie Kempfer - women’s 10,000m champion

“It means the world to be out there grinding for my team. Those 10 points mean a lot. It started out pretty slow. Championship races usually do, so I was ready for that. I let some of the other people do more of the work on the front half so I didn’t have to use that much energy at the beginning. I knew I would have to shake some of the other girls loose early on in the race, so I started picking it up with two miles to go.”