Olympics

Taylor won the NCAA championship in 400 meters in 1997 and 1998. Taylor is already a two-time third straight contest.

Taylor will compete in the 400 meters and 400 meter hurdles. Pre-qualifying, Taylor ranked third in the nation in the 400 meters with a time of 44.05 and seventh in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 48.45.

In the 400-meter hurdles, Taylor qualified for the semifinals with a personal-time of 49.54. He then qualified for the finals with a time of 48.59 in the first division, his time was better than the top finisher in the other semi-final.

Taylor went on to place third in the finals with a time of 48.42. In the 400 meter dash, Taylor did not finish in the quarterfinals and was eliminated from the event.

Kidd competed in qualifying for the 200 meter and 400 meter dashes. Currently, Kidd’s time in the 400 meters is 51.46, No. 13 in the nation.

Kidd was a three time All-American for the Jackets during her sophomore to senior year. Kidd did not qualify for the 200 meters as she finished fifth in the division in the semifinals.

Kidd qualified in the 400 meters with a time of 53.22 seconds. Kidd finished seventh in the division in the semifinals with a time of 52.37.

Depland was also a three time All-American, but in the triple jump. She ranked No. 14 in the nation pre-qualifying with a mark of 44 feet, 5.25 inches. Depland qualified for the finals with a mark of 13.60 meters on her final attempt. In the finals, Depland finished 10 with a mark of 13.12 on her final attempt and fouled her second and third trials.

Krummenacker won the 800 meter NCAA championship twice as a student-athlete and owns the 21 best time in the nation at 1 minute, 46.75 seconds. Krummenacker finished eighth with a 53.45 feet, 4.50 inches.

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In the 100 meter hurdles, Howard finished the quarterfinals with a time of 1 minute, 49.35 seconds. In the semifinals, Howard, who finished last in his division with a time of 1 minute, 48.09 seconds. Moss will compete in the 100 meter hurdles. Moss finished her career with a third place finish in the 100 meter hurdles. She owns the 16 best time in the nation at 12.96 seconds in the event. She finished fourth in the 100 meter hurdles with a mark of 13.33 seconds.

In the finals, Moss advanced with a time of 13.18 seconds and in the semi-finals, she was eliminated with a time of 13.04 seconds.

Lemons will compete in the triple jump after earning All-America honors with a No. 16 best mark of 54.25 feet. Jordan will also compete in the qualifying as a student; he currently holds the twenty-fifth best mark in the nation with 52.95 inches in the triple jump pre-qualifying.

Jordan finished the event with the 13th best distance at 52.75 inches, but did not qualify for the finals. Lemons did qualify for the finals with a distance of 52.47 inches. In the finals, Lemons finished eighth with a mark of 53.45 feet, 4.50 inches.

The Jackets also sent five current swimmers to qualifying. Senior Noah Copeland, junior Johnny Hagaman and Agatha Kwansick, sophomore Travis Wagner and freshman Heidi Hartenberg went to Omaha, Nebraska for the Olympic Swimming Trials.

Copeland competed in the 100 and 200 meter freestyle with a time of 51.16 seconds in the 100 and 1 minute, 54.77 seconds in the 200. He also posted a mark of 55.65 in the 100 meter butterfly.

Hagaman timed in at 57.76 seconds in the 100 meter backstroke. Kwansick finished the 100 meter freestyle with a time of 57.79 seconds.

Wagner competed with Copeland in the 100 meter backstroke and finished with a time of 55.10.

Finally, Hatteberg finished with a time of 1 minute, 5.76 seconds in the 100 meter backstroke.

Pitchers

Christ Hicks sports a 5.68 ERA in 6.1 innings over seven appearances with a .345 batting average against. Zach Brewster has a 5.14 ERA in seven innings pitched in three games. Zach Von Tersch has a 5.34 ERA in seven innings pitched in three games.

All the Jackets in the Cal Ripken League are on the Mortgage broods. Jeff Rowland is second on the team among qualifiers with a .298 batting average, 10 RBIs and 13 stolen bases. Patrick Long is sporting a .294 average through 14 games with nine home runs and 10 RBIs. For the pitchers, Kevin Jacob is 1-0 with a 6.11 ERA in 14 innings over eight appearances.

Taylor Wood is 5-1 with a 3.65 ERA in 24.2 innings, Tony Plagman, in four games, has four hits in 14 at bats and one RBI. Deck Mead is 4-0 in five starts, 6-0 with a 1.45 ERA. In 22 games, Chris House is hitting .272 with two home runs, nine RBIs and 10 stolen bases. Thomas Nichols is batting .239 with 10 RBIs.

Baseball kicks off summer leagues

By Akshay Amaraneni

Derek Dietrich capped his freshman year off with several freshman awards, including most recently the Rivals.com freshman of the Year, this summer he takes aims to try and reclaim the title the gold medal they lost in 2004. Dietrich is currently fifth on the team with a .280 batting average and leads the team in slugging percentage at .520.

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as catcher with one home-run and six RBIs. For the Cornut Keerlites, Brandon Curton, Tech tech med Saturday starter, has an 0-1 record with a 6.00 ERA and nine innings pitched in three games. Zach Von Tersch has a 5.34 ERA in seven innings pitched in three games.
but lost the ninth to move back to a tie. After winning 11, he would lead the match for good.

Fathauer put a cap on the US’s winning streak with a 1-up victory over Shaw. The match went back and forth till the 18 when Fathauer would par the final hole for the win.

Unfortunately, Mitchell could not keep the streak going as he dropped a 5 and 4 match to Blixt. Mitchell won the first hole and would not win one after that. Blixt went on to win six of the next 17 holes. For the rest of the victories, Europe’s Borrowman defeated Horschel and Sluiter beat Thompson. Both won in close 1-up victories to bring the Day 1 tally to 6.5-5-5 in favor of the US.

Europe would go on to sweep the foursome matches to move to a 9.5-6.5 advantage over the Americans. Hadley and teammate Fathauer were the only two to go the distance against Europeans Caldwell and Shaw. They lost a close 1-up match to the tandem.

Hadley and Fathauer won the second and third but lost the fourth and fifth. The match would go back and forth after that until hole 17 when Europe would reclaim the lead and tie 18 for the victory. In the other matches, Campillo and Shriver won a 3 and 2 match over Chappell and Fowler.

Blixt and Hedin defeated Goldberg and Thompson 6 and 4 and Borrowman and Ford beat Horschel and Mitchell 5 and 4.

The final day did not get much better for the Americans, but did for Hadley. Campillo and Fowler split a point, while Blixt beat Thompson, 2 and 1, for a European victory. Hedin beat Mitchell 5 and 2 before Ford came from behind to split against Horschel. Caldwell beat Goldberg for the final European victory, 5 and 2. Hadley would become the first American to win on day two with a close 1-up win over Shaw. Hadley would birdie 10, 11 and 12 before dropping 14 and 15, but held on for the victory. Borrowman would defeat Kevin Chappell before Fathauer would claim a point for the US in the final round against Sluiter. Fathauer won two of the final three holes for the match.

Hadley will return to Tech next season to lead a team that finished out of the top-10 in their regional for the first time in program history.

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Sports Editor

Jake Rudolph passed away last week at 78 after a stroke. Rudolph embodied Coach Bobby Dodd’s ideals for a player: tough, hard-working and made few mistakes.

In one of the most important plays in Tech history, the Jackets were facing fourth down in front of Tech’s end zone, Alabama running back Bobby Marlow saw an opening and took the ball in for what looked like a touchdown. In came five-foot-seven, 155 pound Jake Rudolph, against a bigger back, to make what would come to be known as the $125,000 tackle. Tech kept the score at 3-0 ‘Bama on that play and the Jackets would score a late touchdown to win the game 7-3. The win preserved an 11-0 season to that point and also gave the Jackets the SEC title for the year. They went on to meet Ole Miss in the Sugar Bowl and won 24-7 for Tech’s third national title.

After college, Rudolph spent time in Germany as a member of the Air Force. Following that he coached one season at the Darlington School before moving taking over at Memphis University School, where in 38 seasons, he had a 295-119-4 record with a state title and 10 district titles.

The 1952 Tech football team went 12-0 to capture their third undefeated season, Jake Rudolph (13, second row) would make a game-saving tackle against Alabama to preserve an undefeated season.
Tech athletes try out for Olympics

Tech has had several athletes participate in the Olympics and Olympic trials, adding to the totals were seven current and former athletes that traveled to Oregon for track and field and five for swimming.

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Tech had several athletes compete in the Olympic qualifiers last week in Eugene, Ore. on the campus of the University of Oregon. The former athletes include James Lemons II and Shantia Moss, who just finished their careers on the flats.


Chaunte Howard held the nation’s top mark pre-qualifying in the women’s high jump at six feet, six inches. At Tech, Howard was a three-time national champion in the high jump at Tech and attended the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

During the event, Howard qualified for the finals with a jump of 1.82 meters. In the finals, Howard finished at the top with a jump of six feet, five and a half inches.

Hadley represents Tech in Palmer Cup

2008 All-American Chesson Hadley joined the United States collegiate team for the Palmer Cup last month. The Palmer Cup is an annual Ryder Cup style competition was between the US collegiate team against the best European collegiate golfers. Europe won the 2008 Palmer Cup by a final score of 14-10, but the US leads the overall competition, 6-5-1 with the tie coming in 1998 when the competition was between the US and Great Britain and Ireland.

The tournament took place on the par-71 Glasgow Golf Club Gailes Links, designed by Willie Park Jr. Hadley is the sixth ranked golfer in the nation and becomes the fifth Tech golfer to participate in the event. Matt Kuchar, Bryce Molder, Jeff Overton and Kevin Larsen are past participants.

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