

Throwers Highlight Day One at West Preliminaries

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Sean Richardson is one of three BYU javelin throwers to qualify for the 2010 NCAA Championships. BYU Photo/Jaren Wilkey

AUSTIN, Texas (May 27, 2010) – BYU’s throwers took care of business Thursday in the first day of the NCAA Track and Field West Preliminary as four finished in the top 12 of their respective events to qualifying for NCAA Nationals.

“We had some very good performances today,” BYU men’s head coach Mark Robison said. “The heat and humidity have been a challenge but we’re competing well. The javelin went well with all three of our guys qualifying for NCAAs. Ryan Waite ran great and easily qualified for the next round in the 800 meters. We’re in pretty good shape. We have a lot of events tomorrow and we hope everyone will perform well.”

The javelin trio of Sean Richardson, Blaine Baker and Chris Reno finished 10th, 11th and 12th, respectively, to earn spots in the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore., June 9-12. Leif Arrhenius was the fourth thrower to qualify with a sixth-place finish in the shot put.

Ryan Waite had a successful day with a seventh-place finish in the 800 meters. He is one of 24 runners that advanced to compete on Friday in the quarterfinals. The top 12 in each event advance to the NCAA Championships along with the top 12 in each event in the East Preliminary.

Competition resumes on Friday with Chris Little and Tanner Emrich competing in the pole vault, Oliver Whaley in the hammer throw, Trevor Heiner in the high jump, Waite in the 800m quarterfinals, Bryan Payne and Lance Walker in the 400m hurdles and Richard Nelson, Ryan Merriman and Josh Adams in the 3000m steeplechase.

See the list below for the athlete’s marks from Thursday. [CLICK HERE](#) for complete results.

Rank	Name	Event	Mark	
10	Sean Richardson*	Javelin	67.09mq	220-01
11	Blaine Baker*	Javelin	66.72mq	218-11
12	Chris Reno*	Javelin	65.51mq	214-11
6	Leif Arrhenius*	Shot put	18.11mq	59-05.00
27	Daniel Lawson	Shot put	16.64m	54-07.25
32	Lance Walker	400m hurdles	52.51	
37	Bryan Payne	400m hurdles	53.35	
38	Brian Weirich	1500m	3:53.13	
38	Rhyan Atrice	400m	47.87	
7	Ryan Waite@	800m	1:47.96Q	
27	Jonathan Kotter	10000m	30:35.93	
40	Aaron Powell	Long jump	6.78m	22-03.00

*Qualified for NCAA National Championships in Eugene, Ore.

@Advanced to final 24 at West Preliminary