

Cougars Find More Success at West Preliminary

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Nachelle Stewart was the top qualifier in the 800 meters.
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AUSTIN, Texas (May 28, 2010) – BYU’s 800 meter dominance continued and Mindy McClurkin displayed her all-around abilities on day two of the NCAA West Preliminary. With four members of the team earning qualifying marks, five Cougars have earned spots in six events at the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Ore., June 9-12.

“We had some good things happen today,” BYU head women’s coach Craig Poole said. “Mindy had a great day and so did our 800 meter runners. They all ran great races and three were able to advance. All in all it was a good day and we have several opportunities tomorrow to have athletes qualify for nationals.”

Nachelle Stewart was the top finisher in the 800 meters and Lacey Cramer and Angela Wagner joined her in the top 12 to qualify for nationals. Stewart registered at time of 2:04.26 while Cramer came in at 2:05.32 and Wagner at 2:05.52.

Mindy McClurkin earned a spot in the quarterfinals of the 200 meters. The race will be held Saturday with a trip to nationals on the line. McClurkin displayed her versatility by taking second in the long jump with a leap of 6.54 meters (21-05.50) to qualify for nationals.

Cougars competing on Saturday include Madara Dzalbe in the triple jump, Tipaleli Fotu in the hammer throw, Ada Robinson, Ashley Dziendziel and Diana Blauer in the high jump, the 4x100 meter relay team, McClurkin in the 200 meter quarterfinals and Nicole Nielsen in the 5000 meters.

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

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Rank	Name	Event	Mark	
43	Amy Otis	100m hurdles	14.40	
17	Mindy McClurkin	100m	11.74	
1	Nachelle Stewart*	800m	2:04.26Q	
5	Lacey Cramer*	800m	2:05.32Q	
11	Angela Wagner*	800m	2:05.52q	
22	Nicole Clark	800m	2:09.23	
15	Mindy McClurkin@	200m	23.75Q	
26	Porshe Giddings	200m	24.23	
18	Katie Bowen	Steeplechase	10:36.26	
38	Katy Andrews	Steeplechase	11:00.77	
2	Mindy McClurkin*	Long Jump	6.54mq	21-05.50

*Qualified for NCAA National Championships in Eugene, Ore.

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