

### K-State Kynard Defends High Jump Title at NCAA Track Championships

Another successful day at the NCAA outdoor track and field championships at Drake stadium in Des Moines, Iowa for area colleges.

Kansas State Wildcat, Erik Kynard had a battle on his hand for to repeat as the high jump champion, as Indiana's, Derek Drouin made it a thrilling battle between the two. Kynard ultimately captured his second high jump crown, successfully defending his title with a leap of 7 feet, 8 inches. He did try to tie the collegiate record of 7 feet 9 3/4 inches, but fell short of the mark.

Kynard's teammate, Kyle Wait will take the field today as he will participate in the pole vault. While a few other Wildcats track athletes continue to compete in the decathlon and heptathlon (Tomas Kiriellus currently 18th in decathlon; Mairead Murphy currently 22nd in heptathlon; Ryann Kraiss currently 18th in heptathlon).

The success at the track and field championships continue for the Kansas Jayhawks, also, as Alena Krechyk tallied a sixth place finish in the hammer throw with a throw of 211 feet, 10 inches. Francine Simpson and Andrea Guebelle joined Krechyk with a top 10 finish each on the day, also. Simpson and Guebelle finished fourth and sixth, respectively in the long jump with leaps of 21 feet, 6 3/4 inches and 21 feet, 4 inches.

On top of those finishes the KU women's track team saw two more finals qualifiers on the track, as Paris Daniels ran her way to the third best time in the 200-meter prelims (22.65) & the women's 1,600-meter relay tallied the second best prelim time.

After six completed events of 21, the KU woman who have a chance to win a team track title are tied for second place with 14 points, seven points behind Stanford who owns first place currently with 21 points.

Action continues today with many more Wildcats and Jayhawks competing at the NCAA outdoor track and field championships.