

FEBRUARY 7, 2015 NCA WINTER TRACK & FIELD CLINICIANS

Session # 1 - 8:00-8:45 AM



Matt Bingle, University of Minnesota – Sprints: Matt is in his fourth season as director of women's track & field and cross country for the Golden Gophers. Entering his 12th season overall at Minnesota in 2014-15, his influence as the program's recruiting coordinator and his ability to attract some of the nation's top talent has been the primary reason for Minnesota's success both in the Big Ten and on the national scene. His coaching contributions have paid dividends for the Golden Gophers during the past 11 seasons as evidenced by the four Big Ten titles and a pair of top-20 NCAA finishes in track & field. Before arriving at Minnesota, Bingle spent five years (1997-2002) at Eastern Michigan as an assistant coach of both the Eagles' women's cross country and track & field teams. Prior to accepting the position at Eastern Michigan and one season (1997) as an assistant men's and women's coach for cross country and track & field at California-Irvine. Bingle entered the coaching ranks at Northern Arizona where he served as a graduate assistant coach from 1995-97. Bingle owns a USATF Level II Certification and served as the assistant technical manager of the NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships from 1995-97. He is a veteran director of the Minnesota Track/Cross Country Camps.



Peter Miller, University of Minnesota – Discus: Is in his second season with the Golden after joining the University of Minnesota women's track & field staff in summer 2013. Miller, a former Gopher student-athlete, serves as an assistant coach for throws and high jump. In his first season with the Gophers, Miller coached the 2014 Minnesota throwers to a pair of Big Ten runner-up finishes and one Second Team All-American award. Minnesota's throwers secured 12 indoor career-best throws and added 22 more lifetime-best marks during the outdoor season. Miller returned to his alma mater after two successful seasons as the throws coach for the University of North Dakota men's and women's track & field teams. In 2012, Miller's throwers broke eight school records and won three Great West Conference individual titles. During the 2013 season, UND's throwers were responsible for seven more school records, four NCAA qualifiers, four USA Junior National qualifiers, one USATF Junior All-American, one All-Academic award winner and 35 UND top-10 performances. In addition to his success as a coach, Miller played a key role in the fundraising and construction of a hammer cage in UND's practice facilities. He also helped design the school's new indoor practice facility and the current indoor and outdoor throwing areas. Prior to his arrival at UND, Miller coached throws and combined events at Wisconsin-River Falls for three years

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Dick Booth, University of Alabama – Horizontal Jumps: The Hall of Fame coach is in his third season on the University of Alabama track and field coaching staff as the Crimson Tide's jumps coach. As one of the world's most successful jumps coaches, Booth's career has included 49 NCAA individual champions and 165 All-America performances. Under Booth's direction, Alabama jumpers have earned 11 All-America citations in just two years. In the summer of 2012, Booth received one of the highest honors in collegiate coaching as he was named to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) Hall of Fame for a nearly 40-year career that has established him as one of the preeminent jumps coaches in the world. The veteran coach joined the UA staff after two seasons at Florida where his jumpers helped the Gators to the national championship at the 2011 NCAA Indoor Championships. Prior to joining the Gators, Booth spent a combined 27 seasons as the men's field-events coach at the University of Arkansas with a four year-hiatus between Razorback tenures to serve as the head coach at Louisiana-Lafayette. Every Arkansas school record-holder in the men's field events was either coached or recruited by Booth. Booth served as field-events coach at the Arkansas from 1978-84 and 1988-2009. During his second stint at Arkansas, the Razorbacks captured 14 NCAA indoor track titles with a string of eight consecutive outdoor championships between 1992 and 1999 and another championship streak from 2003-06. A native of Blue Mound, Kan., Booth completed collegiately in the quarter mile at Ottawa University. He began his coaching career in the Kansas high school ranks with positions at Wellington (Kan.) High School, Fort Scott (Kan.) High School and Shawnee Mission South. He gained a reputation as one of the premier prep field events coach in the country while working with four state record holders in seven seasons at Shawnee Mission South.



Andrew Valmon, University of Maryland – Relays: Andrew Valmon is in his 12th season at the helm of the Maryland track and field program. His experience as an Olympic Gold Medalist, combined with 18 years of collegiate coaching and an expanding experience on the international level, have helped bring Maryland's cross country and track programs to prominence. On the track, Valmon has spent his time producing multiple All-Americans. During his tenure, 41 student-athletes have earned All-America honors for their performances on the national stage. In addition, 16 school records have been established. In the summer of 2012, Valmon reached the highest level of his coaching career when he was chosen as the head coach of the U.S. track & field team at the London Olympics. As a result of Valmon's leadership, Team USA achieved the second highest medal count in history. Twenty-nine medals were earned in the sport of track & field, including nine gold, 13 silver, and seven bronze medals. Valmon is no stranger to relay success at the highest level. Prior to joining the coaching ranks, Valmon forged an outstanding career as a professional and Olympic level 400-meter runner. He earned gold medals as a member of the United States 4x400 relay teams in the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Games. Valmon, who won two Olympic Gold Medals during his career as an athlete, came to Maryland in 2003 after serving on the track and field staff at Georgetown University beginning in 1995. Valmon is the founder of the Avenue Program (www.avenueprogram.org), an organization designed to positively impact the lives of underprivileged youths by introducing them to successful athletes and professionals, as well as organizing track and field clinics.

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Session # 3 - 10:00-10:45 AM



Cliff Rovelto, Kansas State University – High Jump: - Under the direction of Cliff Rovelto, the Kansas State Track and Field program has not only experienced a consistent stream of success, but has also established itself as a force among fellow elite programs in the nation. Rovelto is in his 23rd season as the head coach at Kansas State and his 27th at the school overall. The steady progression of the K-State program culminated in 2001 with Rovelto being honored by his peers as the women's outdoor National Coach of the Year by the U.S. Track Coaches Association. During his tenure, he has led Kansas State to back-to-back Big 12 Conference women's outdoor team championships in 2001 and 2002 and has earned consecutive Midwest Region Coach of the Year honors, giving him five such honors in his 23 seasons as the Wildcats' head coach. Prior to the start of the 2005 season, Rovelto earned the United States Women's Track and Field College Coaches Award for Service at the USA Track and Field Convention. This past season saw Rovelto lead the Wildcat men's and women's squads to top-20 finishes at the NCAA Outdoor Championships. The men's 19th-place finish made it four-straight seasons they have finished in the top-25, a program first, while the women's 20th-place finish was their second-best placing in the past decade - they finished 13th in 2011. It was a complete effort as of the 13 K-State entries in Eugene, Oregon, 10 earned at least first or second team All-American status. Rovelto has also coached some of the nation's top jumpers and helped establish K-State as one of the elite high jumping schools in the nation with seven NCAA Champions in his tenure as head coach. While at Kansas State, he has coached 51 All-Americans and 30 conference champion high jumpers, while leading 23 All-Americans and 17 conference champs in the long and triple jump. In the pole vault, he has coached a two-time NCAA runner-up and a two-time NCAA third-place finisher.



Ryun Godfrey, Kansas State University – Middle Distance: Coach Godfrey is in his first season with KSU. He is a seasoned veteran of track and field and cross country with a resume that boasts 30 conference titles and numerous Coach of the Year awards, enters his first year with the Wildcats as the head cross country and assistant track and field coach. Prior to joining K-State's staff, Godfrey spent 14 years at North Dakota State University as the head women's track and field and cross country coach. Specializing in the sprints/mid-distance/distance events, he coached eight All-Americans in indoor track, 11 All-Americans in outdoor track, and two Academic All-Americans in cross country. Most recently, Godfrey swept the 2014 U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) indoor and outdoor women's Coach of the Year awards for the Midwest Region - one of only four women's coaches to accomplish such a feat this past season. He was also named Summit League Women's Coach of the Year in cross country and indoor track and field, a honor he has won a combined 17 times including sweeping the award each of the last three years. Under Godfrey's guidance, the Bison won 14 league titles after joining the Division 1 Summit League in 2007 and became the first school in league history in 2012 to win five straight conference titles in both indoor and outdoor track. In addition, the program has claimed the league's "Triple Crown" the past three seasons as well - a cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field conference title sweep. Godfrey's most notable season as head coach came in 2008-09, where NDSU, in its first year of eligibility for the Division I Championships, saw Laura Hermanson compete at the NCAA Indoor Championships in the 800 meter. She would go onto to finish seventh and earn the Bison's first ever All-America honors. Individually, Godfrey has coached 11 women since 2009 to a combined 15 total Division I All-America honors - three of which were directly coached by Godfrey in the 800 meter race.