

2012 Track & Field Coaches Clinic of Texas Speakers



After 42 years as Baylor's head track and field coach, Clyde Hart retired his position June 14, 2005, to become director of track and field. Hart's four-plus decades of leadership have seen Baylor track and field reach monumental heights while earning a world-wide reputation as "Quarter-Miler U."

His pupils won Olympic gold medals in the 400 meters in three straight Olympic Games with Jeremy Wariner winning the event in 2004 and Michael Johnson capturing Olympic gold in 1996 and 2000. All-told, Hart has coached eight Olympians who have won a total of nine Olympic gold medals, one silver and two bronze with Johnson claiming four gold medals, Wariner three and Darold Williamson and Reggie Witherspoon one each.



Robinson, an asst. coach at UNLV, has solidified his position as one of the top American 800 runners in history. With his second-place finish at US Nationals, he qualified for his seventh Team USA World Outdoor Championship Squad. Robinson is a four-time USA Outdoor Champion ('99, '05, '06, '07); four-time USA Indoor champion ('99, '06, '08, '09); 1998 NCAA Outdoor champion; five-time USA Outdoor runner-up ('02, '03, '04, '09, '11). In 2006, the first year he cracked the *Track & Field News* Top 10, he posted 11 of the 12 top 800 times by an American that year. In 2000, he finished fourth at the Olympic Trials; in 2004, he finished second at the Olympic Trials and third in the opening round of the Olympic Games. Robinson is a graduate of Fort Worth Trimble Tech and TCU.



Rob Lasorsa: Founder, President, Executive Director of the National Throws Coaches Association, Lasorsa possesses an extensive throws background: the producer of over 20 books and videos on track & field development and instruction, Lasorsa has coached at Kent State, the United States Military Academy, North Carolina State, and Syracuse. He has also coached the USA Men's team at the 2008 World Indoor Championships, the 2006 Pan American Junior Games, and the 1995 USA vs. England competition. From 1994-2008, Lasorsa served as the USATF Men's Shot Put Development Chairman, fostering such athletes as Reese Hoffa, Adam Nelson, Christian Cantwell, and John Godina. In addition to serving as a USATF Staff Instructor for Coaches Education, High Performance and Development Events, Lasorsa will also serve as an assistant coach for the USA Men's Team at the 2011 Pan American Games. He is also a company rep for M-F Athletics.



Erica Bartolina: Returning to Hayward Field for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials, the stadium where she won her Oregon High School state title in 1997, Bartolina qualified for her first Olympic Team, setting her personal best three times along the way to a third place finish...In 2005, after setting several personal bests with her husband as her coach, she took a fall and broke two vertebrae in her back...she won two Big 12 titles while at Texas A&M...3x NCAA qualifier...was the first female pole vaulter at Texas A&M...In high school, won one state title as a junior in 1997 and was in the top three all four years...began vaulting at the age of 14, with the advice of her high school track coach, former world record holder Dennis Phillips...Finished the 2008 season ranked 19th in the world, 4th in the U.S. with 3 Grand Prix competitions over 14-05.25...runs Bartolina Athletics, a USATF registered facility in Southeast Louisiana.



David Kaiser comes to us with some 24 years of NCAA Division 1 track and field coaching experience at schools such as Kansas, Wake Forest, Clemson, Purdue, DePaul, East Carolina, and most recently the University of Michigan. Through his vast experience, Kaiser has gained respect and recognition among his coaching colleagues as well as the nation's top field-event athletes.

Kaiser's coaching successes envelop a career that has included working with 27 NCAA All-Americans, 4 Olympic Trials qualifiers, the Mexican National record holder in the shot put, 16 Big Ten Conference champions, 12 Atlantic Coast Conference Champions, 5 Conference USA Champions and 93 NCAA Regional and/or Championship qualifiers. In fact, Kaiser has coached field event athletes to NCAA qualifications in every single field event.



The 1976 NCAA Shot Put Champion and 5-time All-American, Coach LeDuc won SWC indoor and outdoor shot put titles from 1974-76. He served as U Texas' first full-time strength coach from 1977-1992 before moving to the University of Miami for two years in the same capacity. From 1995-98, he served as the strength and conditioning coach for the Seattle Seahawks, and from 1999-2008, he worked for the St. Louis Rams as their strength and conditioning coach. Part of Super Bowl Champions for Super Bowl XXXIV.



Ritter, a Red Oak graduate, won the gold medal in the women's high jump with an Olympic record jump of 6-08 at the 1988 Summer Olympics held in Seoul, South Korea. The national outdoor champion in 1978, 1982, 1985, and 1986, Ritter won three-consecutive AIAW high jump championships (1977-79) while a student at Texas Women's College. Under the guidance of Head Coach Bert Lyle, she won a 4th AIAW title in 1981—she left school in 1980 to concentrate on the Olympics, eventually boycotted by the U.S. The premiere high jumper for a decade (1979-80), Ritter totaled 10 national championships (indoor and outdoor) and earned a world ranking 9 times. In 1976, at Red Oak HS, she cleared 5-11.50.



The Head Track Coach at Wylie High School, Coach Rodriguez' 2011 boys' team finished third at the UIL state meet, yet his boys won the 4x1 (40.98). In all, he guided 16 athletes to the 4A Region II Championships. In his 7 years at Wylie, he has never had less than 12 Regional Qualifiers. A former decathlete at Angelo State University (and three-time NCAA D-II National Qualifier), Coach Rodriguez has produced 15 athletes who have signed either D-I or D-II scholarships. In 2007, he coached a multi-event athlete to a 6th-place national finish in AAU / USATF.