

**Women's Discus Showdown Sunday at USATF'S Pacific Championships Plus Acuff Farewell:**  
**GOLD MEDAL STAR BROWN & USA RECORD HOLDER POWELL TO CLASH AT CSM**

SAN MATEO -- Olympic discus champion Stephanie Brown Trafton is scheduled to duel American record holder Suzie Powell Roos at Sunday's Pacific Association USA Track and Field championships/Grand Prix competition at College of San Mateo.

Also entered is 4-time Olympic high jumper Amy Acuff of Isleton and 2008 Olympic triple jumper Erica McLain, out of Stanford.

**FOUR MULTI-OLYMPIANS: Collectively, those four woman have claimed ten field spots on recent USA Olympic teams! This will likely be the final Northern California meet for the retiring Acuff.**

**CLASSIC DISCUS DUEL: Brown's stunning victory in the women's discus at Beijing provided the USA its only field event gold medal by a woman or a man. It was the first Olympic gold for the USA in the event since 1932 – and the America's first medal of any kind in the event since 1984.**

Two-time Olympian Brown achieved her best of 217-1 at Salinas last year and finished third at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Eugene. The Cal Poly (SLO) grad, who now lives in Galt, will be looking for her first national title next month in Eugene.

--Three-time Olympian Powell broke a 21-year-old U.S. record (set by Stanford's Carol Cady) in 2007, throwing 222 feet at the Maui Discus Challenge. She also won the USA national championship that year to make her fourth World Championship team.

Powell, a lifelong Modesto resident and 1999 graduate of UCLA has represented the USA in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics (when she won the U.S. Trials ), in the 2000 Sydney Olympics, and the 2008 Beijing Olympics (when she was runner-up at the Trials – ahead of third place Brown).

Their best marks so far this year are 202-6 for Brown and 195-9 for Powell. (See more notes below.)

**MEET SCHEDULE FOR 2009 USATF PACIFIC ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS, MAY 24:**

**Running events at CSM begin at 9 a.m.** with the 10,000 meters, following an 8 a.m. racewalk on the Mondo track. The women's high jump and triple jump are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. The women's discus throw will follow the 12 noon men's discus competition. Admission is free for the last major NorCal meet of this World Championships year.

The meet is open to all USA Track & Field registered athletes but there is an entry fee.

**For further information / meet registration, see:** <http://www.pausatf.org/data/2009/tfpachamps09.html>

**\$15,000 at stake in PA Grand Prix:** Post-collegiate athletes will be competing in the PA's \$15,000 Grand Prix, with double points being awarded at the this championship meet.

**ACUFF notes:** Acuff is a 1997 UCLA grad and a six-time USA outdoor champion, who now resides in Isleton in the San Joaquin Delta region. She placed fourth at the 2004 Athens Olympics in a dramatic four-woman competition for the three medals Acuff, who achieved her personal best of 6-7 in 2003, plans to retire after this season.

**McLAIN notes:** Two weeks after winning the NCAA triple jump title for Stanford, McLain made her first Olympic team in 2008. She won the USA championship as a freshman in 2005, setting an American Junior record (45-11 3/4) and earning a spot for the World Championships at Helsinki. McLain got over 47-feet last year with a wind-aided 47-10 3/4. She is currently training at Stanford.

**ODDITY: HIGH SCHOOL RECORDS BY POWELL & ACUFF EXACTLY MATCHED IN APRIL:**

Powell and Acuff have seen their national high school records exactly "matched" this year.

--Powell set the USA high school record of 188-4 in 1994 while a student at Modesto's Downey High. Anastasia Jelmini of Shafter (Calif.) hit the same mark last month to share the record.

Acuff set the high school record of 6-4 in 1993 while at Calallen High in Corpus Christi, Texas.

That standard was matched in April by Toni Young of Del City High in Oklahoma City – which was a world outdoor leading mark through April.