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Will She Jump Over the San Mateo Bridge?

3-TIME OLYMPIAN AMY ACUFF TO HIGH JUMP AT CSM SUNDAY

Three-time Olympic high jump champion Amy Acuff and Olympic discus thrower Stephanie Brown Trafton head the early entries for Sunday's (May 27) USA Track & Field Pacific Association Grand Prix Championships at College of San Mateo.

Competition begins at 9 a.m. with the 10,000 meters. Field events start at 10 a.m. and the women's high jump is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.

Kim Kreiner set an American record in the women's javelin throw at last year's championships at CSM and is considering a return to the new Mondo facility, which calms competitors and spectators with spectacular bay views. That will be the final event of the day, following the 2 p.m. men's javelin throw competition. Kreiner extended her AR again last week, throwing 210 feet, 7 inches, in Brazil.

Acuff, who earlier this year moved to Northern California (Isleton), placed fourth in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens in a dramatic four-woman competition for the three medal positions.

WILL AMY JUMP OVER THE SAN MATEO BRIDGE?

Acuff is America's No. 2 all-time high jumper with her best of 6 feet, 7 inches (2.01 meters) in 2003. Only five Americans have cleared the elusive 2-meter barrier and Acuff has done it four times! She has won eight USA high jump titles (five outdoors) and, while attending UCLA, took five NCAA crowns (three indoors). She won her third USA indoor title earlier this year (in February).

Now a new "challenge" is at hand. The unique hilltop track and field layout at CSM often provides the perspective of jumpers and pole vaulters scaling the San Mateo Bridge, which looms in the background. That will be Sunday's photo opportunity.

Trafton placed second at the 2004 US Olympic Trials with her personal best throw of 203-1 and finished 11th in her group at the Olympics. A Cal Poly (SLO) grad, she currently lives in Galt and is the Athletes' chair for the Pacific Association, the largest regional association of USATF.

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The PA championship meet provides the last major open competition in this region for athletes prior to the USATF Championships in Indianapolis, June 20-24 (which will determine the team for the World Championships in Osaka, Japan, in August).

Athletes may achieve standards for both the World Championships and the 2008 Olympics at the PA Championships.

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