

## DRAKE RELAYS GREATEST MOMENTS

Fans had an opportunity to select the top moment in Drake Relays history by participating in a Drake Relays Madness pool, similar to the NCAA March Madness basketball brackets.

The bracket contained 32 of the greatest moments from the meet and was available on the Drake Relays website — [www.drakerelays100.com](http://www.drakerelays100.com). Fans voted weekly for their most memorable events with the winners each week moving onto the next round until a single event was chosen as the Drake Relays Most Memorable Moment.

And the winner was...

1. Alan Webb breaks 30-year-old record in mile with fastest time in world at 2007 Drake Relays in 3:51.71.
2. Double Olympic gold medalist Michael Johnson closes out Drake Relay career in 1997 by setting record in the invitational 200 before standing room only crowd.
3. Jesse Owens equals record in 100 and then set an American record in the long jump (26-1.75) at the 1935 Drake Relays.
4. Steve Scott fulfills promise to run first sub-4 minute mile at the 1979 Drake Relays.
5. Iowa native Randy Wilson has strong finish to repeat as winner in invitational 800 in 1978, setting record of 1:45.86, to edge Olympians Rick Wohlhuter and Mike Boit.
6. Jim Ryun runs two sub 4-minute miles to be named outstanding performer of 1967 Drake Relays, helping Kansas to victories in four-mile and a world record in the distance medley relays.
7. Olympic gold medalist Dave Sime and Bobby Morrow competed head to head for a Drake Relays record in the 100-yard dash at the 1956 Drake Relays. Winning by no more than a hand's width ahead, Sime set the Drake Relays record of :09.4 and the drenched crowd of 7,000 fans cheered. Morrow was named *Sports Illustrated Man of the Year* after winning the gold medal in the 100, 200 and 4x100 relay at the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne.
8. Merlene Ottey closed out a spectacular college career at Nebraska by being named outstanding performer of 1983 Drake Relays for third straight year, setting a relays record in 400 while anchoring the 4x100 and 4x400 relays to meet records.
9. Nine-time Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis made his Drake Relays debut in 1994, winning the invitational 100.
10. Three-time Olympic gold medalist Wilma Rudolph becomes first woman to run at Drake Relays in 1961, winning 100.
11. Des Moines North High School Flying Four sets national record in 880-yard relay at 1948 Drake Relays.
12. Iowa's Anthuan Maybank named outstanding performer of 1993 Drake Relays after becoming first person ever to run sub 45-second 400 and long jump over 26 feet in same meet.
13. Gwen Torrence became the all-time women's victory leader at 1995 Drake Relays after winning 400, then delights crowd by tossing shoes into the stands.
14. 2000 Olympic gold medalist Stacy Dragila sets Drake Relays record in women's pole vault at 15-1.75 in Drake Relays debut.
15. Mike Boit wins invitational 800 over Olympic medalist Rick Wohlhuter and then anchors Eastern New Mexico to victory in distance medley relay at 1976 Drake Relays.
16. Brigham Young's Ralph Mann sets Drake Relays, American and national collegiate record in 400 hurdles at 1970 Drake Relays and returned a month later to set world record at 1970 NCAA Outdoor Championship.
17. Texas A&M, with brothers Curtis and Marvin Mills, electrified the 1970 Drake Relays by setting a world record in the 880-yard relay in 1:21.7. Texas A&M also won the 440-yard in a Drake Relays record.
18. Brian Tietjens became the first Iowa prep to high jump 7-0 at 1980 Drake Relays.
19. The Illinois women's shuttle hurdle relay team set a world record at the 2001 Drake Relays at 52.85.
20. Clyde Duncan of Des Moines North tied a national prep record in the 100-yard dash at 9.3 seconds at the 1964 Drake Relays.
21. Christian Cantwell broke a 35-year old record in the men's invitational shot put at 72 feet 6.25 inches at the 2006 Drake Relays.
22. The 2003 finale at the Drake Relays had never seen a closer finish as Arizona State won the university 4x400 relay by one-hundredth of a second, 3:02.81 to Baylor's 3:02.82. Baylor's anchor Jeremy Wariner would win the gold medal in the 400 at the 2004 Athens Olympics.
23. Georgia's Mel Lattany became the first to win four straight 100-meter dashes in 1980.
24. Behind anchor Michael Franks, Southern Illinois set a record in the 4x400 relay at the 1984 Drake Relays in 3:00.78, beating Oklahoma, which had won three straight 4x400 relays in the NCAA Indoor Championships.
25. The world's two greatest shot putters - Parry O'Brien and Bill Nieder - competed at the 1960 Drake Relays setting five records in competition before a winner was declared O'Brien won the gold medal at the 1952 and 1956 Olympics, beating Nieder both times. Nieder would go on to win the gold medal at the 1960 Olympics, while O'Brien was second.
26. At the age of 40, two-time Olympian Jeff Hartwig won the 2007 U.S. Indoor Championships and treated the Drake Relays sellout crowd to a 19-0.75 clearance, upping his Drake Relays record by a half-inch. It was his ninth victory at Drake.
27. Frank Shorter and friend Jack Bacheler joined hands together as they crossed the finish line to tie for the six-mile run title in 1970. In his final appearance at Drake in 1972 Shorter won the 10,000 in 27:38. He said later that the race helped him prepare for the Olympic marathons in 1972 and 1976. Shorter would go on to win the gold medal in the marathon in the 1972 Munich Olympics, while finishing second in the 1976 Olympics.
28. Eight runners from Wayland Baptist brought four victories on relay teams at the 1985 Drake Relays, setting two records. The main man was Olympian Devon Morris, a Jamaican, who anchored winning 4x200 and 4x400 teams, both setting records.
29. During the Friday session of the 1947 Drake Relays, Harrison Dillard anchored Baldwin-Wallace to victory in the college 880-yard relay in a record 1:27.0. He came back to win the 120-yard high hurdles in 14.1 seconds. He would go on to win the 100 at the 1948 Olympics and the 110 hurdles at the 1952 Games.
30. Gayle Hopkins, an Iowan from Davenport competing for Arizona. Hopkins wiped out Jesse Owens' 29-year old Drake record of 26-1 3/4 in the long jump, soaring 26-2, which was the longest jump in the world to that point in 1964. He also won the triple jump at 51-8, nearly two feet beyond the Drake Relays record and only 1 1/4 inches short of the national collegiate mark.
31. As a freshman at Iowa State, no one expected the 5-1 Nawal El Moutawakel to threaten the previous record because of the terrible weather and gusts of wind but she set a national collegiate record of 55.37 in the women's 400 hurdles. She would go on to win the gold medal at the 1984 Olympics.
32. Jim Lavery was named the outstanding performer of the 1951 Drake Relays after anchoring the Bulldogs to victories in the 440, 880 and mile relays. He led the pack in the university 440 relay over Iowa, the 880 relay over Illinois and the mile over Oklahoma.