FOR CHINA

JIMMIE GORDON
Senior
400-meter dash
ASU ACCOMPLISHMENTS — Won the 400-meter dash at the 2008 NCAA Indoor Championships and was part of the 4x400-meter relay team that took first at the 2008 NCAA Outdoor Championships.
COACH GREG KRAFT’S ANALYSIS: “He’s got right where he needs to be in the Olympic trials. If he can do that, which I definitely think he can do, then that’s all you can ask.”

JENNA KINGMA
Junior
5,000-meter run
ASU ACCOMPLISHMENTS — Placed sixth at the 2007 NCAA West Regional in the 5,000-meter and seventh at the 2007 Pac-10 Championships.
COACH GREG KRAFT’S ANALYSIS: “If we’re going to do the trials, it would be a huge accomplishment and then to be able to make it to the Trials at the Olympic trials would be an awesome accomplishment.”

KARI HARDT
Sophomore
3,000-meter steeplechase
ASU ACCOMPLISHMENTS — Took fourth in the 3,000-meters at the 2008 MPSF Indoor Championships.
COACH GREG KRAFT’S ANALYSIS: “She ran at the NCAA meet and scored. [hers] going to qualify for the Trials.”

JUSTIN KREMER
Sophomore
400-meter dash
ASU ACCOMPLISHMENTS — Won the 400-meter at the 2008 MPSF Indoor Championships and was part of the men’s distance medley team that placed second at the 2008 NCAAs.
COACH GREG KRAFT’S ANALYSIS: “Just after is very bright, and the best kids are always trying to break the first step for our Trials for qualified the Trials and to be there, gain that experience, as to that can prepare itself against for future U.S. teams.”

CHARODNA WILLIAMS
Junior
100-meter dash, 200-meter dash
ASU ACCOMPLISHMENTS — Won the 100-meter dash and 200-meter dash at the 2008 Jim Click Shootout and took first in the 100-meter dash as part of the 4x100-meter Track Classic.
COACH GREG KRAFT’S ANALYSIS: “She’s been there the sprint at a very, very short time and would really obviously have to improve in order to make our Olympic Trials. It’s a great dream to make the Olympic team, but this hasn’t been a goal that’s out there in the world, there’s so many good sprinters in our country, which is the deepest country in the world for sprinting events, and she’s the third French—goal is to make it to the Trials.”

JENNY KIM
Junior
800-meter run
ASU ACCOMPLISHMENTS — Won the 800-meter at the 2008 MPSF Indoor Championships and was part of the women’s distance medley team that placed second at the 2008 NCAAs.
COACH GREG KRAFT’S ANALYSIS: “It’s probably the best kid in the Trials that’s out there. If you can make it to the Trials then she’s going to make it to the Trials.”

JIMMY RUBIN
Senior
1500-meter run
ASU ACCOMPLISHMENTS — Won the 1500-meter run at the 2008 MPSF Indoor Championships, last year making the world team I think kind of prepared me for what you have to do at the Trials.”

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