



2007 COUGAR TRACK & FIELD COACHES



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Rick Sloan

HEAD COACH

BORN: November 10, 1946

HOMETOWN: Anaheim, California

HIGH SCHOOL: Anaheim High, 1964

COLLEGE: Fullerton College, 1964-66; UCLA, 1966-69 (BS); WSU, 1978 (MS)

WIFE: Sandy

CHILDREN: daughter Kim, son Scott

GRANDCHILDREN: granddaughter Logan

COACHING EXPERIENCE: California Institute of Technology and Pasadena City College, 1972; Mt. San Antonio Junior College, 1972-73.

WSU APPOINTMENTS: 1973 - Assistant track and field coach; 1982 - Associate track and field coach; 1994 - Head coach men's track and field; 1995 - Head coach men's and women's track and field.

“At Washington State University our number one objective is the education of our student-athletes. We have an outstanding staff who are motivated and dedicated to the success of our students in the classroom. Our objective is to recruit talented, competitive people who are willing to work hard and with our outstanding coaching staff, develop to their potential. All of our energy is put into developing our student-athletes educationally, athletically and personally.”

—Head Coach, Rick Sloan

The student-athletes on the men's and women's track and field teams at Washington State University have found success athletically and academically under the direction of head coach Rick Sloan.

A dynamic coach and skilled technician, Sloan and his Cougar coaching staff have searched far and wide to bring the best student-athletes to Pullman, Washington, and then have worked tirelessly to have each one reach their greatest potential.

The programs' rise to success is evident in the accomplishments in the recent seasons including the 2006 outdoor season when 14 student-athletes qualified to compete at the NCAA Track & Field Championships, the largest Cougar contingent to compete at the national meet since 1991. WSU

brought home 25 All-America certificates during the past four indoor and outdoor seasons.

Whitney Evans won the women's high jump title at the 2003 NCAA Outdoor Championships with a career-best leap of 6-feet, 1 1/4-inches, and earned her eighth All-America honor making her the most-decorated woman athlete in Washington State University history.

Recognized internationally as a highly successful multi-event coach, Sloan has directed four Cougars to NCAA top finishes in the past four years including Diana Pickler and Julie Pickler with third and fifth place heptathlon finishes in 2006.

As a Head Coach, Sloan has directed 29 WSU athletes to NCAA Outdoor All-American status 50 times, and directed 21 athletes to



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NCAA Indoor All-American status 33 times.

In his 12 years as the WSU Track Program's mentor, Sloan has seen Cougar men set 11 school records and Cougar women set 33 school records. Additionally, 16 men's freshmen and 29 women's freshman records have been rewritten in this time frame.

When Sloan was named the head track and field coach at Washington State in June of 1994, he had already invested 21 years of service to the program and the university as an assistant coach.

From 1973 until the summer of 1994, he was an assistant coach, directing WSU athletes in field events, hurdles, sprints, and decathlon.

Sloan came to coach at Washington State after a highly successful competitive career. An outstanding athlete while at UCLA, Sloan became the first Bruin to clear 7-0 in the high jump and was an All-American in the pole vault as an undergraduate.

He captained the Bruin track team as a senior and became the fourth American to surpass 8,000 points in the decathlon. As a 21-year-old, Sloan finished seventh in the decathlon at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City. A year later he toured Europe with the U.S. National team.

While competing, Sloan held world decathlon records in the pole vault with a height of 16-7, and the high jump with a leap of 6-11 3/4. As a decathlete, he was ranked second in the United States in 1968 and 1969, and ranked 10th in the world in 1969. Sloan's 8,051 points was the fourth best mark in the world in 1969.

This Cougar mentor began his coaching career at California Institute of Technology and at Pasadena City College in 1972. Sloan also coached at Mt. San Antonio Junior College, home of the respected Mt. SAC Relays in Walnut, Calif., before coming to WSU in 1973.

In September of 1994, USA Track and Field accorded Sloan the title of Master Coach, the highest recognition in coaching education.

Sloan is well-known internationally in the decathlon circuits because of his 14 years as coach for four-time world champion, Olympic champion and American record-holder Dan O'Brien.

Sloan is a much sought-after clinician who is the author of *Track and Field Techniques and Training*, and has produced nine instructional video tapes. He served as the head coach of the U.S.A. decathlon team which competed in the USSR in 1983. In 1988, he conducted clinics for the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) in Georgetown, Guyana.

In the fall of 2002, Sloan served as an assistant men's coach for the United States team competing at the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) World Cup in Madrid, Spain.

COUGAR HIGHLIGHTS under Head Coach Rick Sloan

1994 - Named Head Coach for the Washington State men's Track & Field Team.

1995 - Named Head Coach for the combined Washington State men's and women's Track & Field Program.

1996 - Dominique Arnold won the men's 110m high hurdles title at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

1998 - Men's team won the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Indoor Championships title...Men's team earned third place at the NCAA Indoor Championships with the distance medley relay team winning that event with a world record time...Sloan named MPSF Coach of the Year (men and women), selected District 8 Men's Coach of the Year.

1999 - Women's team won the MPSF Indoor Championship...Sloan named MPSF Women's Coach of the Year...Men's team finished 10th at the NCAA Indoor Championships as Bernard Lagat won both the mile and 3000m...Lagat named Male Athlete of the Year...Women's team finished third at the Pac-10 Conference Championships and went on to place 20th at the NCAA Outdoor Championships...Men's team finished 11th at the NCAA Championships...Lagat won the NCAA men's 5000m title...Sloan selected United States Track Coaches Association (USTCA) Region VIII Women's Coach of the Year.

2000 - Women's team repeats as the MPSF Indoor Champions... Sloan selected USTCA Region VIII Women's Coach of the Year.

2001 - Men's team won the MPSF Indoor Championship...Sloan named MPSF Men's Coach of the Year...Women's team finished fourth at the Pac-10 Championships and went on to an 18th place finish at the NCAA Outdoor Championships...Sloan named USTCA Men's West Region Coach of the Year.

2002 - Women's team finished tied for 15th at the 2002 NCAA Outdoor Championships...Ellannee Richardson and Anson Henry named Mondo West Region Outdoor Track Athletes of the Year...Pac-10 champions include Whitney Evans (high jump), Richardson (heptathlon) and Henry (100m, 200m)...Sloan named USTCA Men's West Region Coach of the Year.

2003 - Women's team takes 12th place at NCAA Outdoor Championships...Whitney Evans wins high jump, Ellannee Richardson heptathlon runner-up after winning Pac-10 titles...Darion Powell (decathlon) and Eric Dudley (intermediate hurdles) earn All-America...Anthony Buchanan (100m) and 4x100m relay (Lamar Kirk, Bennie Chatman, James McSwain, Buchanan) also win Pac-10 championship.

2004 - For the third consecutive year, a WSU sprinter won the Pac-10 men's 100m dash...Anthony Buchanan won his second consecutive 100m dash title and placed seventh in the 100m at the NCAA Championships.

2005 - Diana Pickler NCAA indoor All-America (pentathlon)...Pac-10 champions Julie Pickler (heptathlon), Darion Powell (decathlon) and Robin Mikesch (high jump)...All-America honors to Julie Pickler and Diana Pickler (heptathlon), Tamara Diles and Tyson Byers (pole vault).

2006 - Julie Pickler NCAA indoor All-America after runner-up in pentathlon...NCAA outdoor All-America honors to John Cassleman (400m hurdles), Matt Lamb (discus), Diana Pickler and Julie Pickler (heptathlon)...Diana Pickler fifth in heptathlon at USA Track & Field Championships with school record 5,855 points.

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Debra Farwell *Associate Coach*

BORN: June 29, 1961
HOMETOWN: Renton, Washington
COLLEGE: Washington State University (B.A., 1983)
HUSBAND: George
COACHING EXPERIENCE: Washington State University, 1983-86, graduate assistant coach; University of Iowa, 1987-91, assistant coach; Penn State, 1994-95, assistant coach.
WSU APPOINTMENT: 1995 - Assistant track and field coach; 1998 - Associate coach

Debra Farwell is a 1983 Washington State University graduate who joined the Cougar coaching staff in the fall of 1995 after a successful stint at Penn State University. Farwell coaches the men and women throwers and during her coaching stint at WSU, 12 school throwing records have been set.

The latest of Farwell's throwers to reach All-America status is Matt Lamb, a 2006 freshman who took third place in the discus at the NCAA Championships and threw a freshman school record of 189-9. Farwell coached eight-time All-American thrower Ian Waltz throughout his collegiate career as Waltz rewrote Cougar history in the shot put and discus events. Waltz was a member of the 2004 US Olympic Team after a second place finish in the discus at the Trials. In 1999, Farwell had two athletes win championships at the Pacific-10 Championships with Waltz taking the men's discus event and Molly Monroe winning the women's javelin crown. Andrea Thornton achieved All-America status in both the outdoor discus and hammer events in 2001 while Tim Gehring (shot put) and Curt Borland (javelin) earned All-America certificates in 2004. Gehring finished 15th in shot at the 2004 US Olympic Trials. Javelin thrower Jenna Dean broke the school record with a toss of 169-7 in 2005.

Originally from Renton, Wash., Farwell held the WSU women's outdoor shot put record of 14.70m/48-2 3/4 from 1981-86. She was an AIAW national qualifier in the shot put in 1982.

Farwell was also a pioneer in the woman's hammer thrower as one of four Cougars competing against two women from the University of Montana in the first collegiate women's dual meet hammer throw event in Pullman on March 27, 1982. She threw a 35.74m/117-3 on that day and the following week set an unofficial collegiate women's world record of 38.34m/125-9 in Eugene, Ore. In 1994, the NCAA added the women's hammer throw as an official event for the 1995 season.

Farwell was a graduate assistant coach for the WSU track and field program from 1983-86 under head coaches Jessica and Rob Cassleman. She also was a teaching assistant in the WSU physical education department in 1985, instructing beginning weight training and conditioning, and field event classes.

From 1987-91, Farwell served as an assistant track and field coach at the University of Iowa where she was responsible for coaching the throwers along with the multi-event athletes and developing a strength and conditioning program for all track athletes. She received her USATF certification for levels I and II in 1990 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado.

Farwell was the assistant track and field coach and exercise science and sport activity instructor at Penn State University in 1994-95.

Also committed to community involvement, the Cougar throwers have washed cars and raised over \$6,100 to donate to local community members in need in the past five years.

Farwell and her husband George enjoy the company of their two dogs, Wolfie and Fergie.



Jason Drake *Head Coach, Cross Country*

BORN: May 30, 1971
HOMETOWN: Gillette, Wyoming
COLLEGE: University of Colorado (B.S., 1994)
COACHING EXPERIENCE: University of Colorado, 1995-2002, assistant track and cross country coach; recruiting coordinator, 2000-02.
WSU APPOINTMENT: 2002 - Assistant cross country and track and field coach, 2004 - Head coach cross country.

Jason Drake is in his fifth season with the Cougar distance corps and the 2006 cross country season was highlighted by the WSU men's team's at-large berth to the NCAA Championships for the first time since 1998.

With a team comprised of only his recruits, Drake is seeing the rewards of four years of enticing prep state champions from seven different states to join the Cougar cross country program. His teams have matured and are racing against the best in prestigious meets across the nation as well as competing well at the Pacific-10 Conference and NCAA West Regional Championships.

After implementing a training program with the Cougar distance runners during his first season, Drake saw senior Anna Blue earn All-America honors at the 2003 NCAA Track & Field Championships as well as break four school records (indoor 3000m and 5000m, outdoor 5k and 10k) and qualify for the NCAA Cross Country Championship that fall. Danny Wolf reached All-American status with his 10th place finish in the 3k at the 2004 NCAA Indoor Championships. In 2005, sophomore Haley Paul became WSU's third woman to earn All-America cross country honors with her 14th place finish at the national championships.

Born in Aberdeen, S.D., Drake had a stellar prep career at Campbell County High School, in Gillette, Wyoming. He is a 1994 graduate of Colorado, where he was a middle distance runner for the Buffalos and earned seven letters while competing in cross country, indoor and outdoor track. He earned All-America honors as a member of CU's 1994 indoor distance medley relay team. Drake earned several Academic All-Big Eight Conference accolades on his way to earning a bachelor of science degree in environmental conservation.

Drake spent seven years as a distance coach and the recruiting coordinator at the University of Colorado. He became the recruiting coordinator for Colorado's cross country and track and field programs in 2000, in addition to his long and middle distance coaching duties. At CU he coached All-Americans Lesley Higgins (second in mile at NCAA Indoor), Steve Slattery (second in steeplechase at NCAA Outdoor), and Sara Gorton (fourth in 5k at NCAA Outdoors). Drake recruited and assisted in coaching all members of the Colorado women's 2000, and men's 2001 national championship cross country teams.

In 1999, Drake founded the Colorado Elite Track Club, a nonprofit club for post-collegiate female middle and long distance runners. Among the professional members are several outstanding runners: Shayne Culppepper (2000 Olympic team 1500m and two World Cross Country teams), Janet Trujillo (2002 World Cross Country team and fifth place in 2001 USATF 1500m Outdoor Championships), and Sarah Toland (2002 World Cross Country team).

Drake has also worked part time as a geographic information systems (GIS) consultant. He is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys mountain biking, water and snow skiing in addition to running. Drake and his wife, Colleen, have a daughter, Riley Elizabeth (7/8/05).

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Mark Macdonald **Assistant Coach**

BORN: April 15, 1969

HOMETOWN: Spanaway, Washington

COLLEGE: Washington State University (B.A., 1992; M.A., 1993)

COACHING EXPERIENCE: Washington State University, 1992-94, graduate assistant coach, 1994-95, assistant track and field coach.

WSU APPOINTMENT: 1994 - Assistant track and field coach

Mark Macdonald was an outstanding Cougar track and field student-athlete who returned to coach at his alma mater where he works with the hurdlers and sprinters and serves as the recruiting coordinator for the program.

Macdonald is credited with bringing in back-to-back women's recruiting classes ranked among the top ten nationally by *Track & Field News*. In the past three years, WSU's recruiting classes have included 35 state or junior college champions. He also helped to sign five prep athletes for the 1999 Cougar season that finished among the top five performers nationally in their events.

WSU had three consecutive champions in the Pac-10 men's 100m dash including two-time champ and 2004 US Olympic Trials competitor Anthony Buchanan (2003, 2004), and 2004 Canadian Olympian Anson Henry (2002). Additionally, Macdonald coached Ellannee Richardson in her transition from heptathlon to the 400m hurdles where she achieved a PR of 55.61 and finished ninth at the 2004 Olympic Trials.

Macdonald coached current USA high hurdles record-holder Dominique Arnold to the men's 110m hurdles title at the 1996 NCAA Outdoor Championships, and Arend Watkins to two top-eight national finishes. Two-time All-American intermediate hurdler Eric Dudley, the CoSIDA/Verizon Academic All-American of the Year for 2003 Track & Field, finished 18th at the 2004 US Olympic Trials.

At the 2001 NCAA Outdoor Championships, Macdonald had Cougars competing in all four hurdles events - the only Division I program to accomplish that feat.

He also directed the school's record-holders in the women's 4x100m relay team - Attrina Higgins, LaTroya Mucker, Ellannee Richardson and Francesca Green - to a 44.50 time to win the title at 1999 at the Pac-10 Meet. The 2003 4x400m relay team of Tiffany Giles, Monique Jessie, Angelita Green and Ellannee Richardson set the school indoor record of 3:35.49 and finished seventh at the NCAAs. With Tamara Gulley running in place of Green that same year, the relay set the WSU outdoor record of 3:33.65.

Macdonald protégé Randi Smith finished second in the women's 400m hurdles at the 2000 USATF Junior National Championships with a school record time of 57.07 which was also the fifth-fastest time in the world that year for a junior competitor (ages 14-19).

After a successful prep career as a multi-sport athlete at Bethel High School where his father Mike was the track and field coach, Macdonald achieved All-America status as an intermediate hurdler at Washington State. A four-year letterwinner, Macdonald's 400m hurdles seventh place finish in the 1992 NCAA Championships at Austin, Texas, was his third appearance at a national championship.

He served as the team captain of WSU's 1992 National Dual Meet Champion squad. Macdonald also competed in the 400m hurdles at the 1992 U.S. Olympic Trials.

An accomplished scholar, Macdonald was twice named to the All-Pac-10 Academic Track and Field Team. He was honored as WSU's Pac-10 Conference Medal Winner in 1992.

Macdonald graduated from WSU with a B.A. in Social Studies Education in 1992. He completed his master's degree in Athletic Administration in 1993.



Ellannee Richardson **Assistant Coach**

BORN: March 18, 1980

HOMETOWN: Gladstone, Oregon

COLLEGE: Washington State University (B.A., 2002)

WSU APPOINTMENT: 2003 - Assistant track and field coach

Ellannee Richardson is achieving prominence as a Cougar coach just as she did as a student-athlete. She joined the WSU Track & Field coaching staff as a fulltime assistant in 2003 after an illustrious athletic and academic career as a student-athlete and works with assistant coach Mark Macdonald in the sprints, hurdles and relays, as well as on administrative duties.

Richardson was named the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) West Region men's sprints/hurdles 2006 Coach of the Year. In 2006, James McSwain, Jaycee Robertson, Justin Woods and Martin Boston advanced to the NCAA Championships in the sprints and 4x100m relay.

In addition to her coaching duties, Richardson finished fifth in the 400m dash at the 2004 USA Indoor Track & Field Championships and competed on the USA National Indoor Track and Field 4x400m relay at the IAAF World Indoor Championships at Budapest, Hungary. At the 2004 US Olympic Trials, she missed the 400m hurdles final after running a PR time of 55.61 in the prelims and 56.27 in the semifinals, just 24/100s of a second from qualifying for the final.

Richardson was a five-time All-American heptathlete and sprinter at WSU. She is a four-time All-America heptathlete taking second place at the 2003 and 2002 NCAA Championships and earned an All-America certificate at the 2003 NCAA Indoor Meet anchoring the women's 4x400m relay to seventh place with a school-record time of 3:35.49. She also anchored the 1600m relay to a school record outdoor time of 3:33.65 for second place at the NCAA West Regional and a trip to the national meet with teammates Tiffany Giles, Monique Jessie and Tamara Gulley.

Richardson currently holds school records in the 400m relay (44.50), 1600m relay for indoor and outdoor races, but during her career also reached school records in the heptathlon, 100m hurdles and the indoor 400m dash. In WSU all-time records, Richardson's performances are in the top five in eight different events and eighth in the long jump. A three-time Pac-10 heptathlon champion, Richardson was ranked as the third-best heptathlete (top collegiate) in the United States in 2003 by *Track & Field News*.

She garnered these awards in 2003: WSU's Pac-10 Medal Winner, Cougar Pride Academic Salute Trophy, Senior Excellence in Academics, Pac-10 Postgraduate Scholarship, Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar First Team, NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, nominee for NCAA Woman of the Year, and Verizon/CoSIDA National Academic All-American second team.

A 2002 WSU graduate with a B.A. in sociology, Richardson is currently working on her master's degree in criminal justice.

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Matt McGee
Assistant Coach

BORN: September 27, 1979
HOMETOWN: Berkeley, California
COLLEGE: College of Marin (A.A., 2001), Washington State University (B.A., 2003)
WIFE: Karla
COACHING EXPERIENCE: Diablo Valley College, 2003-04, assistant coach; Washington State University, 2004-05, volunteer assistant coach.
WSU APPOINTMENT: 2005 - Assistant track and field coach

Matt McGee was promoted to a fulltime assistant coaching position with the Cougar track and field program in the summer of 2005 after spending the previous year as a volunteer with the Washington State coaching staff. McGee is responsible for coaching all the jumping events for the 2007 season after coaching only the high jump and assisting Sloan with the other jumps and multis last year.

"Matt is an outstanding young coach and is a diligent recruiter," Sloan said. "Matt is getting a masters degree in biomechanics so he has a good understanding and a good eye for seeing technical mistakes and being able to make corrections."

Three of McGee's four high jumpers scored at the 2006 Pac-10 Championships and sophomore McKinnon Hanson advanced to the NCAA Championships.

A former Cougar, McGee returned to WSU after spending the 2003-04 season as an assistant track coach at Diablo Valley College where he was responsible for jumps, throws, multis, in addition to developing the strength conditioning program for the Vikings track team.

Born in San Francisco, McGee attended College of Marin and Diablo College in the Bay area, competing as a decathlete.

He transferred to WSU as a junior walk-on and threw a javelin PR of 65.70m / 215-feet, 7 inches his first season in Pullman. McGee finished eighth in the javelin at the Pac-10 Championships with mark of 61.17m/200-8.

During his senior season for the Cougs, McGee threw a PR and NCAA Regional Qualifying mark of 65.91m/216-3 in winning the javelin at the Washington-WSU dual meet at Seattle. That mark was eighth best in the region, 42nd best in the country and 10th-best for a Cougar. He finished second in the javelin at the Pac-10 Championships (64.74m/212-5), and 10th at the West Region Meet with toss of 65.56m/215-1.

McGee graduated from Washington State University in May 2003 with a B.A. in philosophy with a music composition minor. While an undergraduate, he was named to the Pac-10 All-Academic and Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar second teams and awarded a Pac-10 post-graduate scholarship. A member of the Bay Area and the Diablo Wind Symphonies while in high school, McGee enjoys playing the piano and writing music. He is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Exercise Science with an emphasis in Biomechanics and Exercise Physiology at the University of Idaho.

McGee married former Cougar pole vaulter Karla McGee in the summer of 2006.



Tamara Diles
Volunteer Assistant Coach

Tamara Diles is a three-time All-American Cougar pole vaulter who joined the WSU track and field staff as a volunteer assistant coach for the 2007 season.

Diles came to WSU after an outstanding career as a prep gymnast, cheerleader and pole vaulter at Bellevue's Newport High School. The Newport Knights won four consecutive state gymnastics titles and Diles captured individual state titles three years on bars and in floor exercises, and placed third in all-around all three years. She was pictured in *Sports Illustrated* Faces in the Crowd section as the first gymnast in Washington to win two events three years in a row. As a prep pole vaulter, Diles won the state championship as a senior and set 3A record with a clearance of 12-0. She was named *Eastside Journal* Athlete of the Year.

At Washington State University, Diles broke the school freshman pole vault record by clearing a height of 4.02m/13-2 1/4 at the Winter Carnival Meet in Long Beach, Calif. She also set the school indoor record of 4.35m/14-3 1/4i at the 2002 Pole Vault Summit and went on to finish third at the NCAA Indoor Championships that year.

After redshirting and battling injuries, Diles struggled to regain her form but persevered to break her own school record by clearing a height of 4.15m/13-7 1/4. She had runner-up finishes at the 2005 and 2006 Pac-10 Championships. She also returned to the NCAA Championships in 2005, finishing 9th in the pole vault at the indoor meet and tied for seventh at the outdoor meet, both with clearances at 4.10m/13-5 1/4. Diles was the Cougar women's team captain as a senior and finished 10th at the NCAA Indoor Championships and runner-up at the NCAA West Regional Meet.

Diles again broke her school record as a senior with a vault of 4.25m/13-11 1/4 on her home runway in Pullman.

At the 2006 WSU Athletics Senior Banquet, Diles took home the Student-Athlete Advisory Council's True Cougar Award, the PROWL- TeamCARE Award, the Beulah M. Blankenship Outstanding Student-Athlete Award, and the Pacific-10 Conference Postgraduate Scholarship. She was also a three -time Pac-10 All-Academic honorable mention team honoree.

Diles received her Bachelors of Arts degree in sport management in May 2006. She is currently training for future national and international competition.

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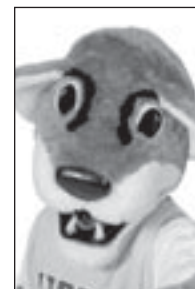
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