

The Even Playing Field Act


INPUT FROM ATHLETES

“[T]here will always be significant numbers of boys and men who would beat the best girls and women in head-to-head competition. Claims to the contrary are simply a denial of science.”

MARTINA NAVRATILOVA

Winner of 18 Grand Slam Tennis Singles Titles



A photograph of two young women on a track at night. The woman on the left is wearing a blue athletic top and shorts, looking towards the right. The woman on the right is wearing a black athletic top and shorts, looking down. In the background, there are blue structures with the word 'SEA' visible. The overall lighting is dim, with some highlights from stadium lights.

***“I would have won my first-
ever high school track
meet if it weren’t for this
[male-bodied] athlete...It
was very disappointing.”***

MARGARET ONEAL
Hawaii

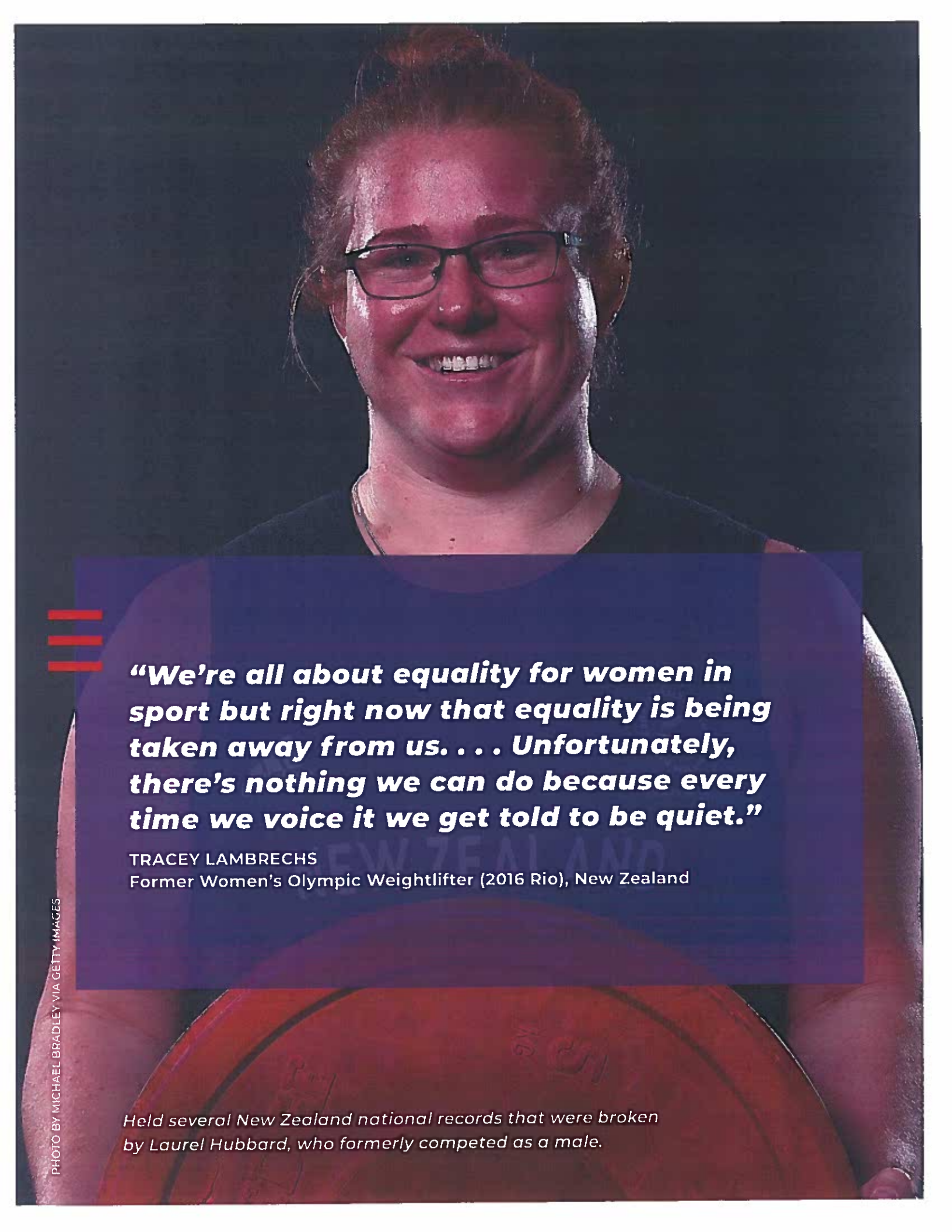


*Placed 2nd behind a transgender competitor who previously
competed in high school sports as a male.*



***“Those with a male sex
advantage should not
be able to compete in
women’s sport.”***

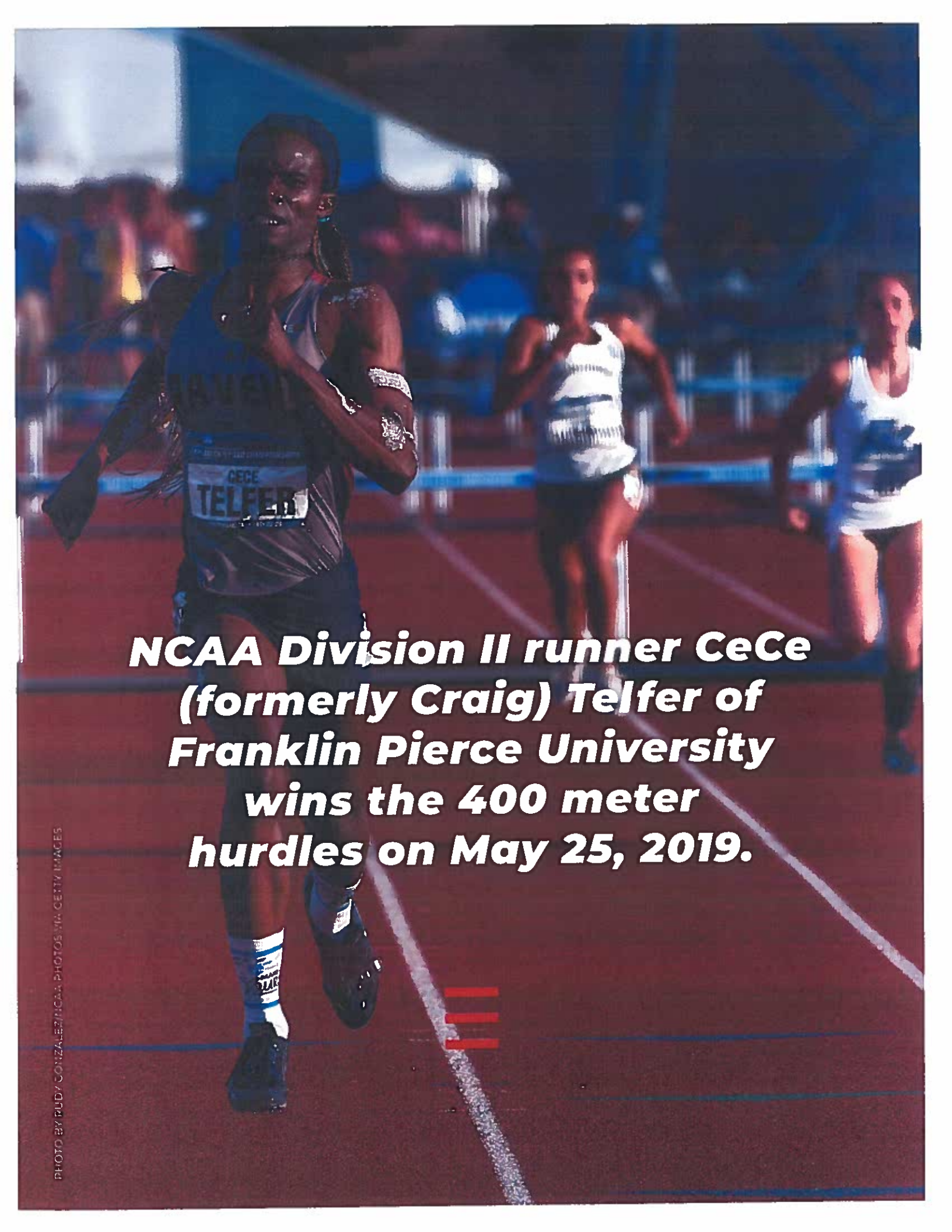
SHARRON DAVIES
British Olympic Silver Medalist

A portrait of Tracey Lambrechts, a former women's Olympic weightlifter, smiling and holding a large red weight plate. She is wearing glasses and a dark top. The background is dark. A purple semi-transparent box is overlaid on the lower half of the image, containing text. Three red horizontal bars are on the left side of the purple box.

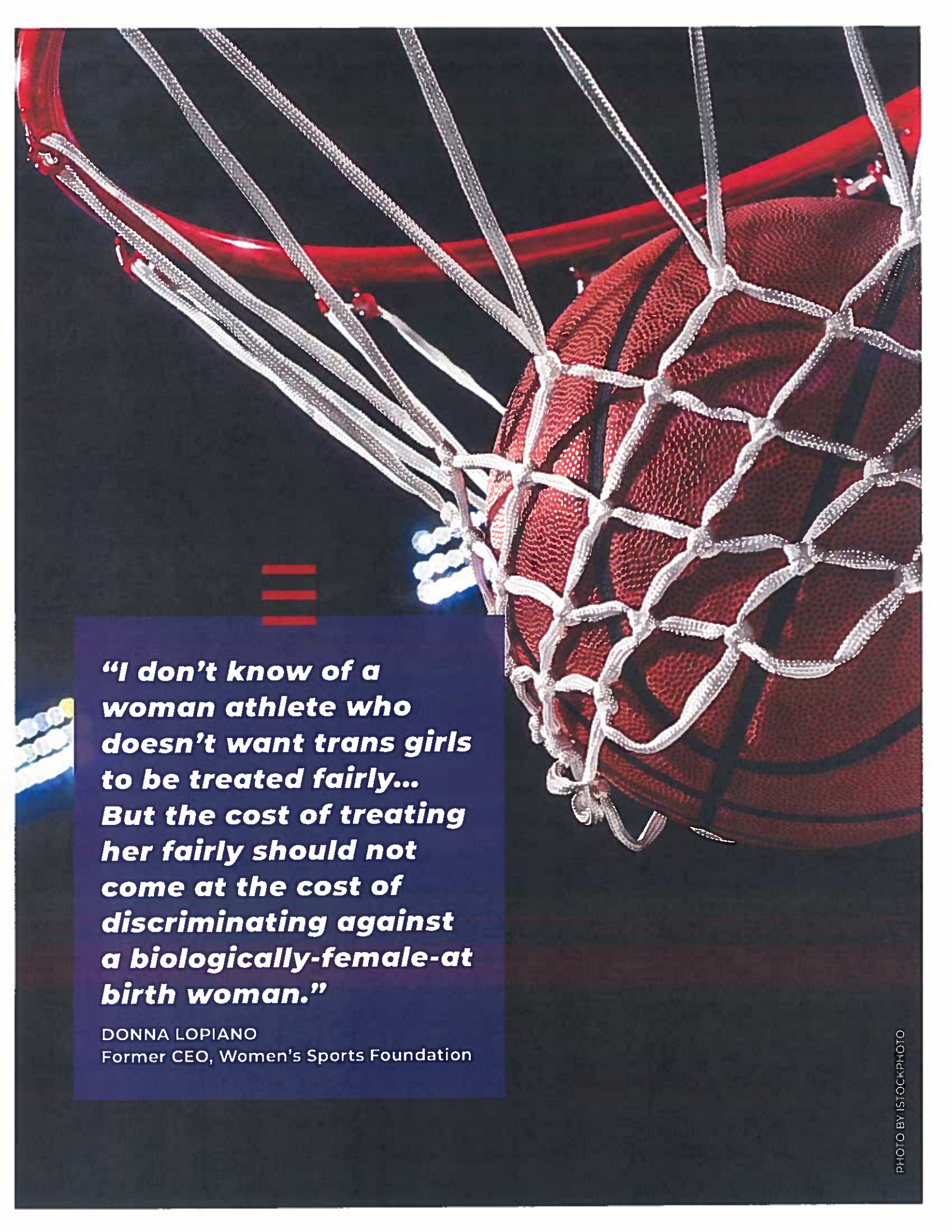
“We’re all about equality for women in sport but right now that equality is being taken away from us. . . . Unfortunately, there’s nothing we can do because every time we voice it we get told to be quiet.”

TRACEY LAMBRECHS
Former Women’s Olympic Weightlifter (2016 Rio), New Zealand

Held several New Zealand national records that were broken by Laurel Hubbard, who formerly competed as a male.




***NCAA Division II runner CeCe
(formerly Craig) Telfer of
Franklin Pierce University
wins the 400 meter
hurdles on May 25, 2019.***



“I don’t know of a woman athlete who doesn’t want trans girls to be treated fairly... But the cost of treating her fairly should not come at the cost of discriminating against a biologically-female-at birth woman.”

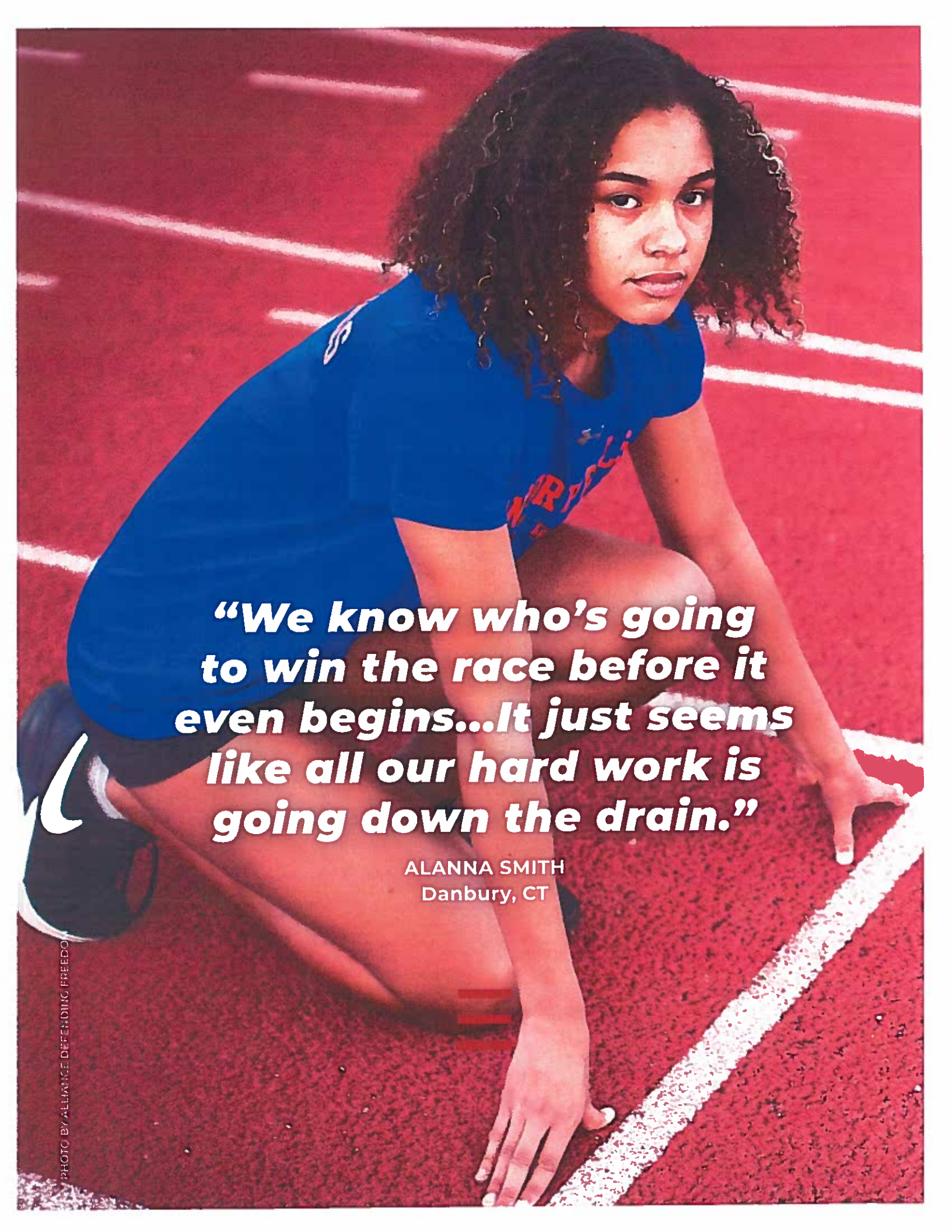
DONNA LOPIANO
Former CEO, Women’s Sports Foundation



“I didn’t feel it was fair for [this athlete] to be playing [and taking] away a position from girls who could have started, which to me was so wrong on so many levels.”

DESTINY LABUANAN
Maui, HI

Played on the same high school volleyball team as a student who had previously competed on the school’s men’s team.

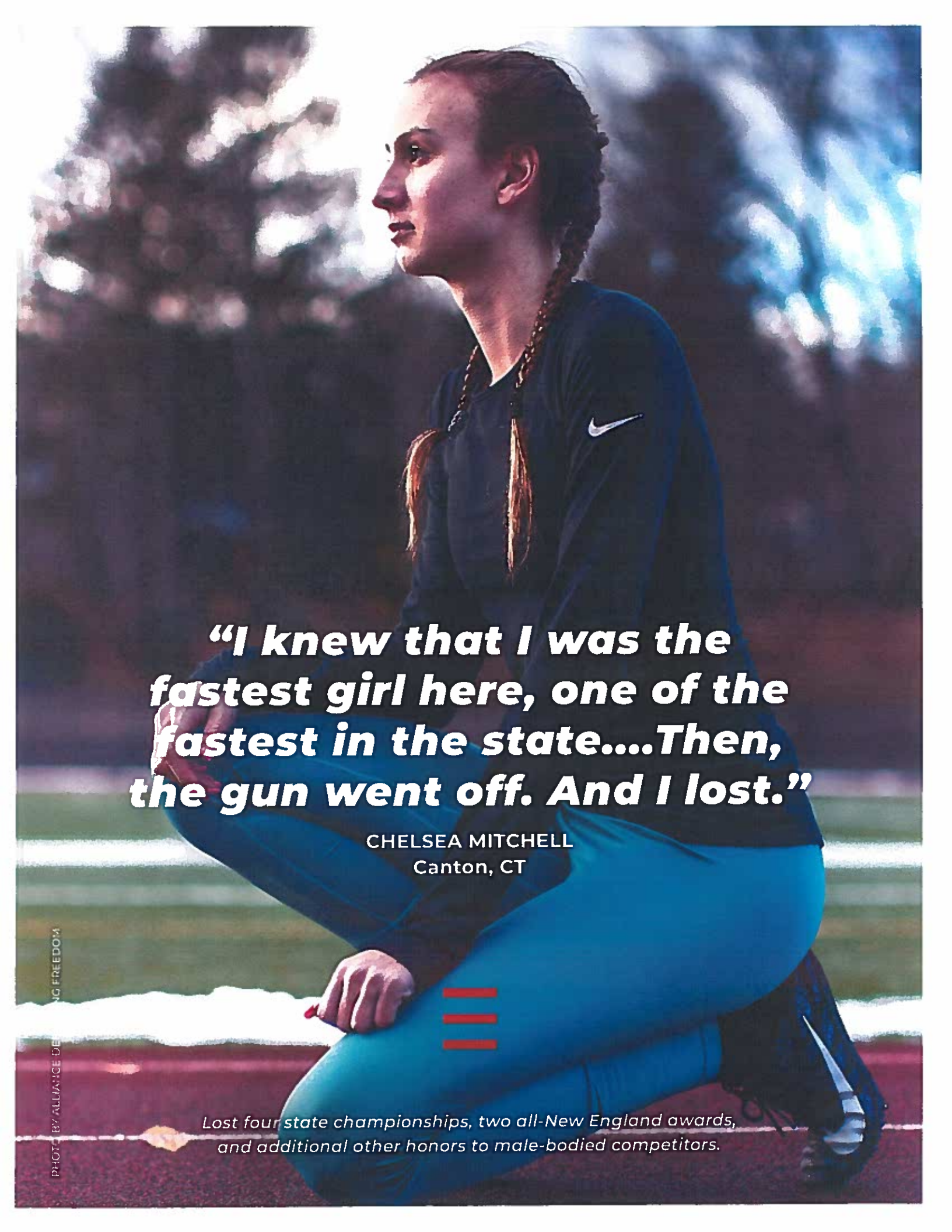


“We know who’s going to win the race before it even begins...It just seems like all our hard work is going down the drain.”

ALANNA SMITH
Danbury, CT



***In 2017, men and boys
around the world
outperformed Allyson
Felix's best 400-meter
more than 15,000 times.***

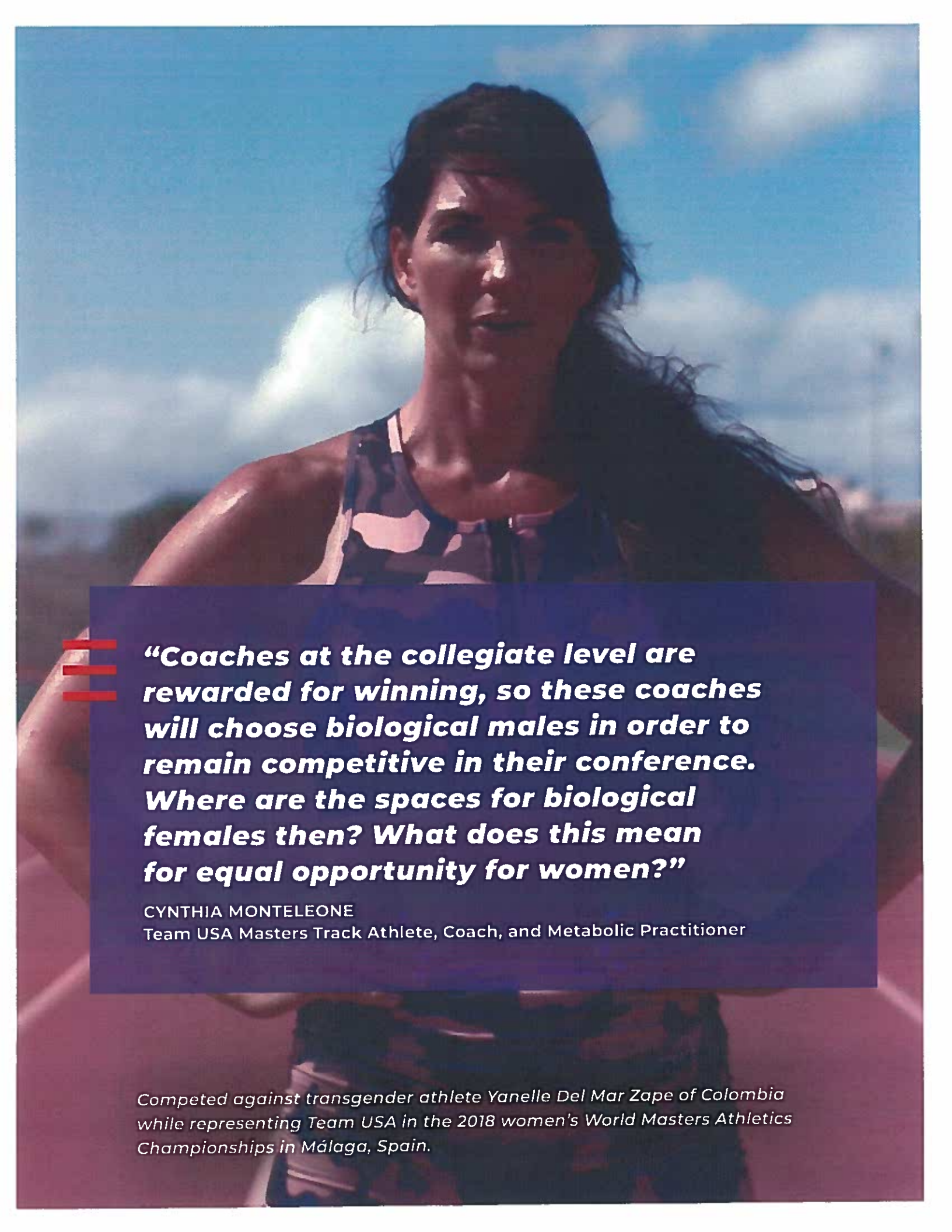


“I knew that I was the fastest girl here, one of the fastest in the state....Then, the gun went off. And I lost.”

CHELSEA MITCHELL
Canton, CT



Lost four state championships, two all-New England awards, and additional other honors to male-bodied competitors.



“Coaches at the collegiate level are rewarded for winning, so these coaches will choose biological males in order to remain competitive in their conference. Where are the spaces for biological females then? What does this mean for equal opportunity for women?”

CYNTHIA MONTELEONE

Team USA Masters Track Athlete, Coach, and Metabolic Practitioner

Competed against transgender athlete Yanelle Del Mar Zape of Colombia while representing Team USA in the 2018 women's World Masters Athletics Championships in Málaga, Spain.



“When it comes to women’s sports, biology matters.”

INGA THOMPSON

10x National Champ, 3x Olympian, 3x World Medalist, 2x Podium Finisher in the Women’s Tour de France

Competed at the 1984, 1988, and 1992 Olympic Games.



***“[When it comes to competitive athletics,]
sex segregation is the only way to
achieve equality for girls and women.”***

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THE SCIENCE



THE BRITISH MEDICINE JOURNAL



Objective: To examine the effect of gender-affirming hormones on athletic performance among transwomen and transmen.



Findings: The 15–31% athletic advantage for transwomen pre-therapy.

9% faster mean run speed in transwomen after the 1 year period of testosterone suppression that is recommended by World Athletics for inclusion in women's events.

THE HILTON LUNDBERG STUDY



Objective: Review how differences in biological characteristics between biological males and females affect sporting performance and assess whether evidence exists to support the assumption that testosterone suppression in transgender women removes the male performance advantage and thus delivers fair and safe competition.



Findings: The performance gap between males and females becomes significant at puberty

10–50% depending on the sport

Strength, lean body mass, muscle size, and bone density are only trivially affected by testosterone suppression

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THE DATA



DUKE LAW



Objective: Comparing athletic performances between the best elite women to boys and men



Findings: Female bodied athletes are not competitive for the win against males. The lowest end of the male range is three times higher than the highest end of the female range.

TABLE 4

Event	Best Women's Result	Best Boys' Result	Best Men's Result	# of Boys Outperforming	# of Men Outperforming	Instances of Men Outperforming
100 Meters	10.71	10.15	9.69	124+	2,474	10,009
200 Meters	21.77	20.51	19.77	182	2,920	8,993
400 Meters	49.46	45.38	43.62	285	4,341	13,898
800 Meters	1:55.16*	1:46.3	1:43.10	201+	3,992+	12,285+
1500 Meters	3:56.14	3:37.43	3:28.80	101+	3,216+	8,251+
3000 Meters	8:23.14	7:38.90	7:28.73	30	1307+	1,784+
5000 Meters	14:18.37	12:55.58	12:55.23	15	1,243	2,140
High Jump	2.06 meters	2.25 meters	2.40 meters	28	777	2,741
Pole Vault	4.91 meters	5.31 meters	6.00 meters	10	684	2,981
Long Jump	7.13 meters	7.88 meters	8.65 meters	74	1,652	4,801
Triple Jump	14.96 meters	17.30 meters	18.11 meters	47	969	3,440

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ACCORDING TO THE COURTS

There are “[i]nherent differences’
between men and women,” and these
differences “remain cause for celebration,
but not for denigration of the members of
either sex or for artificial constraints on
an individual’s opportunity.”

United States v. Virginia
518 U.S. 515, 533 (1996).

“Because of innate physiological differences, boys and girls are not similarly situated as they enter athletic competition.”

Kleczek v. Rhode Island Interscholastic League, Inc.
612 A.2d 734, 738 (R.I. 1992)

“It takes little imagination to realize that were play and competition not separated by sex, the great bulk of the females would quickly be eliminated from participation and denied any meaningful opportunity for athletic involvement.”

Cape v. Tenn. Secondary Sch. Athletic Ass'n.
563 F.2d 793, 795 (6th Cir. 1977)