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Record-setting weekend earns Kathy Martin USATF Athlete of the Week nod

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INDIANAPOLIS -- Masters superstar **Kathy Martin** can add USATF Athlete of the Week honors to her record-setting week, as Martin set multiple American and world records at the Albuquerque Convention Center last weekend.

Martin (Northport, New York) defied the altitude at the 2017 USATF Masters Indoor Championships in Albuquerque to set two world records and an additional American record. In the W65 mile, Martin was unstoppable, [breaking the current American and world record to win in 6:01.46](#). Martin followed that performance with another [American and world record in the W65 800m](#), crossing in 2:44.35.

For a start to the championships in the Land of Enchantment, [Martin ran a masterful race to set a new American record in the W65 3000m](#), finishing in 11:53.32.

Click [here](#) to watch all of the action from the USATF Masters Championships on demand on [USATF.TV](#) +PLUS.

Other notable performances:

- Rio 2016 Olympian **Ben Blankenship** (Stillwater, Minnesota) clocked the world's fastest 1500m of 2017, winning the men's 1500m race at the Birmingham Grand Prix in 3:36.42 on Saturday, Feb. 18.
- American indoor 600m record holder **Casimir Loxsom** (New Haven, Connecticut) ran the fastest 800m in the world this year, winning in 1:46.13 at the Birmingham Grand Prix on Saturday, Feb. 18.
- **Max King** (Bend, Oregon) dominated at the 2017 50K USATF National Trail Championships, breaking the tape in 3:32:37 and besting the Fourmidible 50K course record by 41 minutes.
- **Gloria Krug** (New Oxford, Pennsylvania) was a five-time American record setter at USATF Masters Indoor Championships, with records in the women's 85-89 shot put (6.72m/22-00.75), long jump (1.51m/4-11.50), triple jump (3.15m/10-04), weight throw (7.89m/25-10.75) and super weight (5.39m/17-08.25).
- **Bob Lida** (Wichita, Kansas) set a new world record in the M80 200m (29.84) and an American record in the 400m at USATF Masters Indoor Championships. Lida finished his 400m in 1:13.34, nearly a full minute ahead of second place. He rounded out the weekend with silver in the 60m (9.21).
- **Sydney McLaughlin** (Dunellen, New Jersey) proved third time is the charm, beating Francena McCorory's U.S. high school indoor 300m record (36.96) on her third attempt. McLaughlin finished in 36.82 at the Artie O'Connor Invitational on Friday, a day before leading Union Catholic to the team title at the NJSIAA Non-Public A Group Championships.

Now in its 16th year, USATF's Athlete of the Week program is designed to recognize outstanding performers at all levels of the sport. USATF names a new honoree each week and features the athlete on USATF.org. Selections are based on top performances and results from the previous week.

2017 Winners: January 5, Miranda Melville; January 12, Leonard Korir; January 19, Jordan Hasay; January 26, Keni Harrison; February 2, Michael Wardian; February 9, Mikey Brannigan; February 16, Ajee' Wilson; February 23, Kathy Martin.

We welcome your nominations!

To nominate an athlete for USATF Athlete of the Week, please send a detailed email about his/her performance to Communications@usatf.org.

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