



Jones burns up track at NCAAs

Oregon's Camara Jones lost her first 400-meter race of the year Wednesday, but she did it in a hotter time than the 90-degree weather she ran it in.

That's because the sophomore finished the NCAA Championship qualifying heat in 52.40 in Austin, Texas, breaking her own school record of 52.73 she set earlier this year.

Jones, who failed to make the semifinals in the NCAA event last year, will run against the rest of the semi qualifiers Friday afternoon. The final is scheduled for Saturday.

After winning all three of her previous 400 races this season, Jones — the Pacific-10 Conference champ — will try to become the first Oregon All-American in an event less than 800 meters.

Teammate LaRema Woods, a provisional qualifier for the meet, did not advance past the qualifying level of the 200. The freshman took last in her heat, in a time of 24.02.



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On the men's side, Art Skipper showed why he is considered the best collegiate javelin thrower in the nation. The Duck senior, who finished third last season, tossed a 242-5 in the qualifying round Wednesday, the top throw of the day.

Skipper's throw qualified him for the finals, which are Friday

Bob Gray qualified for the next round, running the 400 hurdles in 50.68. His secondplace time in the heat was good enough for a run in the semifinals, which will be Friday.

Gray will compete in the 110-hurdle preliminaries today.

Tye Van Schoiack and Rick Mestler both advanced to the steeplechase finals Friday. Van Schoiack, who took fourth last year, was second in his heat in 8:48.25, and Mestler, a threetime All-American, was third in another, finishing in 8:46.97.

Wisconsin's Donovan Bergstrom won the first heat just ahead of Van Schoiack in 8:48.01, and Kurt Black of Weber State won the faster second heat in 8:41.27.

Shannon Lemora, however, failed to make it to the finals of the 800. The Oregon senior finished last in his heat.

Chicago bulls over Portland

CHICAGO (AP) - Michael Jordan usually can do whatever he chooses on a basketball court. In Game 1 of the NBA Finals, he chose to be an outside shooter, and it killed the Portland Trail Blazers.

Jordan scored a finals record 35 of his 39 points in the first half and set another record with six three-pointers in the first two quarters of the Chicago Bulls' 122-89 victory over Portland on Wednesday night.

Jordan, who was just 27 for 100 from three-point range in the regular season and five for 16 in the playoffs, made a shambles of the ballyhooed individual battle with Clyde Drexler, who scored 16 points for the Blazers.

"I was in a zone," Jordan said. "The threes felt like free throws. I took them and they went in."

The Jordan explosion put the Bulls up as they opened defense of their first NBA championship. Game 2 is scheduled for Chicago on Friday night.

The largest margin of victory in the Finals was Washington's 117-82 win over Seattle on June 4, 1978.







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