

# Women notch seventh straight

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After leading the Oregon women's track team to its seventh consecutive Pepsi Team Invitational title by winning the 100- and 200-meter sprints, LaReina Woods dealt with the disappointment of not qualifying for the NCAA meet by California dreamin'.

"Give us some warm weather for the Pac-10s (in Berkeley)," Woods said. "Washington State and Oregon are the only teams that don't get a chance to run in the warm weather. It's easy to get frustrated; I know I'm frustrated because if I was running in warm weather with the same kind of competition here, I really believe we'd run top times, also."

"When we go and compete down there, we're going to be running as fast as anyone in the conference. I'm real excited about my wins, but for me to feel like I'm accomplishing something, it would be nice to know where I'm at nationally," she said.

While Woods narrowly missed the NCAA provisional qualifying time with her time of 11:79, she could take solace in the fact that she had led the 400 relay team to an upset of Arizona State and its fastest time of the year.

"The important thing was for us to drop our time down," Woods said. "There's a lot of room for improvement, and hopefully with some warm weather we'll continue to improve."

Oregon jumped out to a quick lead over Arizona State, Washington State and Kansas State with points in the first event of the day, the javelin, by Ashley Selman and Kelsey Stellick. After eight events, the Ducks led Arizona State 80-56 and were never seriously challenged for the team title.

Arizona State rallied by sweeping the 800 and the 400 hurdles late in the meet, but in the end Oregon won comfortably, 186-140. Washington State took third

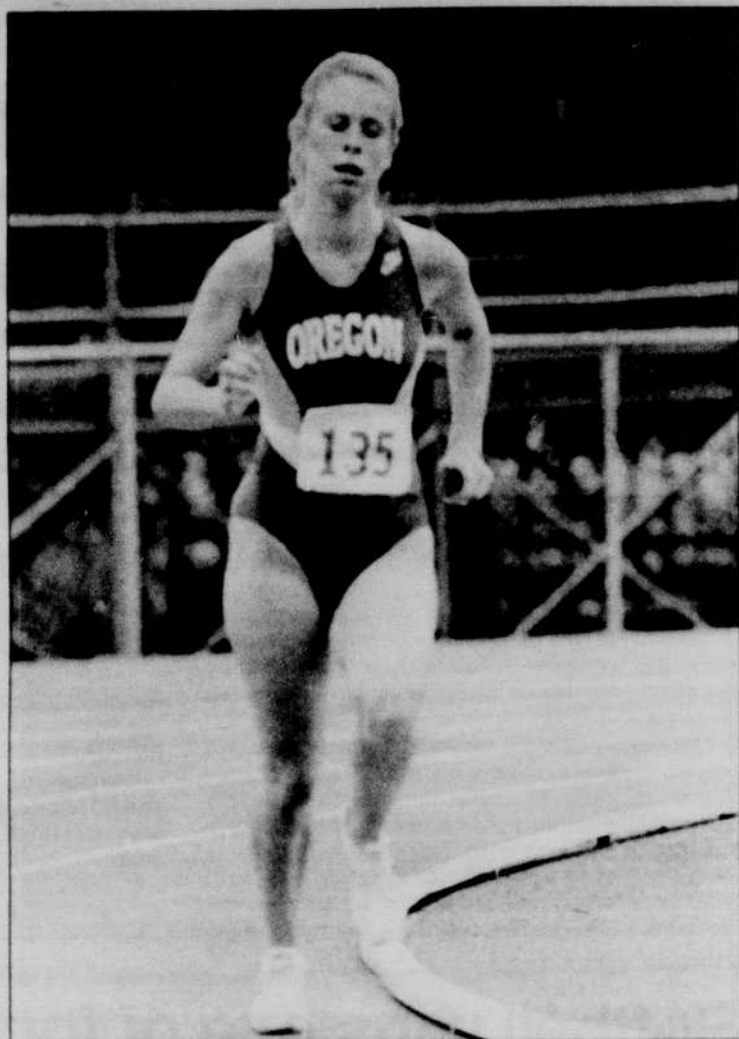


Photo by Michael Shindler  
Oregon's Nicole Woodward won Saturday's 3,000-meter race at the Pepsi Team Invitational at Hayward Field with a 9:28 time.

with 131 points and Kansas State finished with 107 points.

Woods wasn't the only double-winner of the day. Julie Beck won the discus and the shot put. Her discus throw of 158-4 was 20 feet ahead of the second-place throw by Kansas State's Shanelle Stires.

"The throwers had to come through today," Beck said. "Especially with Arizona State here with all of their good runners, the throwers had to get it together to get some points."

The anticipated 3,000-meter

dual between Oregon's Nicole Woodward and Washington State's Jennifer Bravard never developed. Bravard, the national leader in the 3,000, moved up in distance to the 5,000 meters and won in 16:26, and Woodward remained in the 3,000 meters and won in 9:28.

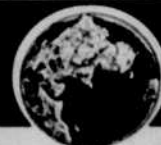
"I was disappointed she didn't run because I was psyched to run with her, and then I ended up being alone," Woodward said. "I've been going out too fast and dying, so I'm pleased I was able to run at the pace I wanted to."

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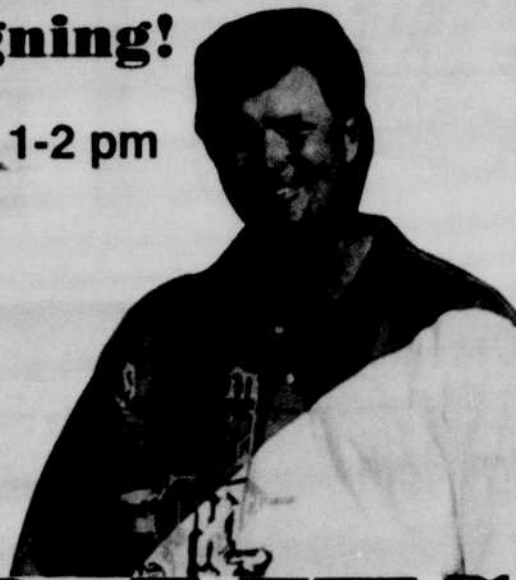
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