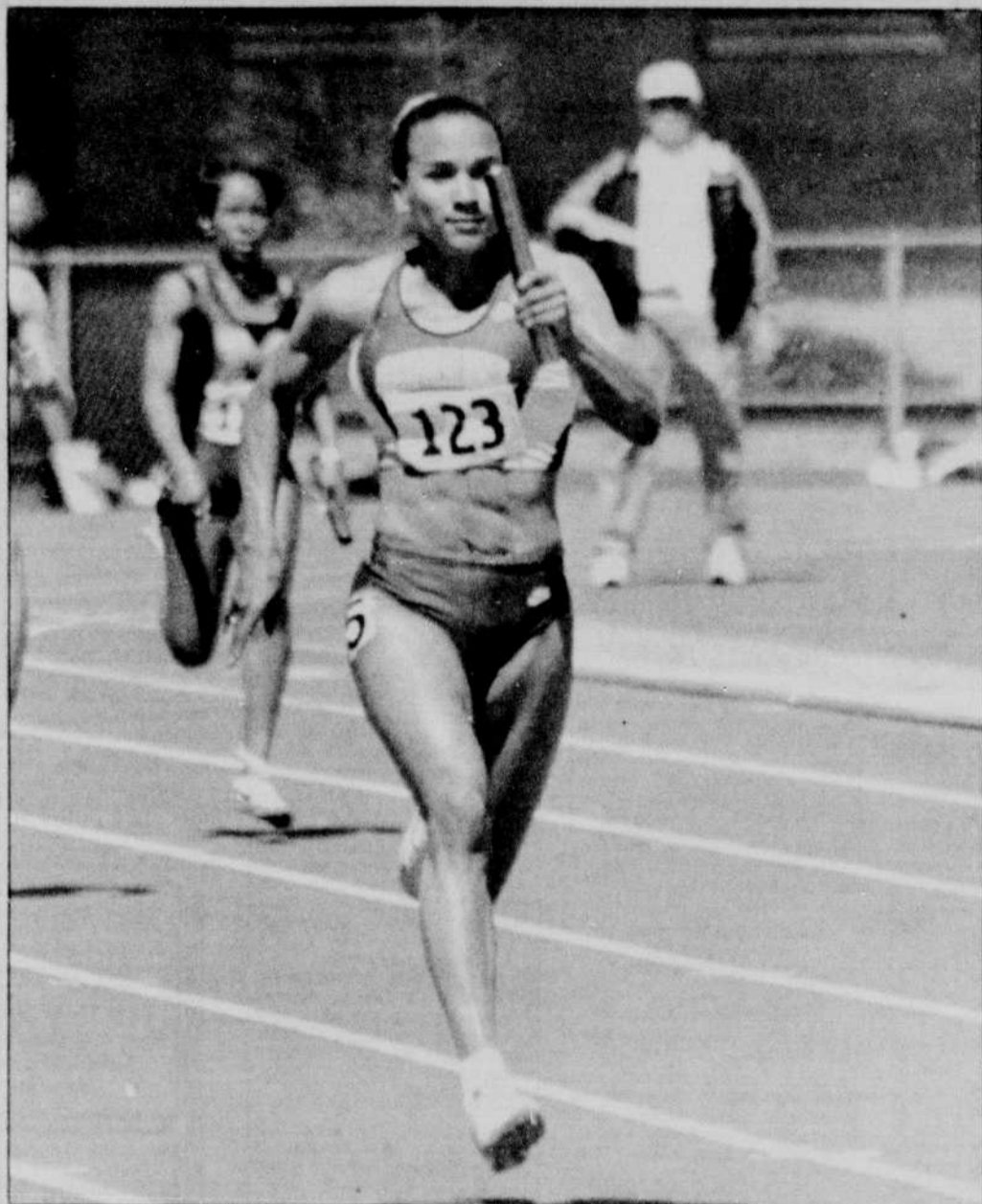




YEAR OF THE DUCK

CAMARA JONES



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Returning after a redshirt season spent in Ecuador, Camara Jones has been a key to the success of the 1995 Oregon women's track and field team.

The splendid sprinter reclaimed her Pacific-10 Conference 400-meter crown last weekend and is ranked among the top three runners in the nation in her specialty.

Jones is also a key contributor in both relays this season, anchoring the 4x100 and

4x400 teams to national prominence.

A two-time All-American, Jones has also been selected as a two-time first-team academic Pac-10 honoree.

Besides dominating the 400 meters, Jones ranks fourth on Oregon's career 100 meter chart and ninth in the 200.

The sensational senior will have her final opportunity to claim an NCAA championship when she takes to the track next weekend.

Oregon's slow start puts team at No. 11

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The Oregon women's golf team opened the first round of the NCAA Women's Golf Championships on Wednesday tied for 11th after carding a 307 in Wilmington, N.C.

The Ducks are seven strokes behind No. 8 North Carolina but, as the season has shown, they have not typically been a strong opening-round team. Oregon has played the majority of its poor rounds in tournament openers and then used the remaining rounds to make a charge to the top.

Play continues through Saturday as the golfers take to the links for 18-holes each day.

Senior Shannon Hare paced the women's team with a two-over par 74 in the opening round of the 72-hole tournament. Hare is tied for 21st place in the individual competition while Oregon's Karly Mills and Susie Roh both shot 77s to tie for 51st.

Arizona State, the two-time defending national champion, jumped into a two-stroke lead over second-place San Jose State by carding an even-par 288. Indiana is just three strokes off the pace at 291 and Wake Forest, the East Regional champion, is six strokes back at 294 for the fourth slot.

Both Arizona State and San Jose State tied for the West Regional crown two weeks ago, with Oregon claiming the fourth position.

San Jose State's Vibeke Stensrud and Wake Forest's Laura Philo are tied for the individual top spot after each carded a three-under par 69 at the Pete Dye designed course.

Wednesday's opener marked the third-straight year the Ducks have competed in the 18-team NCAA tournament, with Oregon placing 14th last year.

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Nelson completes men's hoops roster

The Oregon men's basketball program completed its 1995 recruiting class with the signing of 6-foot-9

forward/center Jonathon Nelson, head coach Jerry Green announced Wednesday.

The 230-pound Artesia High School star led his team to the CIF Southern Section Division III title and runner-up state honors by averaging 19 points, 12 rebounds and 3.1 blocked shots per game.

"Jonathon is a very athletic and skilled big man who is a great shot blocker," Green said. "He should contribute immediately to our program."

Green said Nelson was also considering Iowa State and Long Beach State before casting his lot with Oregon. Nelson joins five others who have signed letters of intent with the Ducks since last November.

Sanders not guilty

CINCINNATI (AP) — Cincinnati Reds outfielder Deion Sanders was found innocent Wednesday of all charges related to a dispute with a stadium security guard after a game Aug. 8.

Sanders met with the jury minutes after the verdict was returned. The jury had deliberated one hour, 45 minutes.

"I just told them God bless them," Sanders said. "I am glad they came in with open minds."

He also said he had no hard feelings toward police. "One bad apple don't spoil the whole bunch," he said, referring to the off-duty police officer who was working as a security guard at Riverfront Stadium and got into an argument with Sanders that led to the charges.

Barkley to have knee surgery

PHOENIX (AP) — Charles Barkley will have knee surgery Thursday and probably won't decide until after a six-week rehabilitation whether to return to the Phoenix Suns.

After the final team meeting of the season, Barkley sounded far less serious about retirement than he did on Saturday, when his 18 points and 23 rebounds couldn't keep Houston from eliminating the Suns in the second round.

"This is a perfect environment for basketball," he said Wednesday. "But I'll tell you what — I ain't into this working-out-during-the-summer stuff. My summer's supposed to be vacation; I'm supposed to play 32 holes (of golf) a day and relax."

Houston rockets past Spurs, continues dream drive

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — David Robinson got the trophy. Hakeem Olajuwon got the game. And Houston is rocketing toward a repeat trip to the NBA Finals.

Olajuwon, the NBA's most valuable player a year ago, took over Game 2 of the Western Conference finals in the third quarter Wednesday night, then got the help he needed down the stretch as the Rockets completed a Texas two-step over San Antonio 106-96.

Using a dizzying assortment of moves, Olajuwon made 9-of-12 shots in a 19-point third period. He finished with 41 points and 16 rebounds as the Rockets head back to Houston with a 2-0 lead in the best-of-7 series.

"You can see the excitement from the players believing in each other," Olajuwon said. "We believe we can do it again."

Robert Horry, who hit the game winner in Houston's 94-93 victory in Game 1, made five 3-pointers, two in a row late in the fourth quarter, as Houston pulled away after the Spurs had rallied from a 13-point third-quarter deficit to take a brief 82-80 lead.

Olajuwon scored 31 in the second half, in what, after a slow start, turned into a classic matchup of the MVPs of the past two seasons.

Robinson started the game 1-for-5 but came back to score 32 and grab 12 rebounds. He scored 14 in the final quarter.

Clyde Drexler scored 23 for Houston while Horry added 21 points.

Horry pointed to the play of Drexler for the Rockets' strong showing at this stage of the season.

"The addition of Clyde has been phenom-

enal for us," he said. "He's given us the drive cause he doesn't have a championship ring yet."

Doc Rivers added 16 for the Spurs. Sean Elliott scored 12 on 4-for-12 shooting.

San Antonio's Dennis Rodman played just three minutes in the second half, finishing with four points and eight rebounds. After it was over, he sat on the court long after the game ended before walking slowly to the locker room.

The Spurs, the team with the best record in the NBA at 62-20, lost their third in a row at home for the first time this season. They were 33-8 in the Alamodome in the regular season.

No team has come back from 2-0 to win the Western Conference finals. Only 11 teams have rallied from such a deficit to win a series.