

No. 11 Arizona continues to dominate against Oregon

■ **MEN'S BASKETBALL:** The Wildcats beat the Ducks for the 12th time in a row at Arizona

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TUCSON, Ariz. — Michael Dickerson's shooting slump lasted exactly 3 1/2 games.

Dickerson scored 18 of his 20 points in the second half Saturday night as No. 11 Arizona defeated Oregon 88-66 for its 12th straight victory over the Ducks.

Dickerson was just 1-of-5 from the field in the first half but was a different man in the second half, making 4-of-6 field goals and 10-of-11 free throws.

"Michael Dickerson is good when he is

aggressive," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "The last couple of weeks he has been passive. Going 10-of-11 shows how aggressive he was. If you are reaching the free throw line, then you are being aggressive."

Dickerson, who leads the team with a 21-point average, isn't ready to declare his shooting slump over, though.

"I just shot free throws, and when you shoot free throws, you should make them," he said.

Arizona (12-4, 5-2 Pac-10) withstood several second-half comeback attempts by the Ducks, who got 18 points from Jamal Lawrence.

Oregon (11-5, 2-5) trailed 37-23 at half-time, but Lawrence led a 10-2 run with a

pair of 3-pointers that brought the Ducks within 42-35.



The Wildcats regrouped with a free throw from Dickerson, a three-point play by Bennett Davison and a short jumper from Miles Simon to open up a 48-35 lead.

Oregon made several other runs at Arizona but couldn't overcome the Wildcats' 71 percent second-half shooting.

"Fatigue set in," Lawrence said. "It is tough when you are down. You use all of your energy coming back. I give a lot of

credit to Arizona. They were really focused."

Mike Bibby scored 19 points for Arizona. Davison, Jason Terry and Simon added 11 each.

Kenya Wilkins scored 17 points for Oregon.

Arizona took advantage of its 3-point shooting early in the game as the Wildcats went on a 10-0 run to take a 14-4 lead. Bibby, who had eight assists, hit a pair of 3-pointers in the spurt.

The Wildcats held Oregon without a basket for nearly eight minutes and increased their lead to 22-6. The Ducks missed 11 straight shots during their drought.

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Oregon finds success at first indoor meet

Saturday's Silver State Invitational proved a fitting site for the Oregon men's and women's track team's opener as two Duck men notched NCAA provisional marks.

All-American Chris Nelson and pole vaulter Piotr Buciarski led the squad in their respective specialties. Nelson won the high jump with a mark of 7-1 to equal the NCAA provisional qualifying standard, while Buciarski cleared 17-6 to also notch an NCAA provisional mark at USA Track and Field's Pole Vault Summit, which featured all of the nation's top collegians.

Also in the pole vault, Eric Abel set a personal best, clearing 16-2. Other top performances came from long jumper Howard Moore who won the long jump with a mark of 23-10 1/2, just shy of his personal best of 24-1. Jody Mortimore finished third with a mark

of 23-2.

On the women's side, the 400-meter finals featured two of Oregon's top performers in Tish Henes and Sue Morris. Morris took third overall with a time of 56.19, while Henes finished a few strides back in fifth in a time of 56.77.

Other finishers included Nonglack Somsanith, who finished fourth in both the high jump and triple jump. She tied with teammate Stacy Robson in the triple jump.

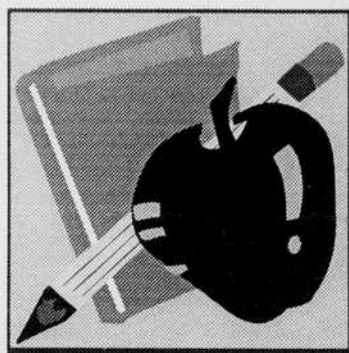
Chris Cvitanich finished second in the shot put, while Valerie Sweitzer finished fourth and Heidi Fisk finished ninth.

Oliver Wirz competed in the 3,000-meter run at the Terrier Classic in Boston. Wirz finished second with a time of 8-minutes, 11.3 seconds — an NCAA provisional mark.

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