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## Oregon advances three athletes into NCAA finals

**■ TRACK & FIELD:**

**Daniel Das Neves** ran the fourth fastest steeplechase of the day to qualify for the finals

By Ben Kwasney and Alex Pond  
*Sports Reporters*

Three Oregon athletes qualified for the finals of their respective events Wednesday during the first day of the NCAA Track and Field Championships in Bloomington, Ind.

Kaarin Knudson led the women's team with a personal record of 2-minutes, 4.52 seconds in the 800-meter run. Knudson made it into Friday's 800 final with the fourth best time of the day.

Marie Davis made it into the 3,000-meter finals after claiming a PR with a 9:21.96 time. Davis, who finished fifth in her heat and recorded the fifth best time overall, will run in the 12-woman final Friday.

Davis entered the meet with a best of 9:26.28, which she ran at this year's Pacific-10 Conference

meet.

"I told them that I wanted [Davis] and Kaarin to be major players in the race," said head coach Tom Heinonen. "I wanted people to know they were in the race and not just to float anonymously in the back of the pack, and they both did that."



The other women's competitor of the day for Oregon was Tish Henes, who failed to make it out of the 400-meter hurdles semifinals with a time of 58.77. Nine competitors qualified for the finals and Henes finished 14th.

On the men's side, the Ducks managed to get just one of their two steeplechasers into Friday's finals.

Daniel Das Neves ran the fourth fastest time of the

day, finishing in 8:46.31 to make it to the finals for the second consecutive year.

"I felt pretty good," Das Neves said. "I wanted to have a good one today because I was a bit disappointed at the Pac-10s.... But the real race is Friday."

Oregon's other steeplechaser, Micah Davis, just missed making the 12-man final in his first trip to the NCAAs. The third-place Pac-10 finisher ran a time of 8:50.68, which placed him 13th on the day.

The meet will continue today with three Ducks in action.

For the men, Chris Nelson will compete in the high jump, in which he placed fourth last year.

Knudson (1,500-meter run semifinal) and Heather McMahon (5,000-meter run semifinal) are slated to compete for the Oregon women.

## Scoreboard

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

#### NBA PLAYOFFS

Utah ..... 85  
Chicago ..... 97

#### American League

Chi. White Sox..... 9	Boston..... 11
Cleveland..... 4	Milwaukee..... 13
NY Yankees..... 7	Kansas City..... Late
Baltimore..... 9	Anaheim.....

#### National League

Chi. Cubs..... 5	Houston..... 5
Philadelphia..... 1	Cincinnati..... 2
Atlanta..... 6	Florida..... 5
Montreal..... 3	NY Mets..... 2
St. Louis..... 10	San Diego..... 7
Pittsburgh..... 0	Colorado..... 5
San Francisco..... Late	
Los Angeles.....	

### Boyer and Nelson awarded Pac-10 Conference medals

Ariane Boyer and Chris Nelson were awarded Pacific-10 Conference medals, conference commissioner Tom Hansen announced Wednesday.

Boyer was an honorable mention All-American on the Oregon women's basketball team this past season. She led the Ducks in scoring and rebounding each of the past two seasons and was a two-time Pac-10 first-team selection.

Nelson is a senior on the Oregon men's track and field team. He earned all-American honors in 1996, tying for fourth in the high jump at the NCAA Championships and is the school record holder in that event.

Conference medals are awarded to one male and one female athlete at each of the ten conference schools and are based on the exhibition of the greatest combination of performance and achievement in scholarship, athletics and leadership.

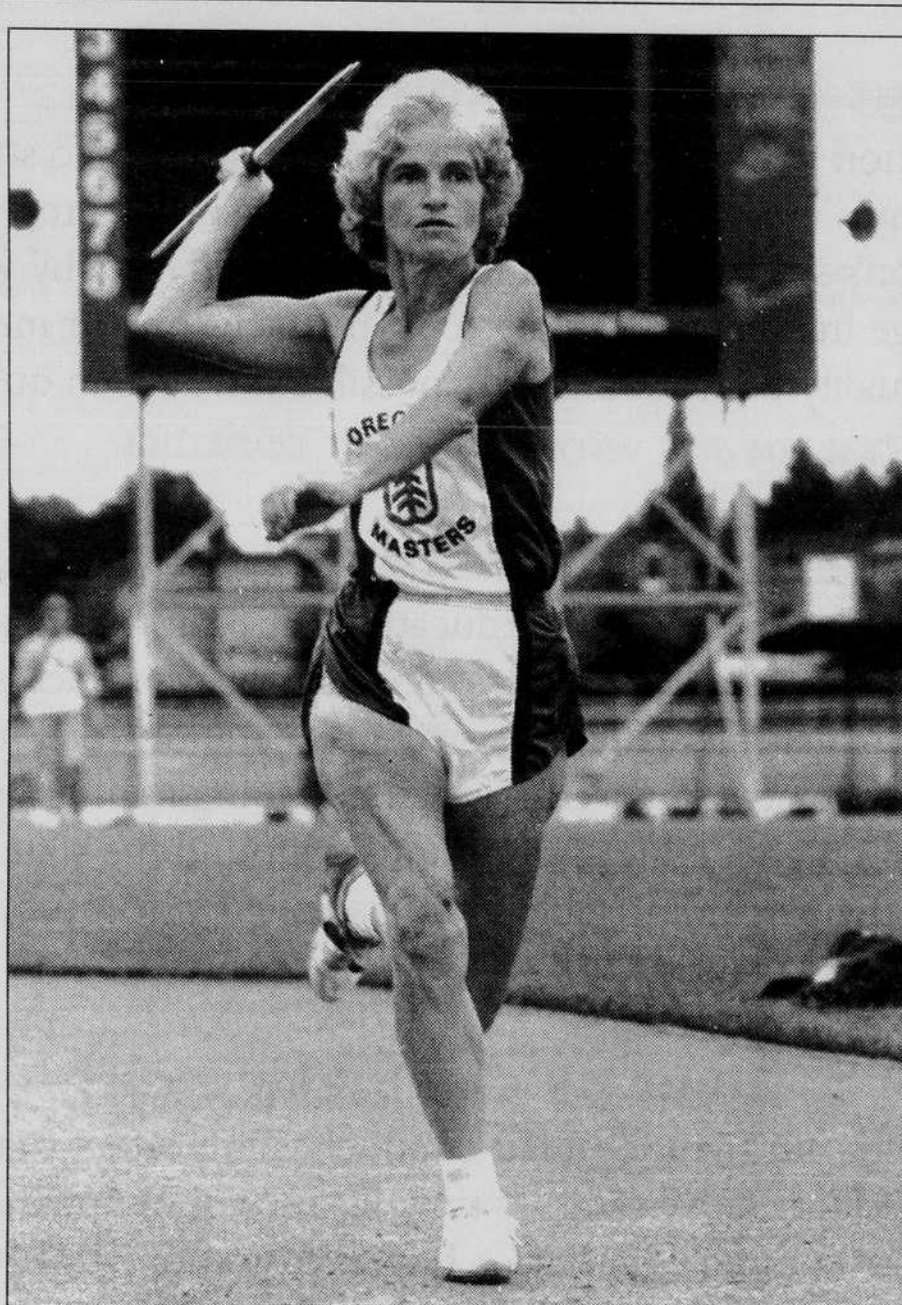
### Michael Irvin says he may retire from the Cowboys

FARMERS BRANCH, Texas (AP) — Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin said today his football career is on hold until he can find a reason to continue playing.

Irvin admitted he's worn out and lacks the spark for the game.

"Right now, I just don't have the intensity and emotion I used to have. I just need time right now to decide what I want to do and if I can find the love," he said, adding that he doesn't know when he'll make a decision.

Irvin, whose tone lacked his usual energy, appeared at a news conference with newly hired attorney Peter Ginsberg.



Becky Sisley holds the American record in the outdoor and indoor high jump, the triple jump and the javelin in the 50-54 age group.

## Ageless Wonder

Oregon physical education professor Becky Sisley is an American age-group record holder four times over

By Jesse Sowa  
*Freelance Sports Reporter*

Becky Sisley is not your typical 58-year-old college professor.

Instead of grading papers and giving lectures, Sisley spends her free time jumping over hurdles and throwing the javelin.

She is the world record holder in the pole vault for her age group and the owner of four other U.S. track and field records in her age group.

She became involved in veteran track and field events, for people 40 or older, in 1987 when she attended the Masters Track Championship in Eugene.

Until that point, she was unaware that older people even competed in track.

After the meet, Sisley said she came away with a feeling of, "Wow, those are things I've always wanted to do."

"I thought, 'I need a broader life.' And track has really filled that purpose."

Because she grew up in the 1940s and 1950s, the only real sporting event for women was softball, Sisley said.

Sisley excelled in softball, playing left field for the 1964 world championship

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## Jordan, Bulls dismantle Jazz, take 2-0 lead

■ **FINALS:** Michael Jordan came just one assist short of his first NBA Finals triple-double and finished with 38 points and 13 rebounds

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bulls did indeed dismantle something — their once formidable opponent.

Michael Jordan was at his unstoppable best, nearly getting a triple-double, the Bulls played team defense at the highest level and Chicago humbled the Utah Jazz 97-85 Wednesday night in Game 2 of the NBA Finals.

"We came out on the heels of what we did in the first game," Jordan said. "We basically stayed in the same focus as last game. Right from the beginning of the game through the end we maintained our defen-

sive pressure."

The victory came amid considerable handwringing in Chicago over the future of the Bulls, whose coach, best player and leading rebounder will be free agents at season's end.



But if Game 2 proved anything, it's that Chicago management would have to be crazy to break up this bunch. This was the Bulls at their best in every facet of the game.

Jordan, who had 38 points, 13 rebounds and nine assists to barely miss the first NBA Finals triple-double of his career, simply toyed with everything the Jazz threw at him.

### NBA FINALS

■ <b>LEADING SCORERS:</b>	
Jordan, Chi.	38
Malone, Utah	20
■ <b>LEADING REBOUNDERS:</b>	
Jordan, Chi.	13
Malone, Utah	13
■ <b>ASSIST LEADERS:</b>	
Jordan, Chi.	9
Stockton, Utah	7