



35-year-old Regina Jacobs won the 1,500 on Saturday and the 5,000 a day later.

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jump almost 23 feet, I think it's wonderful," she said. "I'm gonna be faced with that the rest of my career. I'm going to have to be able to pull it out, and I just didn't do that today."

Other upsets during the four-day meet included Shelia Burrell's heptathlon win over 1999 indoor-champ DeDee Nathan, whose no-height in the high jump hurt her.

On Sunday, Hayward fans were treated with a record-challenging performance by high jumper Tisha Waller.

After all of her competitors had already been eliminated, Waller was still skying over the bar, setting a meet and field record of 6-6 1/4. She just missed clearance at 6-9, which would have eclipsed the American mark.

"My whole thing was to come and jump well and give the fans here in Oregon a wonderful show," Waller said.

And although Olympic gold

medalist Gail Devers didn't quite feel wonderful in her comeback races in the 100 hurdles and 100 dash, she felt good enough. She finished first and second, respectively, as Inger Miller edged Devers in the 100 by .01 seconds in 10.96.

"They thought my season was over three weeks ago after my MRI," said Devers, who'd been suffering hamstring problems among various other ailments, "but I honestly believe I have a guardian angel looking over my shoulder, and as long as I live my life right, things are always going to work out all right."

Connie Price-Smith and Dawn Ellerbe, staples of success in the shot put and hammer throw, respectively, both won in dramatic fashion, waiting until their final throws to claim victory.

Stacey Dragila couldn't surpass her American record in the pole vault, but she made history anyway by clearing 14-7 1/4 during Saturday's competition.

In doing so, Dragila qualified for the first American women's pole vaulting team. Women vault at the World Championships for the first time this summer.

The women's 3,000 steeplechase was run for the first time at nationals Thursday.

Elizabeth Jackson of Brigham Young won in 10:07.23, followed by former Duck Lisa Nye.

"I'm really proud to be a part of Hayward's first triple at nationals," Nye said. "This is the best crowd in the world."

Every competitor, especially those who'd never competed at Hayward before, realized just that during the four-day event, which drew a total of 32,181 fans.

"I love the atmosphere," 22-year-old Akron heptathlete Christi Smith said. "The positive energy helps us, definitely."

"These fans know what they're talking about and know what they see. They're a tough crowd, but I love 'em."

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jury, and Greene won the 200 easily in 19.93, even though he stumbled out of the blocks.

"I ran the best race I could today," Greene said. "I had to gather myself up, and then get back in control of myself."

On Friday, Mitchell won the 100 in 9.97, in what might be his final national-championship appearance, he said.

"I've had some very exciting moments in this sport," said the Olympian Mitchell, who faces arbitration hearings on drug charges. "But this race is something that is in a whole different category. This could mark the end."

Pole vaulter Jeff Hartwig showed that he certainly has greater heights in his plans. His vault of 19 feet, 9 inches broke his old American record of 19-08.

"I knew physically I was ready to go," Hartwig said. "Everything came together really well today."

Washington-native and race-favorite Marlon Shirley set a world record in the amputee 100 with a time of 11.33.

"I'm so happy for my coach and for everybody else who helped me out," Shirley said. "It's unreal."

Other favorites John Godina and Chris Huffins controlled the shot put and the decathlon, respectively.

Godina set a meet record Sunday with a throw of 72-03 and finished second in the discus.

Huffins, a new father as of June 16, withstood less-than-ideal weather conditions to collect 8,350 points

and the championship Friday.

"I wanted to come out today and end the decathlon in two events," Huffins said. "And I did that."

Former Lane Community College athlete Tom Pappas — who now represents Tennessee — finished second to Huffins.

Larry Wade, completely dominant in the 110 hurdles this year, including having set the Hayward record at the Prefontaine Classic in May, cruised through the first round Saturday.

But America's talented young hurdler's fun ended when his calves cramped during the final. Afterward, Wade tried to remain positive about his missed invitation to the World Championships in Spain later this summer.

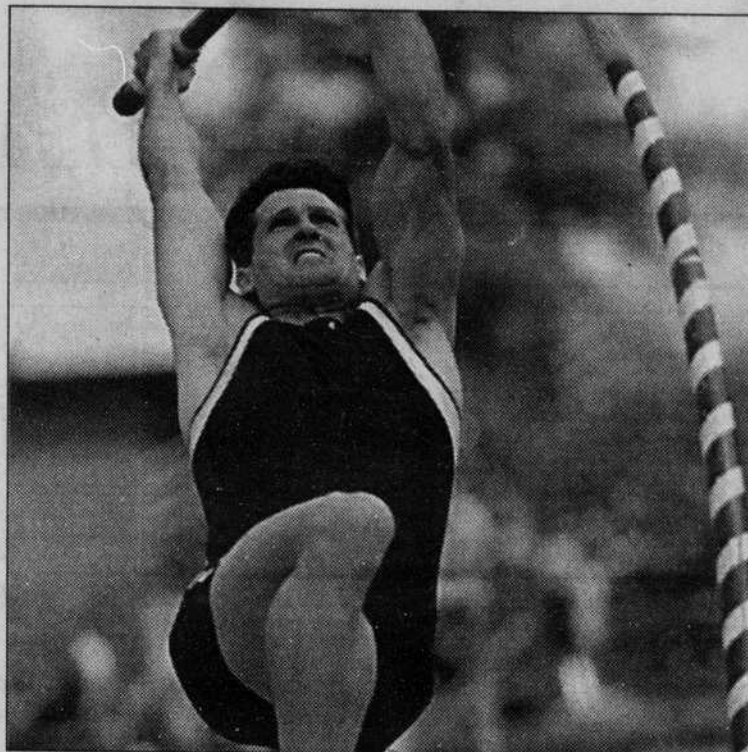
"It's a learning experience, and I guess I just gotta take it as it comes," Wade said.

Mark Crear won the race in 13.09 and is joined on the national team by Allen Johnson and Tony Dees.

Eugene-resident Lance Deal is headed to the World Championships for the 12th time after his 80.35-meter toss on his final attempt in the hammer throw.

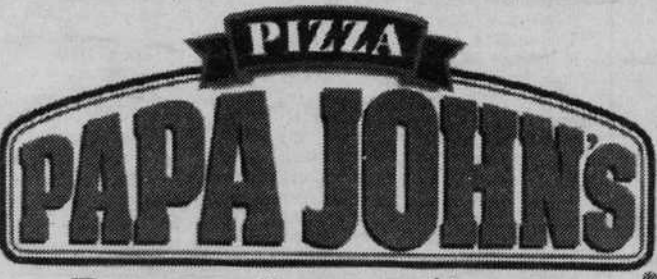
"To come back and throw 80 on the last throw, that felt real good," Deal said.

Pascal Dobert, who was coached by current Duck coach Martin Smith when he ran at Wisconsin, claimed the 3,000 steeplechase title with a time of 8:21.48, nine seconds off the Hayward record.



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With a vault of 19 feet, 9 inches, Jeff Hartwig topped his own American record.



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