



## Kimata earns Oregon's fourth Pac-10 award

Junior transfer Simon Kimata earns Oregon's fourth Pac-10 Player of the Week award after a record performance in the 800

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Two months ago, Oregon's Simon Kimata was in a boot cast.

A month ago, Kimata didn't think he could break the two-minute barrier in the 800-meters, a time he easily surpassed in high school.

Now the Nyeri, Kenya, native is back to his old form and is ranked fourth nationally. Kimata completed a successful rehabilitation from an Achilles stress fracture last weekend at the Texas Invitational. Kimata won the 800-meters in a seasonal best time of 1 minute, 47 seconds to automatically qualify for the NCAA Championships. Kimata broke the three-year-old track record at Mike Myers Stadium.

For his efforts, Kimata earned the Pacific-10 Conference's Athlete of the Week award. The junior college transfer owns the top mark in the conference by a half-second.

The 1:47.92 mark is the eighth fastest in school history, behind Scott Daggatt in 1974.

Kimata is the third Duck to capture the Athlete of the Week this season. He joins junior John Stiegeler, who has received the honor twice this year, and junior Santiago Lorenzo on the Pac-10 awards list.

The road to recovery has been marked by major

improvements for Kimata. His first race in more than two years came at the April 4-7 Texas Relays, where Kimata ran the anchor leg on Oregon's sprint medley relay team. Kimata surprised even himself with a 1:55 performance. At the Washington Dual meet on April 14, Kimata earned another seasonal best at 1:50, followed by a run of 1:49 to win the Oregon Invitational two weeks later.

While Kimata has a trip to the NCAA Championships all but clinched, he is still cautious towards his injury.

"I can still feel my Achilles when I really push it," Kimata said. "Up until now, the goal has just been to win and to stay healthy. I haven't really focused on time much. I'm very pleased though."

### Invading the record books

Some unexpected athletes have snuck into the Oregon record books this season. In addition to Micah Harris tying the school record in the 110-meter hurdles and Stiegeler being only six feet away from the javelin record, four others have made it into Oregon's top-10 list.

Sophomore Terry Ellis is now tied-for-fifth on the 110 hurdle list with Don Wright at 14.04. Red-shirt freshman Jason Hartmann needed only one race to make it onto the top-10 list in the 10,000 meters in a time of 28:56.

Sophomore Foluso Akiradewo sneaked onto the all-time triple jump list by two inches with a leap of 50 feet, six inches and freshman Adam Jenkins is 10th on the javelin list with a toss of 218-5.

Inching closer to spots in the Oregon record book are freshman Trevor Woods in the pole vault, junior John Bello in the shot put and sophomore Sammie Parker in the 100-meters.

### Form charts

If the NCAA Championships were held today, Oregon would score 24 points and place ninth (based off of last year's scoring). Oregon would receive big points with Stiegeler's win in the javelin and fourth-place finishes by Kimata in the 800 and Lorenzo in the decathlon.

Other points would come from redshirt freshman Hartmann in the 10,000 meters and junior Jason Boness in the high jump.

The Ducks have NCAA provisional qualifiers in three other events but are not expected to score. Oregon placed 44th last year at the NCAAs and 65th in 1999. The Ducks haven't finished higher than fifth since 1992.

Oregon's NCAA qualifiers will look forward to competing at Hayward Field for the nationals, May 30 through June 2.



KIMATA



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Freshman Anissa Meashintubby is 4-1 in the circle this season. The Ducks host Portland State at 2 p.m. today for a doubleheader at Howe Field.

## Oregon seeking revenge against PSU

**ON TAP:**  
Who: Oregon softball vs. Portland State  
When: Doubleheader begins at 2 p.m.  
Where: Howe Field

To make up for PSU's April 13 sweep, the Ducks will have to stop Portland State slugger Kiauna Anderson, who brought in two home runs that fateful day

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Of all the shutouts, demolitions, strikeouts, two-hitters and other embarrassments that the Oregon softball team has faced in this forgettable season, the most devastating has to be getting swept in a doubleheader by in-state rival Portland State on April 3.

Heading into their final five games of the season, however, the Ducks (27-36 overall, 1-17 Pacific-10 Conference) — who swept the Vikings last year — can at least salvage a series split with

the Vikings with a doubleheader sweep today, beginning at 2 p.m. at Howe Field.

"It's been a long season and I don't want to go out on a bad note," sophomore pitcher/outfielder Andrea Vidlund said. "There's not much we can do at this point. We just want to have fun and get through this as a team."

Flashback to early April. On the first of the month, the Ducks split a doubleheader with Arizona State to open Pac-10 play with a motivating 1-2 start (after also losing to then-No. 2 Arizona) and went into the non-conference matchup in Portland with a shot of confidence.



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## Kenyon, Sullivan eager for Pac-10s

For Oregon's two heptathletes, the Pac-10s offer tough competition this weekend, and both Ducks are confident they'll meet the conference heat

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As junior Jenny Kenyon practiced Tuesday for the javelin throw — an event she will participate in this Sunday in Berkeley, Calif. — she asked senior all-American Karis Howell for some advice about her release.

You see, Kenyon is not really a javelin thrower. Nor is she a high jumper or a long jumper. But Kenyon will compete in all those events at the Pacific-10 Conference Championship heptathlon this weekend.

This weekend's heptathlon will kick off the Pac-10 Championships a week early in Berkeley. Oregon will send two representatives — Kenyon and freshman Ann Sullivan — to face some of the nation's best heptathletes. The athletes compete in the 100-meter hurdles, shot put and high jump Saturday, then the 200, 800, javelin and long jump Sunday.

Kenyon and Sullivan have both endured injuries this season, but both say they are ready to get the Ducks off to a fast start at the Pac-10 Championships.

"They're both a little banged up," Oregon head coach Tom Heinonen said. "Jenny was scheduled to compete in the Steve Scott [Invitational last weekend], but we didn't even take her down there."

The athletes said that if they do well, it could be a sign of things to come, as the rest of the team will travel down to Berkeley next weekend for the league tourney.

"I think it can set the tone for the rest of the team," Kenyon said. "Ann and I can get those points. We both compete hard."

While Kenyon said she is strong in the 200 and the shot put, Sullivan is a hurdler by nature, and cites the 100 hurdles and 200 as her strongest events.



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Oregon heptathlete

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