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# Woods leads men's track

The pole vaulter records a nine-inch season-best Saturday at the Texas Relays

## Men's track and field

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With much of the focus on Becky Holliday and the vaunted women's vault team, Trevor Woods stole some limelight back for the men Saturday at the Texas Relays.

Woods leapt 17 feet, 8 1/2 inches to take third in the crowded university section of the pole vault at Mike A. Myers Stadium. The mark was an NCAA Regional qualifier and set Woods' season best by more than nine inches.

Also over the weekend, fresh-

man hurdler Eric Mitchum made a splash in his first meet against top competition. Mitchum finished second by .01 seconds in his qualifying 110 hurdles heat Friday, then finished fourth overall and second among college athletes in Saturday's final. Mitchum already qualified for the NCAA Regionals with a time of 14.07 at the Oregon Preview, but his 13.98 at the Texas Relays solidified him as one of the most exciting young talents on the men's track squad.

"I've had a good indoor and outdoor season, and this gives me even more confidence heading into the middle stretch of the season," Mitchum said.

Mitchum said he hit a lot of hurdles in Saturday's final, but he felt good about his performance nonetheless.

"I still felt pretty smooth the whole way," Mitchum said. "I had a good start and kept my speed through the end, so I knew that a time in the 13.90s was likely."

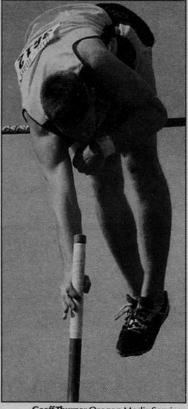
Mitchum also ran a Pacific-10 Conference Championships-qualifying time in the 400 hurdles Thursday.

Woods and Mitchum weren't the only Ducks in action over the weekend. Freshman high jumper Jeff Lindsey - a highly-touted high jump recruit out of Texas last year - returned to his home state and took 14th in the high jump. He hit his first height of 6-6 3/4, but missed three attempts at 6-8 3/4 to tumble in the standings. Lindsey is intimately acquainted with the Texas Relays meet; as a high schooler, he took fourth and second in the high school competition in his junior and senior years, respectively. In those two meets, he jumped 6-9 and 6-10.

On Friday, triple jumper Derek Strubel finished 16th in his event. His jump of 48-4 3/4 was well short of his season best of 49-5 1/2.

The weekend capped nearly a full week of action for the men. On Wednesday and Thursday, Oregon's decathletes were on display, as Santiago Lorenzo finished second in his return to decathlon action after redshirting last season. Oregon's Andy Young finished 11th in the tough field.

"(Lorenzo and Young) laid it all on the line and stepped it up in pressure situations all meet long," Oregon assistant coach Bill Law-



Geoff Thurner Oregon Media Services Trevor Woods notched his first NCAA regional-qualifying height in Texas.

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The Ducks' relay teams didn't fare as well as the individuals on the weekend. Oregon's 4x800 team finished seventh in its 18team field Thursday, while the 4x400 team finished sixth in its heat and 15th overall Friday.

The Ducks won't be making travel plans again anytime soon. Oregon returns home for the Pepsi Team Invitational next weekend, then competes in two more home meets before the Pac-10 Championships in Los Angeles. All told, the Ducks will spend almost a month at home.

This year, the Pepsi Team Invitational takes the place of Oregon's traditional dual meet with Washington. The Huskies will be at the four-team meet, as will Colorado and Minnesota. The meet will have the head-to-head competition aspect of the Washington Dual and postseason meets, but the meet is merely expanded in size this year.

Saturday's first field event is scheduled for noon, while the first track event is scheduled for 2:40 p.m.

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attempts when she launched one to 49-2 1/4, nearly five feet better than her season best.

It was Etter's only legal mark, and earned her eighth overall and her first NCAA Regional invite in the event this season. The Everett, tively, with a throw of 152-1. The All-American settled for her best mark in the preliminaries as she fouled every attempt in the finals.

"I had an off day," Lundeen said. "Today was the first time I tried to use a full approach and my technique couldn't handle the speed. I have a lot of work to do in the next weeks."

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Daily Events: EMU Amiphitheater & International Lounge (above EMU post office) Wash., native also earned seventh in the discus in Friday's competition with a throw of 166-0.

In other action, sophomore Elisa Crumley finished third in her season debut of the javelin after throwing 157-11. After preliminary throws of 152-11, 147-4 and 147-1, Crumley opted out of her next two before her final toss became her daily best.

"I came in with no expectations because I've done so little in practice," Crumley, an All-American, said. "I was worried about my strength and endurance, so I skipped my first throws in the final, so I could save some strength and try to relax, and that helped a lot." Also amidst Oregon's javelin trio was sonhomore Boslyn Lun-

trio was sophomore Roslyn Lundeen who finished sixth, respecSenior Amanda Brown wrapped up action Friday for Oregon by finishing third overall in the triple jump. Brown cleared 40 feet for only the fourth time in her career at 40-9 1/2, good enough for a 3/4inch personal best and the fourth best all-time mark for Oregon.

The Oregon women featured one entry on the track with senior Heather Murtaugh finishing fifth in her heat of the 100 in 12.17 seconds.

The Ducks return to Hayward Field on Saturday for the Pepsi Team Invitational. Oregon will compete against Colorado, Minnesota and Washington, with action beginning at noon.

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