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## Record: Several other Ducks' points crucial to the final score

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most exciting event in track and field, and here is the chance to be at the center of the universe for a few moments. You rarely get a chance like this in life so you have to go for broke, and they pulled it off."
Kent led off with a 46.1-second opening split, followed by Inico (44.4) giving the Ducks second place at the halfway mark. Ikwuakor finished the third leg (45.4) in a tight battle for second with Arizona State University before handing off to the anchor Scherer.
Louisiana State University (2:59.59) broke the NCAA meet and collegiate record ( $2: 59.91$ UCLA 1988), while ASU ( $3: 00.57$ ) edged Oregon in the final 50 meters for second place.
"If someone had told me we would run three (minutes) at the NCAA's, I wouldn't have believed that we would get third," said Ikwuakor, courtesy of goducks.com. "We have nothing to be ashamed of. There was so much emotion out there with the national championship. I was pretty nervous coming in, but once I got the baton I felt fine."
The previous school record ( $3: 03.27$ ) was established at the 2005 Pac-10 Championships, hosted by UCLA May 14-15
Before the record-setting relay, Inico, a senior, earned his first outdoor AllAmerica honor with an eighth-place
finish in the 400 (45.85)
"Matt, Jordan, AK and Travis (Anderson) are back next year, but losing Kedar won't be easy to replace," said Steele, courtesy of goducks.com. "When I watched them race here in Sacramento three years ago, I thought they had the makings of a great team. It's been a gradual process that has required a lot of work, but they've met the challenge and continued to improve every step of the way.
"The feelings of nervousness before and joy afterwards pretty much surpasses anything I ever felt as an athlete."
Eric Logsdon made his third ap pearance in the NCAA outdoor 5,000 where he finished 12 th ( $14: 20.21$ ).
The Oregon men finished tied for ninth place with 23 team points, their third ninth-place finish in five years.
Sarah Malone's second-place finish in the javelin (169-4) gave the Oregon women eight points to tie for 32nd.
Lauryn Jordan finished 14th in the heptathlon with a career-best score of 5,367 .
Other Oregon finishers included 12th-place finishes from Bree Fuqua's in the shot put (50-4) and Brittany Hinchcliffe in the hammer (189-11).
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