

Oregon women grab Triple Crown in nail biting fashion



By Zach Silva
For The Sentinel

EUGENE – Coming into the final day of the NCAA Track and Field Championship, the Oregon women were supposed to have a stress-free and comfortable route to the title. While the team ended up victorious-- winning the team title became the first women's NCAA team to ever win the Triple Crown consisting of a championship in cross-country and both indoor and outdoor track and field in the same academic year-- it was neither stress-free nor comfortable.

"I would have rather had it put away before we even got here," joked head coach Robert Johnson. "Coach Powell said we're getting good at this

winning by one point, harkening all the way back to cross-country."

Oregon had 14 entries on the final day and assuming everything went according to the form chart, the team was set to cruise to victory. It wasn't that simple.

"The big shock and the big surprise where everything got tainted didn't start until after the 200," said Johnson.

In the 200, Oregon's Ariana Washington and Deajah Stevens were looking to finish first and second. With about 20 meters to go Stevens was in first place but suddenly tripped and fell onto the ground. Washington finished in second behind Florida's Kyra Jefferson.

"I saw [Stevens] fall and my very first instinct was to turn around and go get her but I had to finish my own race first," said Washington. After Washington finished, she did go back to help her up which then caused Stevens to be disqualified from the race.

Because of this race, Oregon's victory was no longer a guarantee. Their main competition, University of Georgia, was having their way with the jumps. The Bulldogs finished in first and second in both high jump and long jump and also had a first place finish in triple jump. This set up for an all-important 4x400 final.

Georgia did not have a team in the race but had 62.2 points which meant the only way that the

Ducks could beat them was with a first place finish. And that's just what the Ducks did.

After the first leg Oregon's Makenzie Dunmore had the team in second as she handed the baton to Stevens. Stevens stayed in it with USC and got the baton to Elexis Guster in first. USC battled back and when Oregon's Raevyn Rogers, who earlier in the day had won the 800, received the baton she was locked into a battle for first.

"I really had to stay calm and stay composed and really just run my race and focus on myself," said Rogers. "My legs in the last 50 meters were all over the place but whatever I had to do, I had to get to the finish line."

Kendall Ellis of USC had surged ahead of Rog-

Please see CROWN PG B2



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

SARA WITTY

Congratulations to senior Sara Witty. Witty is a four-year letter winner and state qualifier along with her horse "Rocket."

During her senior year with OHSET, she was District Champion in Keyhole, Second Place in District in Figure 8, First Place District in Drill, Third Place in District in Canadian Flags and Second Place in District Team Penning.

She also competes with Rocket in gaming shows including BAM Gaming Series, Al Barber Memorial Gaming Series sponsored by the Cottage Grove Rodeo and the Saddle Up Gaming Series. In the 2016 -2017 years, she has won the A Division 14-18 in the BAM Series in Eugene three times.

She plans to continue with Rocket at OSU as part of the university's drill team. Congratulations Sara!



Wild West Modified Shootout Set For 2017 Campaign

By Ben Deatherage
For The Sentinel

If you're looking for the best IMCA Modified drivers in the Pacific Northwest and abroad then look no further than the Wild West Modified Shootout from June 23rd to July 1st. Seven races will be conducted in eight nights at some of the best five race tracks in the country. The tour will finish things out with a massive three-day extravaganza at Lebanon, Oregon's Willamette Speedway.

Last year would witness utter dominance by Kellen Chadwick. The Oakley, California native would pick up four of the six shows while on his way to the Wild West Modified Shootout title in his first ever time participating in the speedweek.

2017 should be an exciting year for the Wild West Modified Shootout as it is quickly becoming one of the most anticipated and talked about racing dates in the land. Below you will find out all of the information that you will need whether you plan on travelling for just a single race or all seven of them. If you are competitor and have any questions at all feel free to contact Series Director Bob Valencia at (360)-470-6113.

2017 IMCA Wild West Modified Shootout Schedule
Friday, June 23rd-Siskiyou Motor Speedway-Yreka, California
Saturday, June 24th-Southern Oregon Speedway-White City, Oregon
Sunday, June 25th-Cottage Grove Speedway-Cottage Grove, Oregon
Monday, June 26th-Cottage Grove Speedway-Cottage Grove, Oregon
Tuesday, June 27th-Night Off/Travel Day
Wednesday, June 28th- Sunset Speedway Park-Banks, Oregon
Thursday, June 29th- Willamette Speedway-Lebanon, Oregon
Friday, June 30th- Willamette Speedway-Lebanon, Oregon
Saturday, July 1st- Willamette Speedway-Lebanon, Oregon

Former IMCA Wild West Modified Shootout Champions
2011- Brian Poppa
2012- Jesse Williamson
2013- Jesse Williamson
2014- Alex Stanford
2015- Jesse Williamson
2016- Kellen Chadwick
All-Time IMCA Wild West Modified Shootout Win List



Jesse Williamson- 8
Alex Stanford- 6
Kellen Chadwick- 4
Brian Poppa
Travis Peery- 2

Ken Schrader
Mark Wauge
Mark Carrell- 1
Ryan Gaylord
Braedon Hand

Scott Lenz
Brad Martin
Anthony Restad
Nick Trenchard
Collen Winebarger



**JUNE 16TH IS KAGE KARTS
AND FREE GENERAL ADMISSION**

**JUNE 17TH IS
FATHER'S NIGHT AT THE RACES**
Dads that bring their kids will be Free -
Wingless Sprints, Late Models, Street Stocks,
Quality RV Hornets