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PACIFIC-10 CONFERENCE OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. -- Pacific-10 Conference outdoor track and field athlete of the week honors for the week of April 27 - May 3:

Men's Track Athlete of the Week: MATTHEW CENTROWITZ, OREGON (RS-Fr., Arnold, Md.) - Centrowitz ran the fastest 1,500 meter time in the nation this season, 3:36.92, in winning the event Saturday at the Payton Jordan Cardinal Invitational. His time was less than half a second off Olympic gold medalist Joaquim Cruz's 1984 school record of 3:36.48. The redshirt freshman's time ranks third all-time at Oregon, behind only Cruz and Centrowitz's father, Matt Centrowitz, who clocked 3:36.7 in 1976. It was also the seventh-fastest time in NCAA history.

Men's Field Athletes of the Week: RYAN WHITING, ARIZONA STATE (Jr., Harrisburg, Pa.) - Whiting helped the Sun Devil men to a sweep of its instate rivals by winning the shot put and discus at the annual Double Dual. Whiting took the discus title with a mark of 60.32m (197-11), more than eight-feet past the second-place mark, and then went on to win the shot put with a national-leading toss of 20.41m (66-11.50). The only 20-meter throw of the season in the NCAA so far this year, Whiting also bettered his Dual record mark of 20.35m that he set in 2007 as a freshman. Along with his NCAA-leading shot put mark, Whiting currently stands second nationally in the discus (60.73m).

Women's Track Athlete of the Week: NICOLE LEACH, UCLA (Sr., West Philadelphia, Pa.) - In the UCLA/USC Dual Meet, Leach helped the Bruins to a season-best and improved regional mark of 45.00 in the 4x100 relay. She then won the open 400m with a regional qualifier of 52.04, which ranks third in the NCAA this season. Leach then made her season debut in the 400m hurdles, winning with the No. 2 time in the NCAA this season - 56.33. Her mark was a regional qualifier. Leach has never lost a 400m hurdles race in the UCLA/USC dual during her career at UCLA.

Women's Field Athlete of the Week: EVA ORBAN, USC (Sr., Papa, Hungary) - Orban won the USC/UCLA Dual Meet hammer competition with a meet-record toss of 226-10 (69.15m) to help USC defeat the Bruin women for a second consecutive season and aid both teams capturing a sweep in the meet for the first time. It is her season best and is the top collegiate mark this season.

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MEN'S TRACK – April 8 - **Jeshua Anderson**, WSU (400m Hurdles/110m Hurdles). April 13 - **Jeshua Anderson**, WSU (400m Hurdles/110m Hurdles). April 20 - **Brandon Bethke**, ASU (5,000m). April 27 - **Michael Coe**, CAL (Mile). May 4 - **Matthew Centrowitz**, ORE (1,500m).

MEN'S FIELD – April 8 - **Cyrus Hostetler**, ORE (JT). April 13 - **Ryan Young**, CAL (JT). April 20 - **Trent Arrivey**, WSU (HJ). April 27 - **Ashton Eaton**, ORE (Dec). May 4 - **Ryan Whiting**, ASU (DT/SP).

WOMEN'S TRACK – April 8 - **Amber Purvis**, ORE (100m/200m/4x100). April 13 - **Charonda Williams**, ASU (100m/200m). April 20 - **Anita Campbell**, WASH (5,000m). April 27 - **Kimyon Broom**, CAL (100m Hurdles). May 4 - **Nicole Leach**, UCLA (400m/400m Hurdles).

WOMEN'S FIELD – April 8 - **Jamesha Youngblood**, ORE (LJ). April 13 - **Sarah Stevens**, ASU (SP/DT/HT). April 20 - **Marissa Tschida**, WSU (JT). April 27 - **Rachel Yurkovich**, ORE (JT). May 4 - **Eva Orban**, USC (HT).