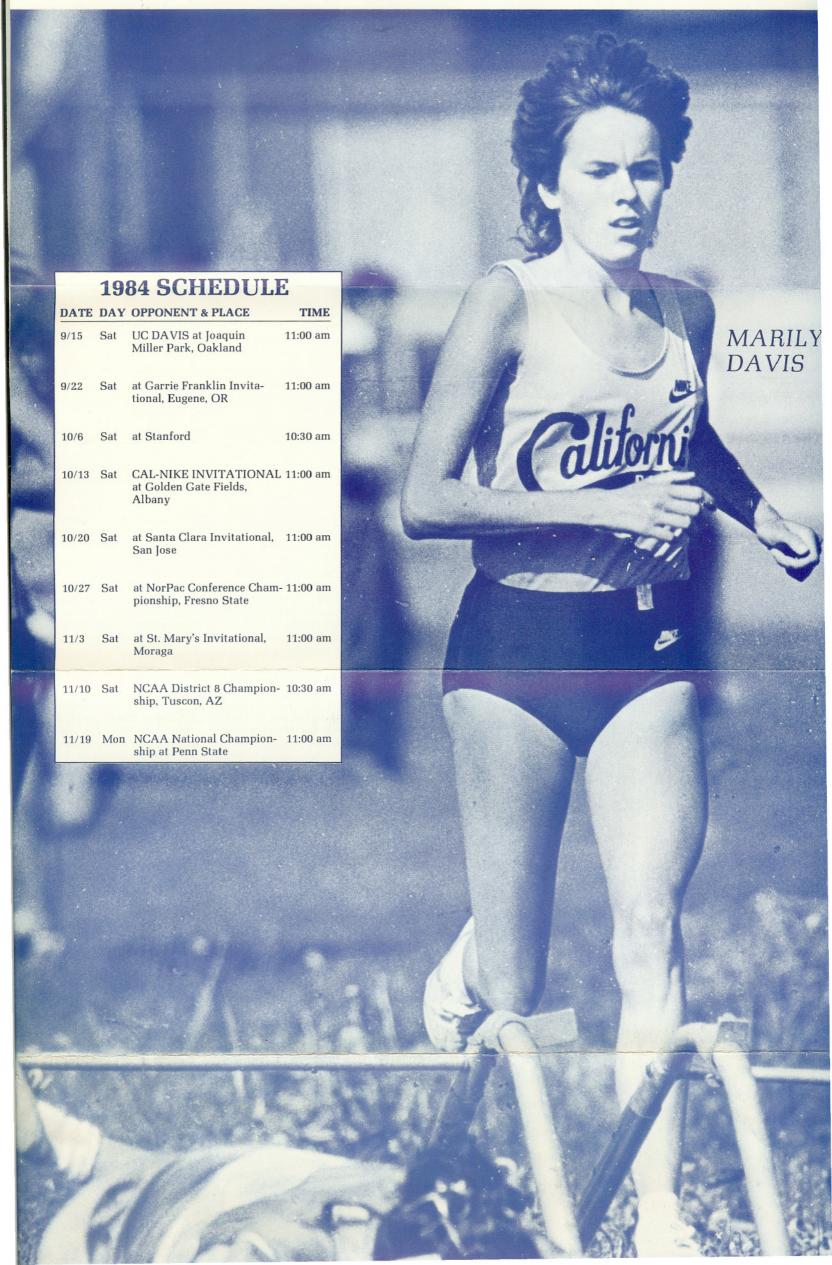
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1984 CAL CROSS COUNTRY SEASON OUTLOOK

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Currently a member of the NCAA Track and Field Committee, Sandoval is also The Athletics Congress national event coordinator in women's distances. He has travelled abroad as a US national team coach in cross country.

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