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## **Ngeno Strips** Prefontaine **Of Record**

STANFORD (AP) Breaking the course record by over 30 seconds, John Ngeno led Washington State to the Pacific-8 cross-country championship Saturday at the six-mile Stanford golf course.

Ngeno's first-place time of 27:37.6 broke Steve Prefon-taine's mark of 28:05.4 set last year when cross-country power Oregon won the meet.

WSU's team total was 30 points, well in front of Ore-gon at 51. Other team scores were Oregon State 80, Stan-ford 110, California 126, Washington 141 and UCLA 149.

The Ducks suffered from the loss of meet-favorite Paul Geis, who stayed home with the flu.

Ngeno, a native of Kenya, said he was "very pleased" with his race. I've been run-ning on the hills in the heat anywhere trying to burn my-self up getting read?" said self up getting ready"" said Ngeno.

Ngeno ran an easy steady pace for the first three-miles, then the WSU junior broke away from the pack. Fellow Cougar Joshua Kimeto, also from Kenya, stayed with Ngeno for a mile but faltered at the finish to place third.

Oregon's Terry Williams and Dave Taylor took second and fourth respectively. All four top finishers bettered the course record time. Williams was clokced in 27:58.2.

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Athletic Association individual cross country crown here Saturday.

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"Genet obliterated the course and the field," commented Spartan coach Don Riggs. "He took charge early and never let up on a very difficult course."

The junior from Santa Ana clocked 29:43 as compared to the course mark of 30:11 by Domingo Tibiduiza of Chile and the University of Nevada at Reno last year. The first three runners

cracked the old mark and like Genet in the individual competition, Long Beach State had no problem claim-ing team honors as Tomas Rodriguez was second to Genet and four other 49ers finished in the first nine.

The race was contested over a six-mile course at

over a six-mile course at Woodward Park. Team-Long Beach Sate State 28, Cal State Fullerton 71, Fresno 74, San Jose State 79, San Diego State 128. Individuals--Marc Genet (SJS) 29:43 (new record over 6 mile course,old, 30:11 by Domingo Tixiduiza, Univ. Nevada of Renol; Tomas Rodriguez (LB) 30:09; Mike Avery (SD) 30:10; James Sweeney (LB) 30:22; Bob Wilson (LB) 30:24; Ken Norton (Fullerton) 30:26; Dave Garcia ((FS) 30:29; Mike Lundblad (LB) 30:34; Ken Phelps (LB) 30:40; Dan Gruber (SJ) 30:40, Other Spartan finishers; 22nd-Bob Ebert, 31:37; 25th Rudy Krause, 31:55; 26th Dan Prous, 32:05; 27th Wayne Hurst, 32:17.