

## **Press Release**

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### **LoPiccolo Completes Dream Season With 14th Place in the US 5,000**

Amanda LoPiccolo ended the track season of her life tonight by placing 14th in the 5,000 meters at the US Championships in Eugene, OR. Her time of 16:12.42 was 52 seconds behind Olympian, world bronze medalist, and winner Kara Goucher of Nike. LoPiccolo came into the meet as the 23rd seed. "I have always dreamed of making it to this level of competition and ultimately this meet," commented LoPiccolo. "Now that I've competed here, my goals for the future have gotten bigger." In the preliminaries of the 1,500 meters Thursday, Amanda placed 12th in her heat and 22nd overall in a time of 4:24.08.

LoPiccolo's Charger teammate Jesse Doty competes Saturday in the hammer throw starting at 3:25pm PT. Full coverage including start lists, results, race footage, and LIVE streaming video of the USATF Outdoor Championships can be found at <http://www.usatf.org/events/2009/USAOutdoorTFChampionships/>. ESPN will have TV coverage on Saturday from 7:30-9:30pm ET. On Sunday, coverage switches to NBC from 4:00-6:00pm ET.

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