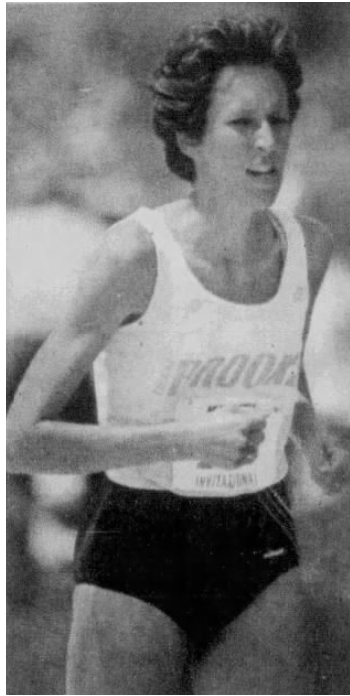
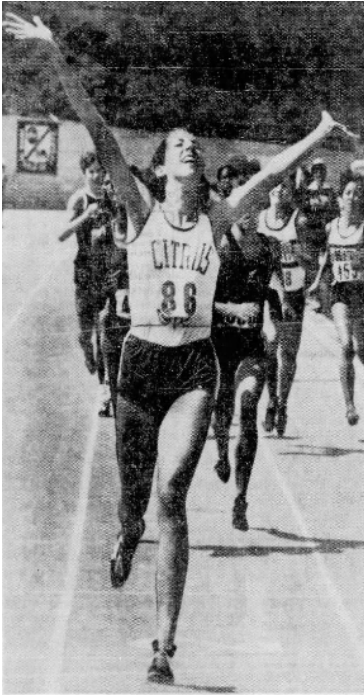


Ruth Kleinsasser Caldwell Wysocki...

Azusa HS / Citrus College

Still holds American CC 800-meter record-2:03.9

(Ruth won the '78 USA Nationals in 2:00, but T&F News only accepts records up to the JUCO national meet...but she is the American JC record holder in the event.)



First female to win four (T&F/XC) California Community College state meet events in consecutive years; Wysocki famously upset Mary Decker Slaney to win '84 Trials

Blue Angels TC: Wysocki (Kleinsasser-maiden name) began competing at age 8 as her father, Willis Kleinsasser, was an age group runner. Ironically, she was in the same club as Mary Decker Slaney. Started running at age 10 and ran for the Covina Valley Vikings. A little later, she joined the Rialto Roadrunners coached by her father. She only ran for the Blue Angels in 1975-76 when Vince O'Boyle started coaching her. She went to the University of Redlands after high school, but only went there for one year-ran for Vince Reel there.

Azusa HS-1973: Ruth Kleinsasser won the first CIF 880-2:16.8 (880 until meters in 1980). She also took the CIF 440-57.3.

**No girls state meet was held until 1974. She wasn't allowed to run, because she was on the boy's team and her high school had no girls team.*

1976 Olympic Trials: 800-8th 2:12.1 (Semis-2nd 2:06.87, heat-3rd 2:10.7);
1500-4th 4:27.1

Citrus, 1977-79: Wysocki (formerly Caldwell while competing for Citrus) is one of a select group of California community college athletes to win two events (1500-800) in consecutive years (1978-9) in the state meet. Her 800-meter winning state cc meet record time in '78 of 2:06.89 lasted 16 years and was the national record when set. Her 4:18.9 winning state meet mark from 1978-a national record then, lasted until 1986 when versatile Sylvia Mosqueda (East Los Angeles CC/Cal St. LA) set the still-standing mark of 4:18.10.

1979 So Cal Finals: 1500-1st 4:36.7(5 secs. win margin), 800-1st 2:08.72 (7.5 secs. win margin); 1979 State 1500-1st 4:34.44 *broke meet record by nine seconds), 800-1st 2:12.97. She still holds the American community college 800 record at 2:03.9 set at Fresno's West Coast Relays.

Cross Country-1977: So Cal Finals Small Schools-1st 17:14 (3-mile LA Pierce course); Citrus placed second; Inaugural Calif. CC champion (small schools) 3-miles-17:06.2 (13-seconds gap ahead of runners in large, small school races); Citrus was edged 68-69 by Yuba for the team championship.

Cross Country-1978: So Cal Finals Small Schools-1st (3-mile Morley Field-San Diego-course); Citrus placed third; Citrus coach-Vince O'Boyle

1978 AAU T&F Nationals: 800- 1st 2:02.0...10-yard win (heat-2:04.4) ... age 19
1984: Sun Angel Classic 3000-5th 9:35.55; Lady Bronco Classic 1500-1st 4:13.77; Mt. SAC Relays 3000-9th 9:15.4; Irvine Invite 1500-1st 4:13.24; UCLA/Pepsi mile-12th 4:42.0

1984 Olympic Trials: 1st 1500-4:00.18 (previous PR 4:13.25!), 800-2nd 1:59.34 (semis-2nd 1:59.48 PR) Perhaps the most memorable moment of Wysocki's famed career was her dramatic upset of Mary Decker, the legendary four-time Olympian in the 1984 Olympic Trials 1500- the finish picture was on the cover of Track & Field News, August 1984. *Her winning time of 4:00.18 made her the second fastest American ever in the event.*

1984 Olympics: 800-6th 2:00.34 (Semis-2:02.31, heat-2:04.5); 1500-8th 4:08.92 (Heat-4:06.65)

1988: 8:55.85 3k season PR

1988 Olympic Trials: 3000-6th 9:03.01

1992 Olympic Trials: 1500-11th 4:14.21 (Semis-4:17.55, heat-5th 4:15.72)

1995 World Championships: 1500-7th 4:07.08

1996 Olympic Trials: 1500-14th 4:23.59 (Semis-10th 4:25.09...fell; Heat-2nd 4:15.29

USA Rankings: 800m...1978-1st 1984-2nd 1995-7th; 1500m...1976-7th 1978-10th

1984-1st 1985-4th 1986-7th 1987-6th 1988-4th 1995-2nd 1997-8th;

3000m...1985-7th 1988-7th 1995-4th

Coach Vince O'Boyle: Wysocki was coached her entire career by Vince O'Boyle, former Citrus College runner and later Citrus Head T&F, XC Coach- he began coaching at UC Irvine in 1982. Vince O'Boyle started coaching Ruth in the fall of 1975 and coached her until she retired from racing.

Personal: Wysocki's father, Willis Kleinsasser, finished 4th in the 1946 state high school meet-880- at an estimated 2:01. Her brother Alan and nephew Eric won conference mile titles at Cal Tech, Occidental respectively.

Honors: Calif. CC Track & Field Hall of Fame-1994; Her brother, Parry, was So Cal JC champ at 1500 meters and her youngest brother, Brian, was on Coach O'Boyle's first state champion cross country team at Citrus. Her dad was also Athlete of the Meet at the first ever Master's National Championships.