

And rain swamps the Ducks

Ducks swamp Huskies

Oregon's Ducks huddled under the avalanche of hail, rain and almost-freezing temperatures, whispering about how nice it would be back in the less-violent Eugene rain. Meanwhile, Steve Prefontaine sloshed home first in the mile in conditions that would have made Indiana swimmer Mark Spitz the early favorite.

Washington's Huskies, always the champions of one-upmanship, bettered the University of Oregon's record for rotten weather (set the week before) as the numb Waddling Warriors managed to handle the outmanned Huskies, after an early scare, 109-54, in a dual meet here Saturday.

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In the early going Oregon head coach Bill Bowerman's words about "compacency" hovered like a black raincloud over Husky Stadium.

First Todd Lathers succumbed to the cold weather, among other things, and finished a distant third to Washington's Bill Moss and Jim Johnson in the 3,000 meter steeplechase. Then the Huskie javelin duo of Cary Feldmann and Gary Quitsland went one-two in that event. The Ducks trailed 44-42 after 10 events and in the miserable weather things didn't look to get much better.

But the sun began to make ovations towards the breaking out from behind the clouds and that was apparently all the incentive the Ducks needed.

Led by sprinter Al Hearvey, Oregon charged back ahead and, in the end, left little doubt where Northwest track supremacy lies.

Hearvey duplicated his feat of last week's performance, by winning both the 100 and 220. Hearvey's time in the 100 was



Al Hearvey

a wind-aided 9.7 seconds, while he slipped around the 220 course in 21.6 seconds.

Freshman Steve Bence said the cold "didn't bother him," then proved it by recording a 1:50.8 time while winning the 880. Bence, who attended high school in Spain, said it was "colder weather than I've ever run in before."

Pre said he's tired of running in bad weather after a 4:07.3 performance in his first mile race of the NCAA season.

"He would have liked to run faster," Bowerman said, "but everything didn't go right-like the weather."

The Oregon 440 relay team, out to break 40 seconds in that event, dropped the baton

on the exchange between Ivory Harris and Ron Blackman and didn't.

MacWilkins came through as expected, winning the discus at 179 feet, five inches ahead of teammate Gary Wolf. Oregon did well in the other weight events, too. Pete Shmuck had a 61-13/4 toss in the shot put to edge out Husky Ernie Cathcart, who had a 60-11 heave.

Most of the times and marks in the meet were far below what was expected, due mostly to the wind, rain, hail, and winds of up to 25 miles-per-hour.

Washington did get some consolation in the pole vault, which was moved inside toasty-warm Edmonson Pavilion as was the high jump. Kirk Bryde went 16-6 to set a new meet record by an inch. Oregon's Marty Hill responded to the dry indoors by going 6-8 in the high jump to take first in

that event.

Washington's distance runners took an expected bath. One Husky upstart, Bob Branden, did manage to sneak into second place behind Pre and ahead of Wes Smiley in the mile. The three mile was Duck soup with Mark Savage and Pat Tyson going one-two.

Hearvey's strong anchor gave the Ducks first in the mile relay while Ivory Harris made up for the baton miscue by taking the high hurdles, albeit, barely, over Washington's Geof Newing. Both were clocked in 14.5.

Oregon's last chance to run in good weather for some time may be this weekend in Lincoln, Neb. After that dual with the Cornhuskers the Ducks return home for three straight meets at Hayward Field . . . and you know what that means.

SPECIAL 800 (Non-scoring) — 1, Steve Straub, Husky Spike Club, 1:50.3. 2, Bob Martin, Cougar Track Club, 1:50.8. 3, Art Sandison, Cougar Track Club, 1:51.2. 4, Mark Feig, UO, 1:51.2.

HAMMER — 1, Mike Bolliger, UO, 163-6. 2, Pete Shmuck, UO, 152-8. 3, Mac Wilkins, UO, 135-2.

3,000-METER STEEPLECHASE — 1, Bill Moss, UW, 8:54.6. 2, Jim Johnson, UW, 8:56.4. 3, Todd Lathers, UO, 9:25.2.

LONG JUMP — 1, Ross Blackman, UO, 24-9w. 2, Bouncy Moore, UO, 24-3. Dave Martin, UW, 22-2.

SHOT PUT — 1, Pete Shmuck, UO, 61-13/4. 2, Ernie Cathcart, UW, 60-11. 3, Roy Easton, UW, 54-6.

MILE — 1, Steve Prefontaine, UO, 4:07.3. 2, Bob Branden, UW, 4:08.5. 3, Wes Smiley, UO, 4:09.2.

120 HIGH HURDLES — 1, Ivory Harris, UO, 14.5. 2, Geof Newing, UW, 14.5. 3, Mike Fairleigh, UW, 14.8.

440 RELAY — 1, Washington (Craig Swift, Mike Fairleigh, Terry Lavery, Dave Garrison), 45.0. Oregon did not finish, dropped baton.

JAVELIN — 1, Cary Feldmann, UW, 260-5. 2, Gary Quitsland, UW, 228-10. 3, Bob Daniel, UO, 222-3.

HIGH JUMP — 1, Marty Hill, UO, 6-8. 2, Phil Singleton, UO, 6-4. Tim Rowe, UW, 6-2.

100 — 1, Al Hearvey, UO, 9.7. 2, John Mays, UO, 9.8. 3, Craig Swift, UW, 9.8. (Aided by 7 mile-per-hour wind.)

800 — 1, Steve Bence, UO, 1:50.8. 2, Dave Welcker, UO, 1:52.6. 3, Steve Corsillos, UW, 1:53.8.

440 INTERMEDIATE HURDLES — 1, Paul Wilkinson, UO, 53.2. 2, Oreaser Brown, UO, 54.9. 3, Jerry Belur, UW, 55.7.

POLE VAULT — 1, Kirk Bryde, UW, 16-6. (Better meet record of 16-5 set by Bryde in 1971.) 2, Jeff Taylor, UW, 16-6. 3, Gary Dankworth, UW, 16-0.

440 — 1, Vincent Buford, UW, 48.2. 2, Doug Chapman, UO, 48.2. 3, Weldon Vance, UO, 49.1.

TRIPLE JUMP — 1, Gerald Baugh, UW, 45-13/4. 2, Craig Blackman, UO, 43-10. 3, Norm Stephens, UO, 41-9/4.

220 — 1, Al Hearvey, UO, 21.6. 2, Craig Blackman, UO, 21.9. 3, Terry Lavery, UW, 21.9.

THREE-MILE — 1, Mark Savage, UO, 13:56.6. 2, Pat Tyson, UO, 13:59.6. 3, Keith Andersen, UW, 14:16.2.

DISCUS — 1, Mac Wilkins, UO, 179-0. 2, Gary Wolf, UW, 178-7. 3, Berys Chamberlain, UW, 169-0.

MILE RELAY — 1, Oregon (Vincent Buford, Oreaser Brown, Al Hearvey, Weldon Vance), 3:21.0. 2, Washington (Dave Garrison, Jim Hamilton, Tom Byrne, Steve Corsillos), 3:21.5.

11th-inning homer sinks Ducks

PULLMAN — Oregon came awfully close to whipping Washington State two out of three at Pullman over the weekend.

But the Cougars' muscular Frank Jackson lifted a two-run homer in the bottom of the 11th inning Sunday to give WSU a 10-8 victory and the rubber match of a three-game Pacific-8 baseball series.

Ace Duck righthander Al Hardin blanked the defending Northern Division champs 5-0 Friday afternoon. Then, in an abbreviated seven-inning contest Saturday, the Cougars evened it up with a 7-2 decision. Rain forced postponement of the second game until Sunday.

Oregon's overall record fell to 6-9 and 1-2 in Northern Division play.

The Duck's Mike Shoup was coasting along with a 4-0 lead until the fourth inning Sunday. Steve Townsend took over in the fifth when WSU drew within 4-3, then was tossed out by umpire C.J. Mitchell along with coach Mel Krause when an argument developed over Townsend's hat—which kept falling off.

Randy Lanning replaced Townsend and the Cougars built up a 7-4 lead. But in the eighth Don Reynolds drilled his first homer of the season for the Ducks to tie it up and send the game into extra innings.

Oregon took an 8-7 lead in the top of the 11th when Dave Roberts walked, was sacrificed to second, and scored on Walt Reynolds' hopper over the mound.

WSU's Jim Chapados tripled in the bottom of the 11th, then tied the score 8-8 when Steve Merkley singled. Then Jackson hit his seventh homer of the year to win it for the Cougars.

The Ducks played errorless ball Friday as Hardin spun a five hitter and had all the support he needed from Roberts' bat.

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The junior third baseman got four hits in five trips, knocked in three runs to raise his season total to 22, and socked his sixth homer.

Hardin, a senior from California, fanned eight Cougars and walked just two in going the distance to even his record to 2-2 for the year. He and WSU's Barry Sbragia were locked in a scoreless duel until the fifth.

Then Walt Reynolds, who started his first game at shortstop, doubled and scored on Roberts' single for the Ducks first run. Oregon scored again in the sixth, then wrapped it up with an RBI single from freshman Bob Anderson in the seventh and Roberts' two-run homer in the ninth.

Saturday WSU set a conference record by swiping six bases off the Ducks. Last year the Cougars set an NCAA record for thefts with 135.

Oregon contributed to its own downfall by committing four errors. Three were by Duck catcher Bob Neal—and they all came in the Cougars' four-run fifth inning.

Until WSU's decisive rally, lefty Steve Greenough and the Cougars' Joe McIntosh were struggling through a 2-2 ballgame.

Ironically, Neal produced Oregon's only two runs in the first inning, when he tripled home Dave Roberts and Anderson.

Anderson, the young second baseman from Lewiston, Ida., was hit by a pitch in the second inning and had to leave the game. X-rays proved negative but he didn't play Sunday.

The Ducks are in Portland Tuesday for a single game against Portland State.

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Shoup, Townsend (5) Lanning (5) Parks (8) and Salvesson, Neal (11); Angeli, Herman (3) Currie (8) Sbragia (9) and Bill Sanford, HR—Oregon, Reynolds, WSU, Chamberlain, Jackson, WP—Sbragia, LP—Parks.

Netters dropped

Oregon's tennis team suffered its third loss of the season Friday, falling to Washington, 6-3, in Eugene. Although disappointed with the loss, Duck coach Buzz Summers was pleased with the play of John Toney. The freshman took his singles match handily, 6-0, 6-3 and teamed with Stu McDowell to take his doubles match, 7-5, 6-1. Mark Weir won in singles competition to get the other Oregon point. Now 8-3, the Ducks take on the University of Portland Wednesday in Portland.

No Vicky: no race

Oh, the trials and tribulations. The Oregon crew team, by a unanimous vote of the varsity members, decided not to race in a four-way regatta in Seattle Saturday when the University of Washington refused to participate if Oregon's girl coxswain, Vicky Brown, was in the shell.

This marked the second week in a row Vicky has not raced because of opposition from opposing schools. In an April 1 race at Dexter Reservoir, Oregon State refused to compete against Vicky.

Washington crew coach Dick Ericksen made a statement Saturday saying, "She (Vicky) won't compete if any of the University of Washington oarsmen are involved." He based the decision on the contention "the Pacific-8 and NCAA don't allow female coxswains."

Wendell Basye, the University's representative to the Pacific-8, has said the participation of a non-male in crew is up to the individual school. With such a stand he has ruled Vicky eligible.

Oregon crew coach Don Costello said he didn't think the race was "handled fairly."

"Seattle University was the host school and its coach didn't care if she competed. Then we find out Washington wants to row and won't compete against Vicky," explained Costello.

"We were at the boathouse ready to row and were then told we couldn't race if Vicky were in the boat. The guys then voted unanimously not to row."

The regatta, originally to contain Oregon, Seattle U and Western Washington State, was run with Washington, Western and the University of Puget Sound.

It now appears Vicky will compete in only one more race this season—that a grudge match against Oregon State April 22 at Dexter Reservoir.

Oregon State Athletic Director Jim Barrett challenged Costello to the re-match last week. "Apparently the people at Oregon State have been getting a lot of criticism about not letting Vicky race April 1." Continued Costello, "This will probably be Vicky's last race this year. Now we'll just have to work to get the rules changed."

Vicky defeated Seattle U at Dexter March 25 in her only appearance to date.