

Sprinters shine as Oregon blasts WSU

The pressure was on Oregon's sprinters.

They'd fallen flat in the big test against UCLA and now they had to come through against Washington State. The distance men were being shuffled around, running races other than their specialties—being given a day off between their big effort against the Bruins and the always-important Twilight Meet this Friday.

It was such a day off that Steve Prefontaine—still recuperating from his record-setting double—didn't even make the trip to Pullman with the team.

So it was up to the sprinters. They had to come through for Oregon to win the dual meet. And come through they did, outscoring the Cougars 37-0 in the short races and relays.

"This was a meet that the sprinters and quarter-milers had to win for us and I thought they came through quite well," said head coach Bill Dellinger.

"It was nice the sprinters could give the runners a break."

That was almost as much an understatement as Al Hearvey's, "It was nothing, really," after leading sweeps of the 100 (9.6) and 220 (21.6) and anchoring the sprint relay win.

The only other Oregon sweep was the longest sprint, the 440, where Vincent Buford led two other Ducks across in 47.9.

That was good enough for a 94-69 Oregon victory. Without the sprints, the score would have stood WSU 69, Ore. 57.

Other than the sprints, most of the day's wins belonged to the Cougars—they took first in 10 of the day's 17 events.

But there were some other bright spots for Oregon.

One was Paul Wilkinson—Oregon's intermediate hurdler who last year at this time was undefeated but hadn't won this season before Saturday. He took charge of his race after it was three-fourths over and won the 440-yard hurdles in 52.2.

"I'm finally getting the feel of it. I had a bad mental attitude at the start of this season and it got me off to a slow start. The intermediate hurdles is such a mental race that you have to concentrate all the time. For a while, I just wasn't doing it."

"In addition, last year I peaked too early. This year I'd like to help us in the Pac-8. Things were better today; maybe I will."

The other bright spot was Marc Hadenfeld, who proved the Ducks can be competitive in the triple jump with a leap of 50-4½—an Oregon school record.

Dellinger said Hadenfeld's progress in the triple jump had been "steady all season." That was evident in his day's series which included four jumps over 49-feet. It was also evident after the jumps were over, when he revised his season's goal from —51 to 52 feet.

"You know the coaches don't have us that far along yet...we're pointed for the Pac-8 meet," said the first Oregon triple jumper every to legally go over 50-feet.

It was with that Pac-8 meet—and Friday night's Twiligher—in mind that Oregon's distance corps rested up against the Cougars.

Todd Lathers ran the mile instead of the steeplechase, three-miler Bob Grubbs was in the steeplechase and steeper Mike Long was in the three-mile.

About the only Oregon distance runner competing in his specialty was three-miler Paul Geis, who won his event at the Kansas Relays for the Oregon Track Club in 13:39.6.

The tune-up for the Pac-8 will continue for the distance men with some speed work in Friday night's meet. The feature event of the dusk competition will be the mile—a Twilight event that has come to mean a great deal to Duck runners in the last few years.

Prefontaine, Geis, Scott Daggatt (who has the fifth fastest mile in the nation this spring and won at Pullman in 4:07.1), Mark Feig (who ran a personal best 1:51.1 in the 880 against the Cougars) and Knut Kvalheim will all turn their attention to the four-lap feature event Friday.

They'll be joined in the race by sophomore Steve Bence—and for him the race might have more meaning than for any of the others.

He lost his specialty—the 880—for the second week in a row Saturday as WSU freshman Dale Scott won in 1:49.9. Now both Bence and Dellinger are wondering if the two-lapper really is his specialty. His early season 4:05.5 mile gives credence to moving him up to the longer race.

And how he does Friday night may determine which of the two distances he points for.

"We're going to put Bence in the mile in our Twilight Meet. If he runs well, we may stick him in the mile for the Pac-8 meet, too," said the Oregon coach.

So the rest is over for Bence and the other Oregon's distance men. They've had their day off.

Now they—and the rejuvenated Duck sprinters—will turn all attention to the Pac-8 and their season peak.

Ducks out of it now

Baseball nightmares over

SEATTLE — Oregon's baseball nightmares may be over.

At least, the Ducks won't have to worry about the Pac-8 Northern Division race anymore. After 2-1 and 4-3 losses to Washington Saturday, Mel Krause's team is just about gone.

Next to Krause, the most disconsolate man who took the long bus ride home from Seattle had to be freshman pitcher Brian Shandera.

Shandera put together 10 2-3 innings of no-hit pitching in the second game of the twin bill and didn't even get a decision.

It was the Huskies' Ed Pasatiempo, a 145-pound shortstop, who powered a 340-foot homerun in the bottom of the 11th to tie the game 3-3 and set up Washington's winning rally in the 12th.

After an easy victory Friday, the Ducks seemed in prime position for a sweep. They needed it, because front-running Washington State belted Oregon State.

After WSU knocked off the Beavers 6-3 in the first game of a doubleheader at Pullman, and Huskie Ray Price had delivered a game-winning single in the bottom of the seventh to tank Oregon 2-1, the race was over.

The second game insured it, and with WSU's sweep of OSU, the Ducks are four games off the pace and 4-5 in divisional play. The Cougars are now 8-1 and virtually assured of the title.

It was Price, the high-scoring forward on the Huskie basketball team, who throttled the hot-hitting Ducks from the mound, too. He went seven innings, gave up just four hits and no earned runs, and knocked in both of the Washington counters.

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Steve Wolf scored Oregon's only run in the first inning and that was it off Price.

Despite Shandera's no no-hit magic in the second game, the Huskies owned a 2-0 lead until the sixth inning by virtue of two unearned runs without a hit.

Wolf singled and later scored in the sixth to cut it to one, then Dean Roberts singled and scored in the seventh to tie it.

Roberts singled home Jim Willis in the 11th to give the Ducks the go-ahead run and they needed three outs for a split.

Shandera got two.

Then Pasatiempo shattered the dream with his homer, and when Washington loaded the sacks in the bottom of the 12th off reliever Steve Townsend, you could predict the rest.

Women will play OSU netters today

The women's tennis team has scheduled three away matches this week beginning with games today against Oregon State University in Corvallis. That match begins at 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday Oregon travels to Gresham for a match against Mt. Hood Community College. Oregon defeated Mt. Hood 7-0 in an earlier match this year.

Friday and Saturday Oregon is scheduled to compete in the Portland Invitational tournament.

The next home match for the women will be May 4 against Southern Oregon College.

It was make or break

Crew team wins

"This was our make-or-break week after last weekend's disaster at Corvallis. We came through and I'm looking forward to the tough competition we'll be facing for the remainder of the season." With those words Oregon Crew Coach Mike Napier heralded Saturday's meet at Dexter Lake against shells from Stanford, Oregon State, Pacific Lutheran, and Lake Ewana Rowing Club.

In this last home meet of the season Oregon kept its unbeaten Lake record intact, and celebrated with two kegs afterwards.

The first race of the day saw the Varsity shell coxwained by freshman Frank Joyce beat SU and PLU off the line and hold a slim lead the rest of the way, beating Stanford by three seconds in the time of 6:34. Next Oregon State and Stanford traded victories: OSU's lightweight eight defeating Stanford with Oregon third and Lake Ewana fourth; followed by Stanford's Junior varsity finishing ahead of OSU with UO's spirited girls' eight a tired third.

Then, in a race every bit as exciting as the varsity contest, four exhausted frosh off the varsity shell combined with four teammates to nip Stanford's freshmen with a closing sprint by four seconds. And in the meet wrap-up Oregon's "pickle" boat finished behind boats from Stanford and Oregon State.

In Far West meet

Griswold has fifth

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — Craig Griswold, playing with a miserable sore throat and cold, shot a final round of 73 for a 221 total to finish fifth in the Western Intercollegiate Golf Tournament played in Santa Cruz, California. Griswold was the only Oregon golfer to play in Friday's final round as Oregon's team failed to make the final team cut after Thursday's second round.

Don Baker of USC had a final round of 72 for a 217 total to edge Bob Harris of BYU and Beau Baugh of Cal State-Long Beach by a shot for the individual title.

Oregon's 18th place finish at Houston, along with their inability to make Friday's final round at Santa Cruz, puts added pressure on the Ducks in the upcoming Northern Division and Pac-8 Championships, as only six teams from the entire NCAA District 8 will advance to the NCAA Tournament in June.

The Ducks will be in Bellingham, Washington for the Western Washington Invitational Thursday and Friday.

But Williams wins

Netters drop two

SEATTLE — Oregon's John Williams came up with two singles victories over the weekend but the Duck tennis team couldn't come up with anything.

As a result, Buzz Summers' netters are now 9-6-1 on the season after a 7-2 defeat to Washington and a 6-3 loss to Seattle University.

Oregon's next match is against Oregon College at Monmouth on Wednesday.

While it was no contest against the Huskies, Oregon was in Saturday's match with the Chieftains until the host school together two straight wins in singles play.

Williams, a junior from Portland, knocked off Seattle's Gary Danleson in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4.

Brad Look got the Ducks other singles win when he beat Brian Adams easily, 6-3, 6-3.

Williams teamed with Rob Bradshaw in the No. 3 doubles match to beat Brian Adams and Dick Roth, 7-5, 1-0.

The Ducks next Pacific-8 encounter comes with Oregon State in Corvallis on Friday.

Richard goes to UCLA

The snowball melts

The Dick Harter snowball, gaining momentum with the signing of one high school All-American after another, may have melted Saturday.

Oregon's chances for beating UCLA next year dropped considerably with the announcement that Richard Washington, the seven-foot All-American from Portland's Benson High, is signing with the Bruins.

UCLA has won seven NCAA titles in a row and nine out of the last 10. Next year they return Bill Walton. Washington's addition, despite the fantastic success of Oregon's off-season drive to beat the badboys from Westwood, should be enough to win again.

The Los Angeles Times may have said it all with Sunday morning's banner headline: FOUR MORE YEARS.

The Ducks of course have seven-footer Steve Manker, Ernie Kent, Stu Jackson and a super crop of sophomores headed by Ronnie Lee.

And Harter is rumored to be on the verge of singing yet a fourth high school blue-chipper.

The question is, will it be enough?