

And looking at Pac-8

Bence is winning again

Steve Bence is back.

The Oregon sophomore has been having his problems in the half-mile lately. But after a win in the Oregon State dual meet Saturday—his first win in a month—Bence served notice to the rest of the conference's 880 men.

"I'm back," Bence smiled in the infield. "I worked out differently this week and it helped. I've been looking over my times this year and they aren't really that far off last season (when he took second place at the Pac-8 conference meet). I guess now I know what race I'll be running at the Pac-8 meet this year."

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That knowledge is important. For the first time since his slump began—in a dual meet loss to UCLA's Anthony Veney—Bence knows what race he'll be running two weeks from now in Eugene.

After his second dual loss there was some talk of moving Steve up to the mile. But then strong showings by Knut Kvalheim, Mark Feig and Scott Daggatt in the Twilight Mile didn't leave much room for the half-miler in the longer race.

Following the victory against the Beavers, Steve's thoughts swiftly left those earlier troubles. His mind went instead to the future—and that conference 880.

"There are so many different kinds of runners in this conference. The 880 might be the tightest race of the conference

meet. Some guys will be going out fast. All I can do is worry about not getting boxed in."

If Steve follows the plans he set Saturday, he shouldn't have trouble with other runners getting in his way. He said he'd like to run a 53-second opening quarter. That should get him out of the pack.

At Corvallis, his opening lap was a 55. He finished in 1:50.5, a second slower than his season's best. But he wasn't really pushed.

OSU's Clay Lowry—who was expected to give Steve a real test—dropped out of the race early. So Bence was left to run pretty much by himself.

While he was happy with the win, Steve was a little disappointed in his time. He would have liked the 53-second lap Saturday.

"I wish the time were better," he said without his smile for a moment, "but it is good to win races again—no matter what the time is."

He said he hadn't been hurt by any mental let-down against the Beavers.

"I had something to prove. After the Twilight Mile it was apparent I'm not going to be a miler. I had to show this week that I am a half-miler."

"The tactics were what I wanted. But that time's still a little slow. I'm still aiming for that 53-second opening lap. When I hit that I'll know I'm okay. I'll be trying for it in the Pac-8."

He paused for a moment thinking again about the stellar field of half-milers in the conference meet. OSU's Hailu Ebba, the conference's fastest half-miler this spring and the owner of a sub-four minute mile against the Ducks, might be there. So will Washington freshman Greg Gibson, who beat Bence early in the indoor season, and Washington State's Dale Scott. Steve will get another shot at Veney.

And of course, there'll be California's Rick Brown, one of the nation's premier half-milers.

Brown has won the Pac-8 half-mile twice. In his only year of NCAA-meet competition, he finished second. Since then the Bears have been on probation and Brown has had to miss the big meets. He'll be anxious to run a good one in Eugene. His lifetime best 1:45.4 shows he's able.

All these names flashed through Bence's mind as he stood on the infield of OSU's cinder track contemplating the coming race.

"I'm sure somebody will be going out early," he said thinking about the conferences different styles of half-milers.

"I think somebody will be going out really, really fast. I'll have to hang on."

Don't be surprised if Steve does it. He's a half-miler again.

Women record personal bests at Monmouth regional track meet

Nine teams competed in the one-day meet, a prelude to next week's Northwest championships at Kalispell, Mont.

Among women with season bests was Maryl Barker. Barker, a sophomore, placed first in both the mile run and the 880 yard run. Her 5:05.0 time in the mile was a season best.

Teammate Ona Dobratz was second to Barker in the mile run.

Pam Rosevear earned the most points for Oregon. She placed first in the 100 yard dash and second in both the long jump and the 220 yard dash. Rosevear was also a member of Oregon's third place 880 yard relay team.

Carolyn Walker beat her competitors by more than one minute in the 3000-meter run. Her time, 10:04.0, was a season best.

Other Oregon women who finished in the top six places were:

—Debra Runyan, fourth in the 200 meter hurdles, sixth in the 100 yard dash and a member of the third place 880 yard relay team.

—Chiyo Uchida, third in the 3000 yard run and fifth in the mile run,

—Diane Ventre, fourth in the 880 and another member of the 880 yard relay squad,

—Lynne Winbigler, third in the discus; Karen Banks, fourth in the high jump; Sally McInturff, fourth in the javelin; and Donna Latterell, sixth in the javelin.

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Ten Oregon women had their best season performances Saturday in the Northwest College Women's Sports Association Southern Area track and field meet at Monmouth.

Oregon with 102 points, placed second as a team behind Oregon State, with 131. Oregon College of Education was third and Portland State University was fourth.

Doubleheader here today with Portland

Oregon's baseball Ducks, coming off a three game massacre at the hands of Washington State, meet the University of Portland today in a double-header beginning at 1 p.m. at Howe Field.

In the depths of a slump that has carried them to five straight losses, the Ducks are in desperate need of a quick turnaround.

This weeked Oregon meets Oregon State in a battle for second place in the Pacific-8 finals standings. Oregon is 6-9, OSU 5-10 in Pac-8 play. Oregon has stopped Portland twice this season by 8-4 and 7-3 scores.



Brad Richards won the IM 440 in 51.7.

Photo by Steve Tward

Peterson in record IM mile win

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Independent Tim Peterson set a new All-University IM mile record of 4:20.8 in the IM Track and Field Finals last Friday on Hayward Field.

Heli Lanz, of the Badas, clocked 4:25 for second followed by Wilcox Hall's Quentin Bruhn, 4:27.2, Sigma Chi's Scott Dahlberg, 4:33.2 and the Quimps' Mark Seder, 4:33.9.

The All-University Open Mile was won by Robert Gray who ran 4:38 to edge Doug Stewart's 4:40.

Theta Chi's tracksters led by Ron Lee's 41-4 triple jump, and Greg Lindsey's 10.0 in the 100-yard dash, whipped all teams to capture the team title with 60 points.

Lee's jump was just enough to hold off ATO's Jim Stevens, who jumped 41-3½ for second. Kevin Watts of Sigma Chi jumped 40-5 for third followed by ATO's Glen Smeed, 39-10, Quimps' Dale Sunde, 39-5 and Sigma Nu's John Stermer, 38-4.

The 100-yard dash turned out to be a battle between two Oregon varsity football split receivers, Lindsey and Bob Palm. Palm's 10.2 wasn't enough to catch Lindsey's 10.0, but Theta Chi didn't care, as both speedsters are from Theta Chi.

Darrell Morrison of Eugene Fish Co. ran

10.4 for third followed by Badas' John Mears, 10.5, Clark Hall's Cam Burke, 10.5 and Badas' Robie Johnson, 10.8.

Stevens soared 21-3 to grab the long jump crown. Theta Chi's John Williams snatched second with a 20-10 effort followed by Dave Morrison of Eugene Fish Co., 20-0, ATO's Smeed, 19-4, Quimps' Hi Richardson, 19-2 and Mears, 19-0.

Randy Brus uncorked a 50-5 heave to edge Watts for the shot put title. Cloran Hall's Darry Solochek unleashed a 46-9 put for third. Sigma Nu's Jeff Saks, 44-3, Joel Penoyar of the Legal Eagles, 41-9 and the Quimps' Bill McKee, 41-1 rounded out the shot put finishers.

The tightest race of the day was the 70-yard hurdles which independent Scott Couch won in 9.0. Clark Hall's Cam Burke was second, independent Randy Moore third, and Watts, fourth, all in 9.1. Sigma Chi's Barry Bender hurdled 9.3 for fifth followed by Badas' Marshall Ivori, 9.6 for sixth.

Brad Richards of the Quimps coasted to a 440 win in 51.7. Theta Chi's John Williamson ran a second place 52.1 followed by independent Mike Gregory, 52.5, Betas' Gery VanderMeer, 53.2, Badas' Don Levine, 53.3 and Badas' Wayne Stoll, 54.6.

Girl's crew team collects two victories

The women's crew program, still struggling in its first and initial year of work, made a very respectable showing last Saturday with two clear-cut victories in two different Oregon crew heats.

In their first race, the girl's novice division, the Oregon contingent finished a dominant length ahead of Pacific Lutheran University to post their best time of the season.

In the girl's second race of the day, the varsity division, they again came out on top this time by a half a length over a Greenlake team, which pushed them all of the way. The races were definite team efforts and success was due, primarily, to an over-all team push.

The women's crew season, their first,

started fast in their dual meet competition . . . then trailed off a bit and now, again, they are doing well against all competition thrown up against them.

The girl's team is looking forward to the Northwest Sprints in Seattle, at the University of Washington this Saturday, for probably their toughest races of the year, to that date. Their prime competition there will be the University of Washington girl's team.

Also on the schedule for the Oregon girl's crew team will be the Western Championships in three weeks against a lot of tough competition like Lake Merit. The Merit squad is the defending champion but the University of Washington has beaten them, this year.