

Sprinters again lead the way to sharp Oregon performances

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Of the Emerald

Oregon's sprint corps of Debbie Adams, Melanie Batiste and Georgene and Dawna Rose displayed their versatility by taking turns winning the women's sprints in the Oregon Open and the Twilight Meet this weekend.

Georgene Rose broke her school mark for the 400 meter hurdles by two-tenths of a second in the windy Oregon Open Friday afternoon. Rose clocked in at 63.3 to outdistance Oregon State's Linda Parmele.

Debbie Adams, who has not lost a race at 100 or 200 meters this year, ran the 400 for the first time this season at the Twilight Meet Saturday and won with a lifetime best of 56 flat. Her time is just one-tenth of a second off the AIAW national meet qualifying time. Her time easily qualified her to run the event in this week's NCWSA regional meet. On Friday Adams won her section of the 100 in a time of 11.7. She also won the long jump, beating out teammate Joan Walton, who qualified for the regional meet on her last jump with a 18-1½ effort.

Melanie Batiste, who like Adams is a freshman, won the Twilight 200 in 24.54 and was runnerup to Dawna Rose in the 400 Friday. Rose won in a time of 56.4 followed by Batiste at 57.5 and teammate Rose Ann Klingerman in 58.4.

The Oregon sprint quartet also glided to an easy win in the 440 Relay in a time of 47.7.

Oregon's Patty Kearney met her toughest competition of the year in the javelin and came away a winner. Kearney managed two 150 foot efforts into the wind, the winner being a toss of 151-2. Kearney beat out four other 150 foot throwers, none of whom could come up with such an effort Friday. Renne Lambrecht of Oregon College of Education was runnerup at 149-11 and OSU's Kitsy Hall took third at 149-1½.

Heather Tolford and Debbie Richie had hoped to make a run at Tolford's school record in the 5,000 of 17:04.3 but the wind proved to be too much. Richie won in a personal best of 17:12.6 followed by Tolford at 17:22.6.

In the Twilight 1,500, Oregon sophomore Katy Mountain topped the AIAW qualifying mark with a lifetime best of 4:32.83. Mountain's effort was only good enough for third place however, as Debbie Eide of OCE won in a time of 4:28.4. She was followed by Eryn Forbes, the high school distance phenom from Beaverton in 4:29.99.

Lynne Winbigler, the American record holder in the discus at 187-2 easily won both discus events this weekend. Winbigler, a former Oregon star who now competes out of Eugene for the Oregon Track Club had winning efforts of 174-7½ and 171-3. She was trailed by Oregon's Mary Stevenson and Kathy Picknell in both meets.

Oregon Open

440 Relay — 1, Oregon (Melanie Batiste, Georgene Rose, Dawna Rose, Debbie Adams) 47.7; 2, Portland State, 49.0; 3, Bellevue Community College, 50.3.

1500 — Section 1 — 1, Anita Hamilton, PSU, 4:43.0; 2, Rhonda Burnette, Eastern Oregon, 4:49.3; 3, Candi Hamilton, Southern Oregon, 4:56.3. Section 2 — 1, Kristi Colburn, Willamette, 5:10.4; 2, Cathie Triguero, Oregon Track Club, 5:17.7; 3, Jill Suttles, Oregon, 5:18.7.

880 Medley Relay — 1, PSU (Prosch, Jones, Lathan, Starr), 1:52.6; 2, Oregon College of Education, 1:55.6.

Long Jump — 1, Debbie Adams, Oregon, 18-8½; 2, Joan Walton, Oregon, 18-2½; 3, Norma Pyle, OCE, 17-8¾.

100 Hurdles — 1, Cathy Kravie, OSU, 14.7; 2, Norma Pyle, OCE, 14.8; 3, Kerry Clawson, Oregon, 15.2.

400 — 1, Dawna Rose, Oregon, 56.4; 2, Melanie Batiste, Oregon, 57.5; 3, Rose Ann Klingerman, Oregon, 58.4.

Javelin — 1, Patty Kearney, Oregon, 151-2; 2, Renne Lambrecht, OCE, 149-11; 3, Kitsy Hall, OSU, 149-1½.

100 — Section 1 — 1, Debbie Adams, Oregon, 11.7; 2, Celena Schirmer, OSU, 12.0; 3, Marit Prosch, PSU, 12.2. Section 2 — 1, Vanessa Lathan, PSU, 12.3; 2, Lisa Henry, OCE, 12.9; 3, Rhonda Owings, OCE, 13.0.

800 — 1, Mary Russell, OCE, 2:25.9; 2, Marie Starr, PSU, 2:29.6; 3, Marty Gossett, OSU, 2:32.6. Shot Put — 1, Monica Stollenberg, PSU, 44-7; 2, Maggie Bonn, Oregon, 41-¾; 3, Kathy Picknell, Oregon, 39-¾.

400 Hurdles — 1, Georgene Rose, Oregon, 63.3 (New school record, old record 63.5 by Rose 1978); 2, Linda Parmele, OSU, 65.7; Mary Lou Armstrong, Oregon, 67.9.

High Jump — 1, Beth Thompson, PSU, 5-5; 2, Deb Hollingsworth, Clark Community College, 5-4; 3, Ann Fisher, OSU, 5-2.

5,000 Meters — 1, Debbie Richie, Oregon, 17:12.6; 2, Heather Tolford, Oregon, 17:22.6; 3, Janet Lovelace, OSU, 17:33.5.

1 Mile Relay — 1, PSU (Prosch, Jones, Starr, Hamilton) 4:03.4; 2, OSU, 4:07.4; 3, Oregon, 4:08.4.

Discus — 1, Lynne Winbigler, OTC, 174-7½; 2, Mary Stevenson, Oregon, 151-8½; 3, Lizanne Schultz, PSU, 144-5.

Twilight Meet:

200 — 1, Melanie Batiste, Oregon, 24.54; 2, Dawna Rose, Oregon, 24.95; 3, Celena Schirmer, OSU, 25.25.

400 — 1, Debbie Adams, Oregon, 56.0; 2, Leanne Warren, Unattached, 56.37; 3, Georgene Rose, Oregon, 56.50.

800 — 1, Anita Hamilton, PSU, 2:12.14; Robin Baker, OTC, 2:14.10; 3, Marchi Werson, Unattached, 2:14.9.

1,500 — 1, Debbie Eide, OCE, 4:28.40; 2, Eryn Forbes, Unattached, 4:29.99; 3, Katy Mountain, Oregon, 4:32.83.

Discus — 1, Lynne Winbigler, OTC, 171-3; 2, Mary Stevenson, Oregon, 148-3; 3, Kathy Picknell, Oregon, 144-4.

Softball offense lacking as Ducks fall to OSU

CORVALLIS — The Oregon women's softball team lacked tight offensive plays and dropped two games in a double header against OSU Saturday, 8-0 and 11-6.

In the first game, OSU's Denny Smail pitched a shutout, allowing only one hit, that by Oregon's Julie Cushing. Janet Chaykin was the leading hitter for the Beavers, batting 2 for 3 and chalking up two RBIs.

In the second game, Oregon scored six runs on six hits, committing two errors. Vicki Lesh hit well, going 2 for 4 as Teammates Jody Salter and Cushing accounted for two RBI's to help the Ducks score.

The fourth inning proved interesting as both teams played "Switch the pitcher". Becky Paschke was the starting pitcher for the Ducks. After the third inning, Oregon trailed by one with a score of 3-2. Coach Becky Sisley decided to do a switch by replacing Paschke with Shawna Baxter and Kim Knox in the fourth inning. The switch proved ineffective as OSU scored eight points, running away from the Ducks.

The Ducks play their last home game against Portland State today beginning at 3 p.m. at Amazon Field. This double header will be their final match before the NCWSA Regional Invitational set for Tacoma, Washington this weekend.

Commentary

An improvement shows for Oregon football

Mike Marino

There's an irony about intrasquad scrimmages — especially in football.

If either the offense or the defense looks almost too impressive, it can mean one of two things: 1) the one squad has improved a helluva lot, or 2) the other squad is awfully bad.

Right now, in Oregon's spring grid workouts, Rich Brooks and his staff are trying to prove the former true. And if seeing is believing, then at least the Ducks are on the right track. The team held a scrimmage on Saturday — winding up the annual Oregon Football Coaches' Clinic — and despite the fact that it was Oregon against Oregon, the Ducks impressed a few people.

Most importantly, the head coach. "Not bad, not bad," smiled Brooks afterwards. "At least we're ahead of last year, I can say that."

The scrimmage was a pretty good showcase for Oregon's newfound strength — especially on the offensive line. At times last season, the unit showed flashes of normalcy, like in the second half against USC, but this year they've beefed up from a weight program — and it shows.

"The blocking was very good," Brooks said. "The guards and the centers were doing a good job up the middle. And the people they were blocking were not that bad." The Ducks were missing key linemen — like Vince Goldsmith, who was due to put the shot in the Twilight meet later in the day, but, as Brooks said, Paul Clay (6-3, 230), Sherman Anderson (6-5, 250), Darly Mitchell (5-6, 210) and Terry Dion (6-5, 240) aren't pushovers.

But the offensive line is bigger and able to take command at the line with their bulk. "They've put on real strength," Brooks said. "Steve Greatwood is up by 25 points, Kevin Anderson is up by 20. And that's not beer gut — it's muscle."

It also makes for plays that the Ducks likely couldn't make in the past. "On on sweep," Brooks said with a gleam in his eye, "Kevin Anderson came out and annihilated the free safety — bam! That was better play on the line."

What would please Brooks even more is a complete running game. The Ducks have half of one right now, and it's a tough battle going on for the starting fullback slot. But with one of the tailbacks on Oregon's spring depth chart now in the defensive backfield, and the other two hobbling with injuries — not to mention the freshmen stars that won't be here until August, things are mighty thin.

Right now it's a battle between walk-ons Dwayne Jones and Larry Bailey for the top tailback slot — a job neither is likely to hold in the Ducks opener against Colorado. Without the speed of a Donald Davis or an Ed Rascliff running the ball, those big, beautiful holes close rather quickly.

"The holes were usually right there," said offensive coordinator John Becker. "When they were really open was when we needed a tailback who could make it upfield like Don or Ed."

Or Reggie Young or Dwight Robertson. But they come in the fall, so the only real running excitement now comes from the fullback competition between Vince Williams, last year's starter for the better part of the season, and much-improved Jeff Wood and Rich Clough. All three are up in size, and all three can run. Only Saturday Wood did it better.

"He's more agile than last year, and he has better balance," Brooks said. "And when he goes through that line he's gonna shed people. He's way up in talent from the fall."

Roughly, Wood amassed 86 yards on 10 carries — including a 54-yard romp for a touchdown on the first offensive series. Add that to two catches for 16 yards, and it wasn't a bad day for the junior. Neither was it for Williams, with 31 yards on 4 carries (7.75 per carry) or Clough, either (19 yards in three, 6.3).

The attention to the fullbacks for the moment the battle at quarterback between Mike Kennedy and Dan Daly. Neither had a sparring day resulting from a lack of protection and plain bad passes. "This was the worst we've done from a quarterback standpoint this spring," Becker winced. "Both of them threw interceptions, and neither was firing the ball in there."

Of course, it didn't help that Kennedy hadn't thrown in four days, or that Daly had to, in Becker's words, "run for his damn life."

They'll get better, though, you can be sure of it. Although Kennedy on the run brings to mind the tag hung on another Oregon quarterback, Norm Van Brocklin — who ran "like a woman with her griddle slipping" — last year's redshirt sure can pass. And Daly can run, which makes Brooks' decision on a starter an interesting one.

Likely it'll be Kennedy who'll get the nod this Saturday against the Alumni in the game at Autzen, but with everybody improving nothing is sure for the fall.

The meantime, though, isn't too bad.

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