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Chapa runs year's second best 5,000 at Twilight Meet

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Rudy Chapa ran the second fastest time in the world this year in the 5,000 in the waning hours of daylight Saturday with the help of a lot of his friends.

"It's hard to slow down with the crowd cheering," Chapa said after setting a new personal record of 13:25.57, besting his old PR by more than 10 seconds. The only faster 5,000 in the world this year was run by Washington State's Henry Rono the first week of April.

Midway through the race, after Chapa had left all the other entrants behind, teammate Alberto Salazar appointed himself head cheerleader and got the crowd behind Chapa. "The crowd kept me going when I was hurting," said Chapa. "Midway through the race I caught a stitch, but with the crowd it's hard to slow down."

"I thought they'd run better," said Chapa of the Athletics West entrants, Doug Brown and George Malley, who were both top steeplechasers last year. "I looked forward to racing them. I thought (Athletics West coach) Harry Johnson was being conservative about their races when he said he didn't think they'd be up there. After two miles I knew they weren't up there so I just ran my own race."

"I was pleased; I wanted to break 13:50," said Brown of his performance. "I've never broken 13:50."

"I knew he was going to be first after two miles. He was laying on

64's one right after another. I hit 66. I was content to run my race after a mile. I knew there wasn't much of a chance to catch him."

Brown, who said the whole contingent of Athletics West runners had been on a tough schedule of workouts and were running in their first meet of the season, said "it's hard to come out the first time and go against the Oregon kids who are hitting the fine edge needed for the NCAAAs." Johnson had his athletes running longer distances than they are used to and that no doubt hurt his athlete's times.

Matt Centrowitz also ran a sensational 3,000, in a lifetime best 7:48.23, beating his old personal record by 12 seconds, and leaving Athletics West's Tiny Kane and Malley behind.

Centrowitz, who has had problems getting his races together this spring, got his act together and ran a quick 60 second sixth lap.

"Against San Jose, I just didn't feel like running and it reflected in my races," Centrowitz said, "so Bill (Dellinger) sat me down and talked to me." Dellinger also put Centrowitz on a speed program and it paid off. "When I got the lead, I got psyched."

"Matt took the race into his own hands," said Dellinger. "He let Alberto do a lot of leading in the early stages but when he took the lead he took off."

"Every year we've had Matt he gets better in the season when it gets warmer."

Dave Voorhees set another personal best in the discus for the second week in a row. Actually, he set two bests Saturday, probably because of the stiff competition he got from red-shirt Ray Burton.

Voorhees opened up the competition with a toss of 191-10 and Burton countered with a throw of 196-7. When Voorhees threw 200-6, Burton threw just a little better 201-9. Then Voorhees uncorked with his first PR, 206-4 and the competition was over. On his

fifth throw Voorhees threw 206-6, the best by a collegian this year.

Athletics West's Craig Virgin won the 10,000. Oregon's Bill McChesney had a muscle tighten up about two-thirds of the way through the race and had to withdraw.

"We're all tired," said Virgin of his teammates in the race, Jim Crawford, Jeff Wells and Jeff Lodwick. Virgin said he was disappointed he was not able to break the 28 minute barrier like he had planned.

"With three miles to go I should have speeded up. I should have forced myself to spurt and I didn't. If you want to get the time you must pay for it."

Wells, who finished second in this year's Boston Marathon, said the race felt good and he felt no ill effects from the marathon that Johnson had thought might hinder his performance.

Shot put — 1, Colin Anderson, University of Chicago, 64-10 1/2. 2, Jeff Stover, Oregon, 62-6 1/2. 3, Dave Voorhees, Oregon, 61-7 1/2.

Hammer — 1, Rich Perkins, Oregon TC, 211-1. 2, John McArdle, Oregon, 201-0. 3, Ron Perkins, Oregon, 176-7.

Javelin — 1, Jeff Carter, Oregon TC, 235-9. 2, Stan Wigham, Oregon TC, 14-36. 3, Chris Goodrich, Oregon, 14-71.

High Hurdles — 1, Ken Spearing, OSU, 14-22. 2, Stan Wigham, Oregon TC, 14-36. 3, Chris Goodrich, Oregon, 14-71.

Pole Vault — 1, Tom Hintnaus, Oregon, 16-0. 2, Jon Switzer, Oregon TC, 16-0. 3, Steve Crane, Unattached, 15-6.

Discus — 1, Dave Voorhees, Oregon, 206-0. 2, Ray Burton, Oregon TC, 201-9. 3, Howard Benich, Oregon TC, 180-11.

Triple Jump — 1, Anthony Berry, Oregon 50-3. 2, Jeff Luty, Oregon, 48-4 1/2. 3, Gary Lacy, Oregon 48-2 1/2.

High Jump — 1, Jan From, Oregon, 6-8. 2, John Edwards, OSU, 6-6. 3, Dave Grosnicklaus, OSU, 6-6.

1500 — 1, Don Clary, Oregon, 3:46.96. 2, Bruce Nelson, Oregon, 3:47.17. 3, Greg Gibson, Club Northwest, 3:48.84.

400 — 1, Randy Redditt, Unattached, 48.65. 2, Denzil Davis, Oregon TC, 49.32. 3, Kevin Tarpenning, Oregon, 51.47.

3,000 — 1, Matt Centrowitz, Oregon, 7:48.23. 2, Alberto Salazar, Oregon, 7:57.24. 3, Bill McChesney, Oregon, 8:04.23.

800 — 1, Greg Walton, Oregon, 1:49.8. 2, Carl Shaw, Oregon TC, 1:51.2. 3, John Schaefer, unattached, 1:51.3.

5,000 — 1, Rudy Chapa, Oregon, 13:25.57. 2, Doug Brown, Athletics West, 13:48.2. 3, George Malley, Athletics West, 14:05.2.

10,000 — 1, Craig Virgin, Athletics West, 28:19.4. 2, Jim Crawford, Athletics West, 28:32.5. 3, Jeff Wells, Athletics West, 28:33.9.

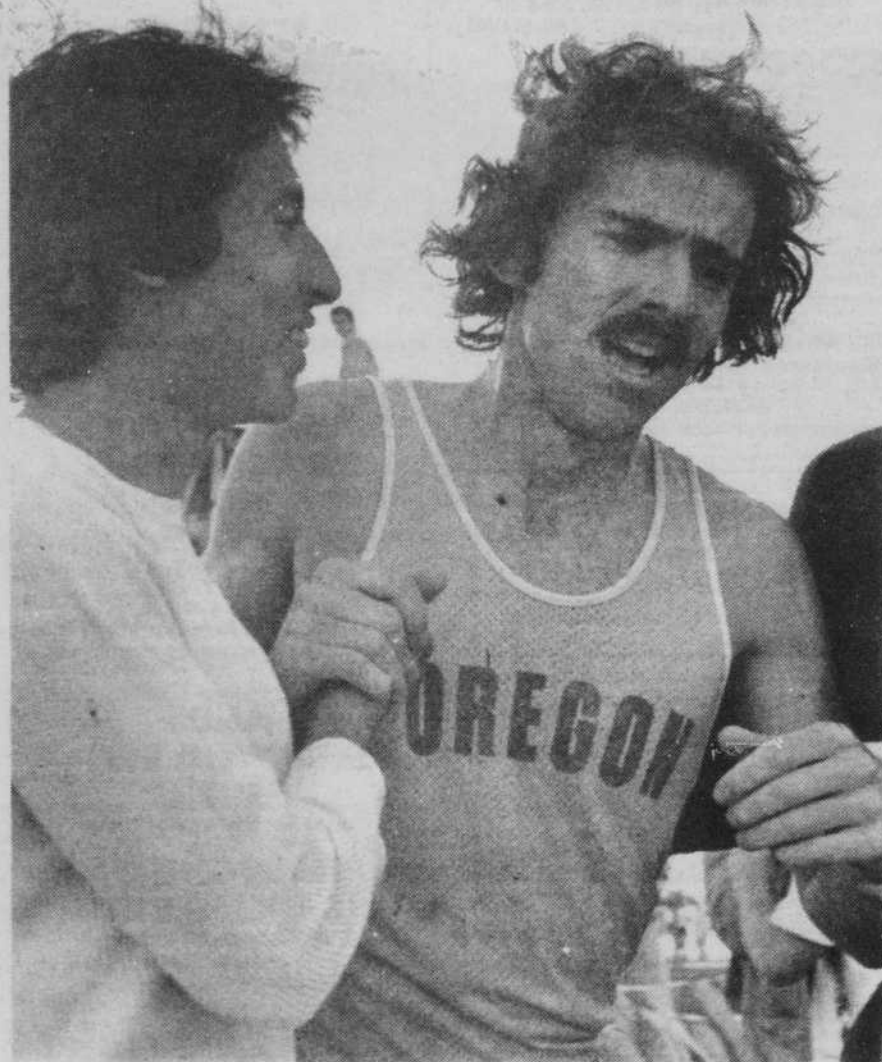


Photo by Neil Gruenfelder

Oregon's Matt Centrowitz ran a personal best in the 3,000 meters in the Twilight meet Saturday. He was congratulated after the race by Rudy Chapa, who ran the second fastest 5,000 meters in the world this year in the same meet.

Dodd hits homers but Ducks drop two

SEATTLE — Oregon's Tom Dodd went on a home run binge over the weekend with three in three games with Washington, but his teammates couldn't respond as well as the Ducks dropped two games to the Huskies here in Northern Division action.

Dodd smashed a homer in the Ducks' first game, a 6-3 loss that gave Oregon's Dean Kegler his third straight defeat and lowered his record to 7-3 on the year.

Dodd's two other shots came in Saturday's first game that saw Oregon edge out a win in the seventh, 6-5. The sophomore hit a two-run job in the first inning and a solo homer in the third, but Mike Connolly made it an Oregon win by taking home on an error in the top of the seventh.

In Saturday's second game, Oregon scored two runs in the first but the Huskies came back with four in the bottom of that inning to take the lead for good on the way to an 8-4 win.

John Lazarich took the loss for Oregon in that game, while Glenn Fisher chalked up a win, his fourth in eight decisions, in the first game.

The series leaves the Ducks in exactly the same position as they held going in — third place. Oregon lost a game on division-

leading Washington State, which took two of three from Oregon State.

Oregon plays host to Portland State today at Howe Field.

Friday's game

Oregon 102 000 000 — 3 8 6
Washington 122 010 00x — 6 13 2
Kegler and Nelson; Anderson and Williams.
W — Anderson. L — Kegler (7-3). HR — Oregon, Dodd (10).

Saturday's games

Oregon 301 000 2 — 6 7 1
Washington 230 000 0 — 5 6 4
Fisher, Jordan (7) and Tabler; Siger, Olson (6) and Williams. W — Fisher (4-4). L — Olson. HRs — Oregon, Dodd 2 (12), Sloy (3).

Oregon 200 000 110 — 4 7 2
Washington 401 300 00x — 8 15 2

Lazarich, Kelley (1) Richardson (4) and Nelson; Smith and Williams. W — Smith (8-2). L — Lazarich (1-4).

Timbers fall

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — The Vancouver Whitecaps scored only one goal on 10 shots in the first half, but that was all that was needed as the Whitecaps hung on for a 1-0 decision over the Portland Timbers in a North American Soccer League game Sunday.

The only goal of the game came at 32:34 off a corner kick by Alan Hinton. Defender Bob Lenarduzzi headed the ball to midfielder Steve Kember who sent it past Portland goalie Mick Poole.

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