

Runners overcome altitude, OSU

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Freshman Cheri Williams led five Oregon women to the finish line as the women's cross country team beat Oregon State 15 to 48 in a meet at Scott Lake near McKenzie Pass Saturday.

Jody Parker, a sophomore from Corvallis, led through the first two-and-a-half miles of the three mile race before being overtaken by Williams.

The meet was held at the 4,800 foot level to help familiarize the Oregon women with running conditions similar to those they will find at the AIAW national meet in Denver in November.

"I was pleased with what the team learned under less than competitive conditions," Oregon coach Tom Heinonen said.

Oregon women finished 1-2-3-4-5-7-8, with the first seven within 26 seconds of each other, the team's best split this season.

"The split between (our) first and fifth was 15 seconds and seventh was 26 seconds, our best ever," Heinonen said. "But that's artificial in that we experimented with a conservative tempo due to the altitude effects. I think we were a little too conservative — we only ran hard over the last one-and-a-half miles. People didn't spread out like a normal three mile race."

Parker warranted special praise from Heinonen after her performance.

"I'm most pleased with Jody," he said. "She is establishing herself as one of our top five runners. Jody was our number 10 runner last year. I consider this year's team far better, and she has moved up. That's amazing progress," Heinonen said.

Stickers romp

Freshman forward Ronnie Della-motta scored her seventh goal of the season to spark the women's field hockey team to a 3-0 shutout over Southern Oregon last Thursday.

Oregon kept SOSOC on the defensive through most of the game. The Ducks took 20 shots on the SOSOC goal while Oregon goalie Maureen Sullivan had to turn back a mere two shots.

"We still have to improve if we want to win the regional playoffs," said Oregon's field hockey coach Nancy Plant. "But we had some outstanding efforts tonight. Stillwell was exceptional as our right link, she kept feeding the ball to our forwards."

Dellamotta tallied Oregon's third goal of the game on a cross-pass from junior college transfer Belinda Stillwell after the Ducks had opened a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by Stillwell and forward Nancy Pedrotti.

Oregon, 7-1-1 overall and 5-0 in Northwest Conference action, entertains Oregon College of Education Tuesday.

Chicago 'bullies' young Blazers

PORTLAND (AP) — Rookie Reggie Theus scored 21 points in the second half Sunday night as the Chicago Bulls took a 108-97 National Basketball Association victory over the Portland Trail Blazers.

Theus, a 6-foot-6 guard and first round draft pick from Nevada-Las Vegas, scored only two points in the first half, when the Blazers built a 53-48 lead.

Volleyballers up record at Portland Invitational

PORTLAND—The Oregon women's volleyball team finished fourth among 12 teams at the Portland State Invitational Saturday to raise its season record to 4-9-2.

"We're finally playing the same kind of volleyball that we played against Portland State earlier this season," exclaimed a delighted Chris Voelz, Oregon coach. The Ducks fell to Pacific Northwest powerhouse Portland State in three hard-fought sets (21-23, 2-15, 13-15) in Oct., but then were

mauled in the Berkely Invitational three days later.

Voelz, juggling her line-up "for a little more quickness," guided Oregon to the championship round with a 3-0-2 record in its "pool." The Ducks defeated Western Washington, Washington State, and Oregon State and split sets with Nevada-Reno and the University of Victoria on Friday.

Oregon finished second in the "white pool" behind Nevada-Reno to qualify for the championship round, where they fell to Portland State 15-7, 15-2, and then lost to Nevada-Reno 15-12, 16-14.

"We still have this thing against Portland State where the girls get intimidated just by playing them," sighed Voelz.

Setter-hitter Sue Stadler, one of only two seniors on the Oregon squad, was named all-tournament along with seven other players.

Voelz singled out freshman Therese Cooper for her tournament play along with Mary O'Brien and Peggy Shekell.

Shekell, who hasn't seen much playing time this season, performed especially well against Western Washington as a setter and hitter, and O'Brien's blocking on the front line was superb, according to Voelz.

Oregon faces Oregon State tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in Mac Court. The Beavers finished last at the Portland State Invitational.

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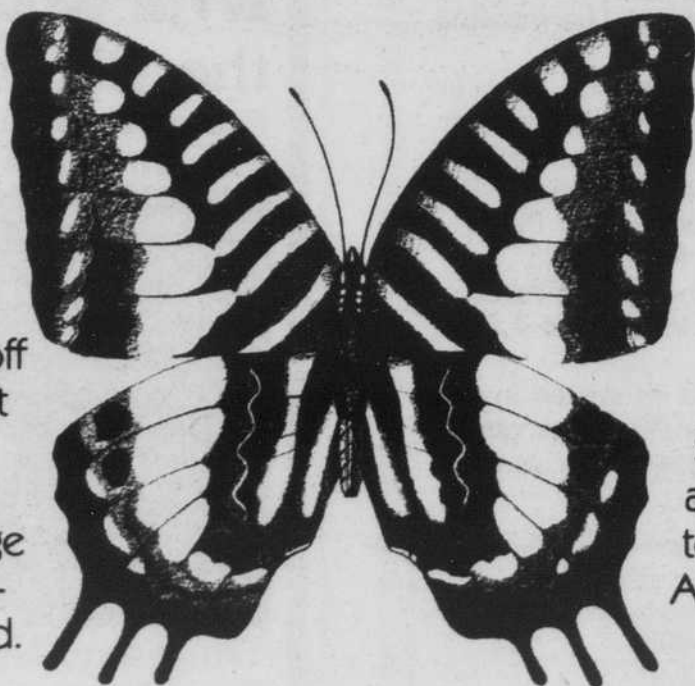
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