

Defend NCAA crown next

Runners win Pac-10, region

The University's men's cross country team won its third straight Pacific-10 Conference team championship Saturday and qualified for the NCAA meet in Madison, Wis., Nov. 20.

Washington State's Henry Rono outsprinted Alberto Salazar in the last 300 meters to win his second individual title in three years, but the Ducks placed five runners in the top eight to win the

team title with 26 points.

Oregon, Washington State and Arizona will also represent the Pac-10 and District 8 in the NCAA meet.

Washington State was second with 66 points and Arizona, led by third place finisher Thom Hunt and former South Eugene runner Dirk Lakewood in 10th, was third with 97 points.

Salazar set the pace most of the race, but Rono kicked past Salazar at the end to win with a time of 29:29.5 over the 10,000 meter course.

Rono, Salazar and Hunt, as well as Oregon's Don Clary and Rudy Chapa and Washington State's Joshua Kimeto ran under the 30:17 course record set four years ago.

Results

Individual — 1, Henry Rono, Washington State, 29:29.5. 2, Alberto Salazar, Oregon, 29:34.4. 3, Thom Hunt, Arizona, 29:55.3. 4, Don Clary, Oregon, 30:00.2. 5, Rudy Chapa, Oregon, 30:06.5. 6, Joshua Kimeto, Washington State, 30:15.5. 7, Ken Martin, Oregon, 30:19.6. 8, Bill McChesney, Oregon, 30:38.6. 9, Dave Daniels, California-Irvine, 30:33.6. 10, Dirk Lakeman, Arizona, 30:42.6. 11, Art Boileau, Oregon, 30:47.4.

Team (District 8) — Oregon 26, Washington State 66, Arizona 97, Washington 105, California-Irvine 172.

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Old nemesis beat netters

Oregon lost all three matches it played Friday in what coach Chris Voelz called "the worst day we've had all year." The Ducks were beaten by Oregon State 16-14, 16-14; by Montana State 16-14, 15-7, and by Washington State 15-10, 15-10.

"Against Oregon State we had the least number of offensive credits in a game this year," noted Voelz. "That (the loss to OSU) was the biggest surprise, because we should have blasted them."

The Ducks did just that last week in Eugene in the Oregon Invitational, taking apart the Beavers 15-1, 15-5. But on Friday in Seattle Oregon State took it to the Ducks and played well enough to hold off a lackadaisical Oregon team.

Saturday began well, with Oregon winning its first two matches. The Ducks squeaked by Montana in three sets—14-16, 15-11, 15-13—then came from behind to blast Western Washington, 9-15, 15-5, 15-6.

After that it was all downhill. Washington took the measure of the Ducks 15-4, 17-19, 15-8, then

Portland State routed Oregon 15-9, 15-10. It was the sixth straight time this season that Portland State has downed Oregon. The losses dropped the Ducks' record to 16-24-2.

Voelz was happy with her team's play on Saturday, especially against Portland State. "We scored more points against PSU on Saturday than anytime this year."

Voelz used only seven players in Seattle. Sue Stadler, Kim Jessup, Therese Cooper, Michelle Nekota and Christine McFarlane played the entire tournament, while Anita Enns and Mary Schnabel alternated at the sixth position.

Oregon takes on Oregon State in Corvallis Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Ducks' final regular season match. On Nov. 24-25 Oregon will be competing in the NCWSA-AIAW Regional Championships at Washington State. The Ducks will be seeded fifth or sixth, according to Voelz, and need to finish in the top two to qualify for nationals.

Lucas paces Blazers to victory

PORTLAND (AP) — Maurice Lucas scored 26 points, 18 in the second half, to pace the Portland Trail Blazers to a ragged 98-91 National Basketball Association victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Sunday.

The Blazers scored 10 unanswered points to break a 13-13 tie early in the game and eventually built a 21-point lead, 83-62, with 10:30 left in the game.

But Austin Carr and rookie Mike

Mitchell paced a Cleveland rally that cut the lead to five, 89-84, on Carr's three-point play with 3:53 remaining.

It took five straight points by Lucas to lift the Blazers out of trouble.

Cleveland, which has lost 10 of its last 11 games, completed a seven-game road trip as its record dropped to 5-10. Portland improved its record to 8-6.

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Hemmer proves best all-around

Oregon's Kathy Hemmer totaled 447 points, with six first place finishes, four seconds, and four thirds, to win the Oregon All-Around swim championships. Kathy Garrison of Oregon State finished second with 443 points.

Last year Hemmer placed second with 444 points to now-graduated Michelle Menkins who scored 450 points.

Hemmer managed to improve in seven out of the 16 events from last year's championship and had three lifetime bests.

Debbie Sill won the All-Around diving competition by winning both the one and three meter boards.

Oregon swimmers finished first in 14 of the 16 events, and the first places were divided between four swimmers; Kathy Hemmer earned six, Tina Helm and Mary Miller three a piece, and Holly Pate, two.

Miller placed third overall with 403 points, followed by Miller with 343 points.

"I am very pleased with the results," said Oregon coach Virginia VanRosen. "The meet was held a month earlier than it was last year, but half the records were broken."

"The team has great depth this year, and you can see that by looking at the times for the sixth place finisher last year, and then look at this year's sixth place time. The times improved in 10 out of the 16 races."

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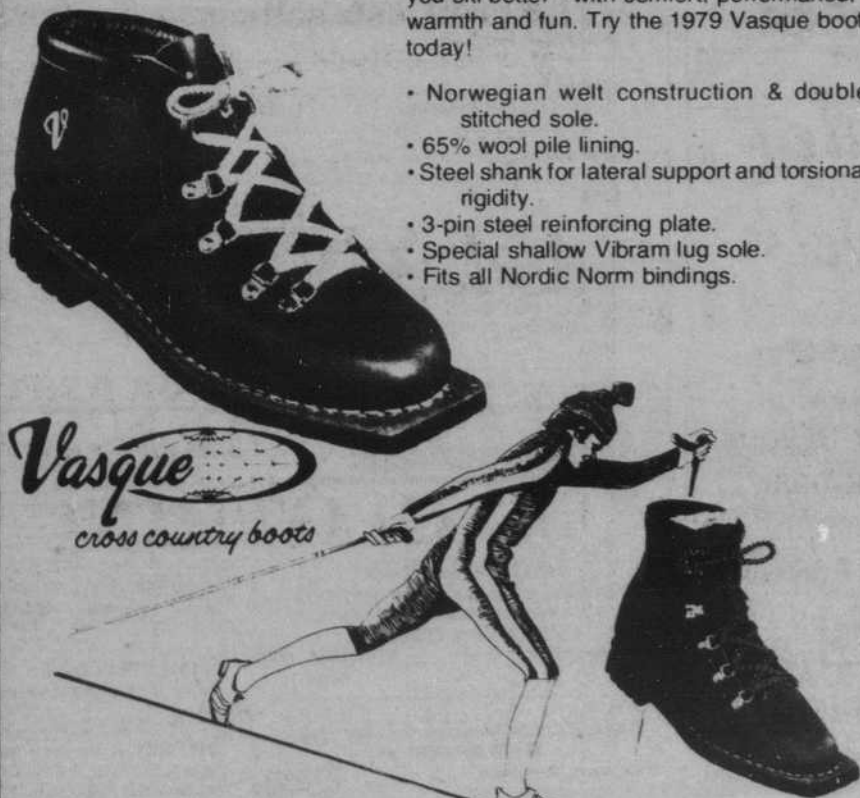
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