

Salazar wins; Ducks second

MADISON, Wis. — Alberto Salazar broke away from the leaders with two miles left to win the NCAA cross country championship Monday.

Oregon finished second to the University of Texas-EI Paso in the

team race. Unofficially, UTEP won with 54 points and Oregon scored 72. If the scores hold up, they will be among the lowest in NCAA history.

Salazar won in 29:29, upsetting

two-time champion Henry Rono of Washington State. Rono reportedly fell and finished well back among the better than 200 runners.

"I'm satisfied and happy, but you come back to earth pretty quickly," Salazar said of his race by telephone. "It was not all that fast, but times don't mean that much. I was worried about the competition."

Rudy Chapa and Salazar took the lead at the start of the 10,000 meter (6.2 mile) race, run in below-freezing temperatures. Rono caught them at the one-mile mark and Salazar and Rono ran together for the next 1½ miles. Arizona's Thom Hunt took the lead at 2½ miles and Salazar slowed because of stomach cramps. At the four-mile mark, Salazar surged past Hunt to re-take the lead and eventually won by 30 meters.

Behind Salazar were UTEP's Suleiman Nyambui and Michael

Musyoki in second and third and Hunt in fourth.

"I felt in control," Salazar said. "I was running easy and was bidding my time. When they (weren't expecting it) I made my move."

Salazar capped a successful season with the national title, after winning the Garrie Franklin Classic and finishing second to Rono in both the Pac-10 Northern Division and Pac-10/District 8 meets. Last year he finished third in the Pac-8 and ninth in the NCAA meet.

"I was disappointed in how I ran the NCAA 10,000 last spring (finishing fifth). I was physically ready but mentally was not that strong.

"A lot (of my improvement) had to do with my mental attitude being better and my religious beliefs. The last two years I've been close to Christ. Last year I used to run for myself, but realized he's the main thing behind my running.

I ran the 10,000 for myself.

"When it came down to going with the leaders or not I thought about hurting and did not push hard," he added. "I know without a doubt (my beliefs) have made me a better runner. Getting glory for finishing first is now what's important."

"It makes them respect me more," he said. "They've won bigger races than this. To get an edge, I'll have to win more."

Unofficially behind Salazar, teammate Don Clary finished seventh (sixth in team scoring), Chapa 14th (10th), Ken Martin 22nd (18th), Bill McChesney 51st (37th), and Art Boileau 70th.

Salazar said a team title for Oregon would have made his victory "sweeter," but his teammates ran well and were beaten by a better team. His individual championship was Oregon's first since Steve Prefontaine's third title in 1973.

Veterans, frosh lead wrestlers

The Oregon wrestling team, ranked 16th in the country by the Amateur Wrestling News, opens its season against Eastern

Washington Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Mac Court. Admission is \$1 for students.

The Ducks will feature familiar

faces Don "No Neck" Brown at 190 pounds and 150-pounder Scott Bliss, but two and possibly three freshmen will also start. Adam Cuestes (118) and Jim Hildebrand (142) have emerged as the best in their respective classes, and rookie Bill Nugent is challenging senior Reynolds Capps at 134.

"I'm looking forward to this meet, because it will be our first look at the new crop. I expect big things from them," says head coach Ron Finley.

Eastern Washington was the NAIA national champion two years ago, but according to Finley the team was hurt by graduation last year. "I definitely think we should win," he says.

Rounding out the Ducks' lineup is Russ Miller (126), Leonard Simon (158), Jeff Steubing (167), Ryan Kelly (177) and heavyweight Craig Schoene, a junior college transfer.

Men booters' league mark drops below .500 after loss to Beavers

The Oregon men's soccer club lost its chance to finish the season with a winning league record when it fell 3-0 to Oregon State last Saturday.

The Ducks finished 4-5 in the Northwest Collegiate Soccer Conference and 4-9-1 overall.

The Beavers took advantage of a Duck defense that was missing two starters in the line to record their first NCSC win of the year.

Oregon's women tied Oregon State in another Sunday match in Corvallis. The tie brought the Ducks' NCSC final mark to 3-5-2, which placed them fourth in the six-team league. Overall, the women ended the season with a 5-5-2 record.


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