

Five records fall and so does BYU, 70-57

Discus duo leads Ducks to dual win

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Four school records and a field record were broken by members of the University women's track team Saturday at Hayward Field as the Ducks beat Brigham Young University 70-57.

Jody Parker broke Cheri Williams' school record in the 3,000 meters, winning in 9:26.40. Williams then broke her own record in the 1,500 meters, running 4:18.85.

In the next event, Dawna Rose broke a three-year old record in the 400 meters by running 55.68 and winning the event.

But entering the next-to-last event — the discus — BYU trailed the Ducks 57-56, and it looked as though the meet would be decided by the last event, the mile relay.

Mary Stevenson and Kathy Picknell then stole the spotlight with an unexpected 1-2 finish in the discus, winning the meet.

"After we started going, we heard the meet was on us," said Picknell. Stevenson responded to the pressure by resetting her own school record with a throw of 157-5, and Picknell threw a lifetime best 152-11.

"The discus throwers had to put it away for us, and they did," said Oregon coach Tom Heinonen. "They were under incredible pressure and they both had lifetime bests. What more could you ask for?"

Stevenson said the conditions were right for a good throw. "We knew we had to perform to our best. We had to stay relaxed and tell ourselves we could do it," she said.

The 1-2 sweep of the discus took away the suspense from the mile relay, but Oregon's Melanie Batiste, Rhonda Massey, Williams and Rose managed to set a Hayward Field record of 3:48.19 with their victory.

Shot putter Carrie Albano came up with the first Duck win early in the meet, coming from

behind to beat BYU's "wonder woman" Themis Zambrzycki. Albano had her best put of the season, 45-9½.

"It was the breakthrough that I needed," said Albano.

It was also a crucial breakthrough for the team, said Heinonen. "Carrie beating Zambrzycki, a world-class pentathlete, not only won the long jump and the 100-meter hurdles but tied for first in the high jump. She also ran on both relay teams, and picked up second in the shot put.

Stevenson said she remembered Albano's effort when the discus event started. "Carrie coming from behind to win the shot really inspired me," said Stevenson.

Williams had no trouble win-

ning. She out-distanced second-place finisher Molly Morton by 19 seconds in the 1,500 meters en route to her lifetime best.

"I finally broke 4:20," said Williams. "That's one mental barrier that I'm over."

She measures her success by her times because so far this year no one has been able to run with her. "It's hard for me to push myself, but I have to learn that mental toughness."

Rose also broke her barrier in the 400 meters.

Batiste didn't break any records Saturday, but she did run both relays and win both the 100 meters and 200 meters. Ellen Schmidt won the 800 meters. The Ducks won nine of 15 events.



Photo by Tamara Swenson

The Duck women finished off a talented BYU squad in the discus, then capped the triumph with an exciting win in the mile relay. Like so many other Oregon winners Saturday, relay members Melanie Batiste, Cheri Williams, Rhonda Massey and Dawna Rose decided to celebrate.

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Ducks win tournament

Led by pitcher Lori Sweet, the women's softball team won the Reno Invitational softball tournament Saturday.

Sweet pitched the entire tournament for the team, giving up only two earned runs in the five games.

One of the earned runs against Sweet, her first this season, came in the championship game against Portland State University. The Ducks, however, went on to win the game 6-2, sealing the tournament title.

In addition to her pitching performance, Sweet led the Ducks with a .444 tournament batting average. Vicki Hogan followed with a .400 average and Amy Rickman batted .369. The Ducks ended the tournament with a .288 team average to .155 for their opponents.

The tournament leaves the Ducks 12-4 for the season and moves Sweet's record to 11-2. She has only two earned runs against her in 88 innings on the mound.

The softball team defeated Weber State University, Humboldt State University, the University of California, the University of Nevada-Reno and Portland State University to earn its place in the championship game, where the Ducks again downed PSU for the tournament title.

The Ducks will open their home season Tuesday against Oregon State at 4 p.m. The game is scheduled for the new softball field next to Hayward Field and Agate Street.

Netters score wins

Both University tennis teams earned wins over the weekend, the men's team defeating Oregon College of Education 8-1 and the women scoring a 5-1 victory over Southern Oregon State College.

The Duck men captured all six of the singles matches and two of three doubles matches, bringing their season record to 8-10.

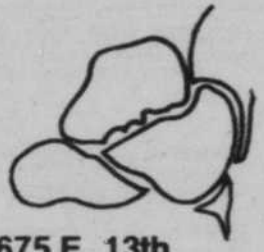
The women won five of six singles matches Saturday against SOSC before the doubles matches were rained out. The Duck women are now 6-4 this season.

The women are scheduled to play Lane Community College at 2:30 p.m. today, and the men will play SOSC at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.



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