

Runners fall in regional title warm-up race

Judging from last weekend's results, Oregon's women's cross country team faces an uphill race as it prepares to go after a fifth-straight regional crown.

Last Saturday, the University of Washington became the first

Northwest collegiate team to beat Oregon in five years, narrowly edging the Ducks for second place, 46 to 47, at the Sportswest Invitational in Renton, Wash.

The team title was won by Cal-Berkeley with 44 points.

"It was exciting," said coach Tom Heinonen after the race. "Nobody expected it to be so close."

The invitational, touted as a warm-up race for the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women nationals to be held in Renton next month, didn't

come out exactly as the Ducks hoped.

"It's the hardest course I've ever seen for a national championship," said Heinonen. "The start is especially challenging. There are two sharp turns in the first 200 meters, followed by a giant hill. Later on there are a couple of treacherous 90-degree turns at the bottom of steep hills."

The Duck's were led by veteran Robin Baker, who finished fifth in 17:22. She might have finished as high as third except Baker misjudged the finish line and started her kick 200 meters early.

"It was a little confusing," said Heinonen about the finish. "The course changed direction right there and they had flags, pennants, officials and spectators standing at that point. She

wasn't the only person who mentioned she was confused."

Leann Warren was the second Duck finisher in seventh with a 17:31. Warren got off to a slow start early in the race, but come on towards the end, out-kicking five runners in the last 200 meters.

Sophomore Eryn Forbes finished 14th in 17:41 to finish third for the Ducks. She was followed by Susie Niedermeyer (23rd in 18:00) and Joan Hopfenspirger (25th in 18:03) to round out the Duck's scoring.



Moser tallies impressive stats

The top six receivers in Pacific-10 football are from Stanford and California, the teams which throw the ball most, but the University's Greg Moser may have the most impressive statistics in the conference.

Moser, a sophomore from Hood River, has caught 21 passes for 428 yards, this week's Pac-10 statistics show. His average of 20.4 yards per catch is by far the best among Pac-10 players.

Last year, the Duck's leading

pass receiver for the season had 16 catches for 217 yards.

The Pac-10's top two current receivers based on number of catches are Stanford's Andre Tyler and Ken Margerum, with 34 and 28, respectively.

Tom Ramsey of UCLA clings to the lead in the passing rankings, and Marcus Allen of Southern California tops the

rushers with an average of 157.8 yards per game to the 148.5 average owned by Freeman McNeil of UCLA.

In team statistics, UCLA is first in both scoring, with 33.2 points per game, and in defense against scoring, allowing 9.8 points. California is the No. 1 team in offensive yardage, with 417 per game.

Golfers third in Eugene meet

Marti Loeb fired a three-round 267 to lead the Oregon women's golf team a third-place finish in a tournament Saturday at the Eugene Country Club.

The University of Washington won the team competition with 950 strokes. Oregon State was second with 1024 and Oregon third with 1144.

YMCA net team sets up tryouts

Tryouts for the YMCA men's volleyball team will be held today and Thursday at the YMCA, 2055 Patterson St.

The team is sanctioned by the United States Volleyball Association. For more information, call team coach Bob Dolechek at 485-0547.

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