

Ducks conquer officials, Bears in closing dual

Almost everything went according to plan Saturday as Oregon's men's track team won the two relays, Rudy Chapa won the 1,500 after fighting injury all season and the Ducks won their last dual meet of the season, 87-66, over Cal-Berkeley.

A sweep of the 5,000 meters assured Oregon's victory as Jim Hill and Alberto Salazar ran the last lap together, going stride for stride until Hill leaned a bit to cross the finish line first. Teammate Greg Erwin took third.

"The 5,000 seals it," said Cal coach Erv Hunt as he watched the runners complete the third lap. "It's been close, and for a while there we had a chance. But we knew they had a 15-point advantage just because it is Hayward Field."

Before the meet was decided, though, it looked as if a controversial violation might influence the final results. In the steeplechase, Mike Friton drew two red flags as he took the lead from Cal's Mike Dyer and Mark LaBonte.

Friton, running third, passed Dyer on the inside before going outside to pass LaBonte, who was only a couple steps ahead.

There was apparent contact at both locations, and the officials signaled the infraction. One said Friton had gained no advantage, but the other said he had impeded the Cal runners and recommended disqualification.

"Both of us kind of got tangled together," said Friton. "Coming off the hurdle he (Dyer) stuttered and I had to go by him or slow down. I went by and we got a bit tangled. But he was pushing me at least as much as I was pushing him."

After reviewing video tapes of the violation, the referees ruled against disqualifying Friton.

Friton crossed the finish line in 8:48.31, just ahead of Dyer's 8:48.90.

"Every point is important in a meet like this," said Dellinger. "There probably was a violation, but we're not sure who the foul was on."

The Ducks ended their dual season with a 5-1 record.

First place finishers:

Shot put — David Porath, Cal, 64-0 $\frac{1}{4}$. Pole vault — Ross McAlexander, Cal, 17-3. Javelin — Reidar Lorentzen, Ore, 258-2. 400 relay — Oregon, 40.4. Long jump — Paul Bates, Cal, 25-1 $\frac{1}{4}$ w. High jump — Mike Nelson, Cal, 7-0. 1,500 — Rudy Chapa, Ore, 3:45.73. High hurdles — Larry Cowling, 13.4h. Steeplechase — Mike Friton, Ore, 8:48.31. 400 — Parrish Nixon, Ore, 47.76. 100 — Derek Robinson, Cal, 10.3w. Discus — Dean Crouser, Ore, 202-3. 800 — David Mack, Ore, 1:49.7. Triple jump — Paul Bates, Cal, 51.32. 400 hurdles — Larry Cowling, Cal, 51.32. 200 — Derek Robinson, Cal, 20.9w. 5,000 — Jim Hill, Ore, 14:10.44. Mile relay — Oregon, 3:11.45.

Era ends for baseball team (maybe)

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While senior Dean Kegler told his teammates how much he'd miss them, coach Mel Krause called one last meeting for the Oregon baseball team. "Our last baseball game ever, and I didn't even play," said centerfielder James Nutt, half-jokingly.

The Ducks had just dropped a doubleheader to Oregon State, 8-3, 8-6, ending a 73-year era of baseball at the University.

Or did it?
Oregon might be forced to play two rained-out games against Washington to help decide the Northern Division title between the Huskies, the Beavers and Washington State.

Pacific-10 Conference commissioner Wiles Hallock will decide today whether Washington must make up two rained out games with the Ducks to decide the title.

While the Ducks were losing to the Beavers Saturday, Washington was taking a pair from Washington State to create havoc in the Northern Division. The Huskies finished 10-6, percentage points ahead of WSU and OSU, both 11-7, but played two fewer games. Oregon is 2-14 in conference play, 16-19 overall.

Saturday's doubleheader loss had come on the heels of an emotion-packed 10-8 Oregon victory Friday.

The Ducks did what oppo-

nents had done to them all season, coming from a 6-0 deficit to beat the Beavers.

After OSU had scored three runs off Kegler in the fifth without the benefit of a hit, Oregon went to work. Steve Crum's three-run homeer, his 13th of the year, opened the doors for a five-run fifth.

Consecutive singles in the seventh by Eric Martinez, Nutt and senior Randy Porter were instrumental in another five-run outburst, and Kegler weathered a two-run ninth inning by the Beavers to pick up his sixth victory against four defeats.

The win gave Kegler 22 victories during his career, an Oregon record that will never be broken.

"This is the one we really wanted," said an emotional Crum. "We're going to put the icing on the cake tomorrow."

But he was wrong. Behind Al Hunsinger, who smacked three homers in the series to run his season and career marks to 15 and 28, both OSU records, the Beavers battered five Duck pitchers for 21 hits.

"They just outplayed us," said Krause. "We couldn't get Hunsinger out."

Then Krause, who walked away from the last game at Howe Field a winner, began to walk off the field one last time.

"It's time to look ahead," said the 11th-year coach. "You have to look to the future, not the past."

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