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Oregon women take Division 9 title

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Pressure filled the air at the Stanford Golf Course Monday morning.

"This was definitely a pressure race," said Oregon women's cross country Coach Tom Heinonen of the District 9 cross country championships held Monday morning in Stanford, Calif.

"Before hand, there were four teams who had a shot at winning the race. Nobody knew what would happen — I didn't have a clue who would win."

What happened was Heinonen's Ducks ran away with the team title totalling 52 points to easily outdistance runners-up Stanford and San Diego State who both had 73. Arizona finished fourth with 91.

The top three automatically qualify for nationals with the possibility of Arizona receiving an at-large berth.

District Nine is such a competitive cross country district that the top four teams are all ranked in the top 10 of women's cross country — Stanford is second, Oregon third, Arizona fifth and San Diego State, eighth.

The Ducks had things just about their own way throughout the race.

According to Heinonen, the Ducks were solid right down from the No. 1 runner to the No. 5 runner.

"The thing that surprised me was that we were able to get five people into the top 20 and no one else could," Heinonen

said. "I thought we could get our first five into the top 25 and I was hoping for the top 20. But I didn't know if that would be enough to win."

Leann Warren led the Ducks with a fourth-place finish, but said she was not satisfied with her performance.

"I'm kind of disappointed with my race," Warren said. "I expected to do better. I just lost contact in the middle of the race and I couldn't get it back."

The next Duck to cross the finish line was Lisa Martin in a surprising sixth place.

"Lisa just put it all together today," said Heinonen. "She has had problems all season long and it was great to see her run like she did. She was the key to our finish."

Martin had been plagued by the flu and anemia all season long, and according to Heinonen, she is now beginning to get back into top form.

Junior Eryn Forbes and freshman Kathy Hayes were the next two Oregon runners to hit the tape.

As the story has been all season long, Forbes and Hayes finished nearly neck-and-neck in 11th and 12th place — Forbes just edging out Hayes by two seconds.

"Eryn has been able to run only every other day and I think she ran a very smart, aggressive race," Heinonen said.

The Ducks rounded out their scoring when Rosa Gutierrez, another freshman,

crossed the line in 19th place. The remainder of the Oregon contingent — freshman Claudette Groenendaal and Kathi Sommer — finished in 31st and 45th places.

"The freshmen handled the pressure very well," said Heinonen. "A number of other freshmen in the race did not handle it so well. It was their first championship race and they ran extremely well."

"The thing that is most impressive is that our team took control of the race at the mile mark and never let go. The only team ahead of us at the time was Stanford and they were fading."

The individual title was thought to be a toss-up between Warren, Monica Joyce of San Diego State and Joan Hansen of Arizona. With a number of others who could step in and win it.

But it was Joyce who captured individual honors in 16:28.9, with Hansen finishing second in 16:31 and freshman Ceci Hoppe of Stanford claiming third in 16:34.

Next in line for the Ducks is the NCAA national cross country championships in Wichita, Kan., on Nov. 23.

"Right now, Virginia looks head and shoulders above everybody else," said Heinonen. "But with a performance like we had today, second-place is realistic. But it's hard to say in cross country. Anybody could win."

And on Monday, it was the Ducks who did just that.

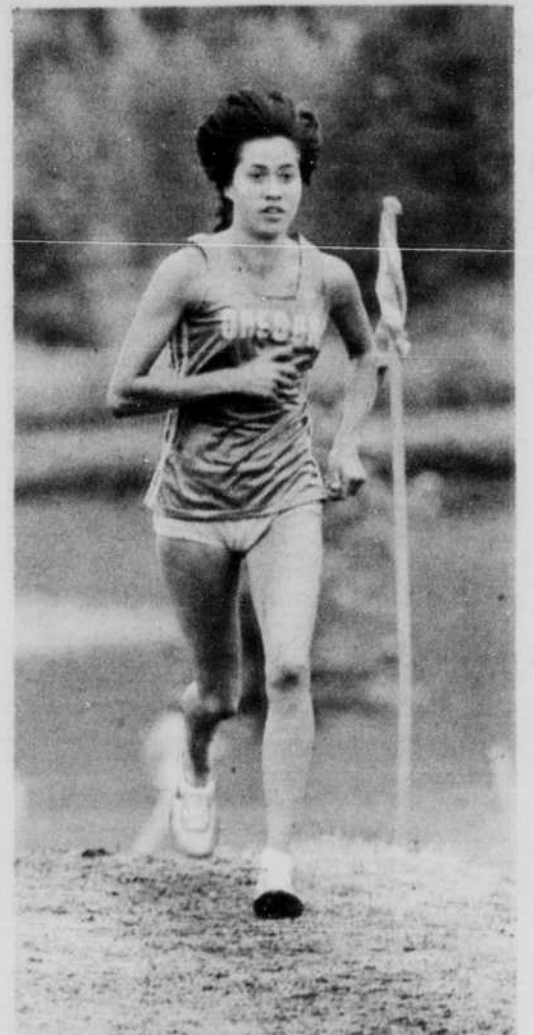


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White aerials rally Cowboys 27-14

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Dallas quarterback Danny White wung long touchdown passes to Tony Dorsett and Tony Hill in a 20-point third quarter to rally the Cowboys to a 27-14 National Football League victory over the Buffalo Bills Monday night.

The triumph gave Dallas an 8-2 record and tied the Cowboys with Philadelphia atop the National Conference East.

The loss dropped Buffalo to 6-4 and 1½ games behind American Conference East Division-leading Miami.

Dallas, trailing 14-7 at half-time, struck for two touchdowns in the first 2:20 of the third period.

Buffalo jumped ahead 7-0 on a 17-yard pass to Jerry Butler.

White responded with a 12-yard scoring strike to tight

end Doug Cosbie before the end of the first quarter, but the Bills led 14-7 at halftime thanks to some trickery of their own.

Halfback Joe Cribbs threw his first NFL TD pass, a 9-yarder to Curtis Brown as the surprised Cowboys thought Cribbs would be circling right end.

Dorsett gained 117 yards on 28 carries. He surpassed the 1,000-yard mark for the fifth consecutive year — an NFL record for a player in his first five years in the league.

Cofield, Brantley lead Yellow

Sophomores Fred Cofield and David Brantley led the Yellow team to a 98-94 comeback victory over the Greens in a men's basketball intrasquad game Monday night at Mac Court.

Cofield scored 14 of his 18 points in the second half, while Brantley pulled down nine rebounds and 14 points after halftime to pace the Yellows. Freshman forward Rodney Taylor added 18 second half points to help the Yellows erase a 51-42 halftime deficit.

Junior forward Jerome Williams powered the Green squad to a fast getaway with 29 points and nine rebounds in the first half. He finished the game with 43 points. Seniors Barry Walker and John Greig finished with 17 and 18 points, respectively, for the Greens.

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