

Duck women edge Arizona 66-61

Excellent marks, coaching mistakes equal victory sans Warren



Photo by David Corey
Kathy Hayes

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It was a strange track meet. The Oregon women outdueled the University of Arizona 66-61 in the sun Saturday at Hayward Field — without Leann Warren, who was out with a viral infection. The meet provided some excellent marks, close finishes, and weird coaching moves, as the Ducks took advantage of some luck to defeat the Wildcats. "It was a bizarre meet," said Oregon coach Tom Heinonen. "But I'm really impressed with the great performances that some of our people had to get the win." Arizona had some great performances themselves, but one of them went for naught. Joy Hansen, who won the 1,500 meters earlier in the meet, ran as a non-scorer in the 800, which she also won. If she had counted, Arizona would have won the meet 64-63. "That's the way it goes," said Arizona coach Chris Murray. "We ended up making a mistake. We had one girl who was up

because her sister goes to Oregon and two others who were fresh because they didn't run in the 1,500. Joy ran a strong race in the 1,500 earlier, so we thought it would be best not to count her.

"If we had to do it over again, we would probably do it differently, but that's the way it goes — live and learn," Murray said.

Arizona also had Robin Marks, last year's AIAW champion in the 400 meter hurdles, disqualified from the 100 hurdles because of two false starts. Oregon's Chris Cgstellio also was disqualified in the 100 hurdles, leaving the Ducks' Lexie Miller as an easy winner.

Marks did come back in the 400 hurdles to beat Miller, but Arizona ended up getting only a single point in the 100 hurdles.

The Wildcats also lost out in the high jump when Charmaine Gale, the world junior champion who has topped 6-5, placed second to Oregon's Jeanne Borchardt, who set a school record with a jump of 5-10.

Arizona may have made mistakes to let Oregon in the meet, but the Ducks took

advantage of that with some impressive marks of their own. Borchardt's, was just one of a number of excellent marks made by the Ducks.

Freshman Kathy Hayes showed her steady improvement by breaking Eryn Forbes' school record in the 5,000 by more than 23 seconds. Forbes finished a close second, losing by only 3 seconds.

Oregon's Miller showed her usual versatility by adding a victory in the long jump, and a second in the 400 hurdles to her victory in the 100 hurdles. Grace Bakari, normally a 400 runner, won the shorter 100 and 200 sprints.

Oregon showed a lot of grit in winning the meet without their automatic winner, Leann Warren.

"To beat a team as good as Arizona without Leann is a major accomplishment for everyone," said Oregon coach Tom Heinonen. "Leann gets a huge amount of attention, and deservedly so, but I'm happy that everyone else could pull together and win this without her. I'm really happy for them."

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Saturday's regatta marked two more milestones for the Oregon crew.

First, Oregon crew hosted five other teams at the first annual Dexter Spring Regatta at Dexter Reservoir. It was the first event ever hosted by the Oregon team.

In addition to hosting Oregon Institute of Technology, Portland Rowing club, Lewis and Clark, Portland Junior Rowing Club, and Reed College, the Oregon club swept events, a first in Oregon history.

Not only did Oregon take first in

all races, but also landed second places in the final heats of the men's novice four and women's novice four races.

Oregon's women's light eight won their second straight race. Coming off a win at the Corvallis Regatta, the four sprinted home in a close race against Lewis and Clark.

The crews will row in Portland next Saturday.

The Oregon men's tennis team took an 8-1 beating at the hands of Washington State University Friday, dropping their record on the year to 8-8.

The Ducks took two pivotal losses in singles play that could have changed the outcome of the match. In 2nd singles, Don Hallock lost a three-set decision to WSU's Pat Merrigan, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. Then, after Ron Elvin took a 6-4, 6-3 win in third singles, Oregon fell behind 4-1 in the match when both Wade Judy at No. 4 and Bob Coron at No. 5 lost.

The second big match was at No. 6 singles. Todd DeNeff took a one-set lead over WSU's Scott Schadler with a 7-5 win, but lost the next two sets 6-0, 6-2. Thus, a possible 4-2 deficit turned into a 5-1 deficit, and the Cougars had the match wrapped up.

Oregon now travels to Portland for an April 26 match against Lewis and Clark. The Ducks should have little trouble with the Pioneers, a team they defeated 9-0 when the two teams met on April 21 in Eugene.



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Berkeley stay short; Ducks drop squeakers

By Paul Danzer
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Oregon's softball bats, which roared to life in the final three innings of a 10-9 loss to the University of San Francisco Thursday morning, made only a peep Friday morning against Utah. The Oregon women made their appearance in the annual Berkeley Invitational a short one by losing to the lady Utes, 1-0, to eliminate themselves early.

The Duck women relinquished a run in the game's first inning, which hardly seemed like anything to worry about compared to the 8-0 hole they had dug themselves the previous morning. After that the Oregon defense turned stingy and Duck pitcher Stephanie Heisler gave Utah nothing but trouble the rest of the way en route to a three-hitter.

Unfortunately for Oregon, Utah's defense was equally tough as the Duck batters tried in vain to pound the ball through the infield. For the second day in a row the Duck women came up with too little too late.

But also for the second day in a row, third baseman Katie Hickie was center stage.

Thursday against the Dons it took a great play by the second baseman on a Hickie drive to put the skids to an incredible Duck rally. Friday Hickie collected the Ducks' only hit as the Ducks were once again stymied in the seventh inning.

In addition to a free day for sight seeing, Oregon coach



Photo by David Corey

Charles Sylvester

Charles Sylvester found several things to be pleased about despite leaving the Bay Area with the first two losses of the season tagged on his team.

One of those things was the play of Hickie, who the coach described as the best all-around third baseman he has seen this season. Another pleasing thought for the coach was the pitching of Heisler, who came in Thursday to shutdown USF while the Ducks were coming back.

"I would've liked to come away with two wins rather than what they call a 'learning experience,'" said Sylvester.

"We're ready to play anyone in the west now," Sylvester said. "Now they know they can compete," he said of his team.

Oregon's next chance to compete will come this afternoon when they travel to Southern Oregon for a double-header beginning at 2 p.m.

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