

Crouser wins pace men; women fourth in NCAA

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PROVO, Utah — For one team, it was a mild surprise, for the other a mild disappointment, as both the Oregon men's and women's track teams placed fourth in the NCAA Track and Field Championships Saturday.

The men rode the first-place rollercoaster to a 76-point total, finishing behind only University of Texas El Paso (105), Tennessee (94), and Washington State (85). Dean Crouser won both the discus and the shotput, brother Brian brought home the javelin crown and David Mack was a winner in the 800 meters. That accounted for 60 of Oregon's 76 points, the other 16 coming via fifth-place finishes by Jim Hill in the 1500 meters and Bill McChesney in the 5000.

The elder Crouser had already won the discus title on Friday with a heave of 207-4, and the shotput victory only added icing to the cake. He popped a throw of 68-4/4 on his fifth attempt, a personal best, to hold off Illinois' Mike Lehmann, who had a throw of 68-4.

Meanwhile, Crouser's younger brother Brian, only a freshman, was busy making the his surname the toast of Eugene as he uncorked a personal best of 274-7 to win the javelin. The toss, which came on his third attempt, was more than enough to defeat Pacific 10 Conference champion Laslo Babits of Washington State, who had a toss of 263-3. The win gave Brian a shot at winning four consecutive javelin titles, while Dean will attempt to win two doubles in a row in 1983.

Friday, Mack had won a tactical 800 race, winning with a relatively slow time of 1:48.00. Jack McIntosh of Western Michigan actually led the race with 20 meters to go, but Mack's vaunted finishing kick gunned him down. The 800 victory capped off a bizarre season for Mack, who had originally elected not to return to Oregon.

Altogether, the four first-place crowns for the men matched the all-time record set in 1962, when Jerry Tarr won both hurdles, Harry Jerome was a victor in the 200 and Dyrol Burleson won the mile.

In the distance races, Oregon's hopes for victories were dashed by pouring rain and hail. Hill was outkicked down the backstretch in the 1500, finishing behind meet favorite Jim Spivey of Indiana, and Mark Fricker of Oregon State, who took third. Hill's fifth-place time was 3:48.37. In

the 5000, McChesney actually led for a while, but at the finish, it was the amazing Suleiman Nyambui of UTEP taking the title, his 15th NCAA crown in four years. McChesney was fifth in 14:12.06.

At the same time, the distance races were the key to the fourth-place finish for the women. Leann Warren won the 1500 meters, Eryn Forbes was second in the 10,000 and third in the 5000, Kathy Hayes was second in the 5000, Rosa Gutierrez was third in the 3000 and Claudette Groenendaal took 11th in the 1500 to give the Ducks 62 of their 104 points.

Forbes had started Oregon off by taking second in the 10,000 on Thursday, and Saturday, she brought home a third in the 5000 with a time of 16:27.71. Hayes, a freshman, was ahead of Forbes in second with a mark of 16:22.80.

In the 1500, Warren used her strong kick to win in 4:17.90, and Groenendaal gave the women an added bonus with an 11th-place time of 4:26.03. Saturday, Warren came back to finish third in the 800 in 2:06.58, losing her chance for second when New Mexico's Regina Dramiga out-kicked her down the stretch. Ranza Clark added seven more points for the Ducks in the 800, finishing sixth in 2:07.57.

Gutierrez fought her way to a third in the 3000 after having to watch her teammates in the heats all week — there were no heats for the 3000. Gutierrez moved into third in the home stretch and stayed there, posting a solid 9:30.92 clocking.

The bulk of Oregon's other points came in the javelin, where Lynda Hughes was second with a 191-9 toss, and defending champ Sally Harmon third with a lifetime best of 186-6.

Kris Costello gave the women their remaining points by taking 9th place in the 100-meter hurdles, posting a 13.90 time in the driving rain. Two other women, Lisa Nicholson in the 400 hurdles and Roz Rouse in the javelin, just missed giving Oregon extra points, both finishing 13th in their respective events.

So for the women, fourth place was a bit of a disappointment. The Ducks had come to Provo looking for a second-place finish, only to watch Lexie Miller get disqualified in the 400 hurdles and Karen McDonald and Quenna Beasley fail to qualify in the discus. But the Ducks did everything expected of them in the other events and more. They will lose only Costello next year, and with the addition of a few sprinters, Oregon could be a serious title contender in 1983.

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