

Ducks zip to victory in Willamette meet

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A team crown, an individual title, a new course record and four "vital" breakthroughs.

Those seven items basically sum up what the Oregon women's cross country team accomplished in Saturday's Willamette Invitational at Salem's Bush Park.

First off, all five Duck runners finished in the top 15. This enabled Oregon to easily take the team title — 38 points better than runner-up Oregon State.

Oregon's All-American Kathy Hayes, running in her first meet this season, took the individual title with a course record time of 16:31.1. Hayes has been out because of a strained Achilles tendon.

Cross country coach Tom Heinonen said his team accomplished four breakthroughs that will be beneficial in the waning meets of the season.

"The addition of Hayes and (Lisa) Martin, Kim Roth's best race of the season, plus the finish of (Lori) Alzner are the key points from Saturday," he said.

Roth, a freshman, toured the 5,000 meter course in 17:04.1, which was good enough for a third-place finish. Oregon Track

Club's Marty Cooksey was second with a 16:56.8 time.

"Kim ran her best race of the season. That does a lot for her mentally," Heinonen said of the Salem product. "Each race is a stepping stone for everybody, and when she (Roth) runs a race that well it is good for her confidence."

Martin, running in her second meet of the season, finished fourth. On the way she regained her competitive edge that she had been missing, according to Heinonen.

"Getting her and Hayes back was very important. It is vital to have those two in our top seven. She (Martin) hung right with Roth. Lisa was right there and it was a real boost for her confidence," Heinonen said.

Heinonen said the other breakthrough was Lori Alzner's ninth place finish.

"Lori Alzner ran over a minute faster than last year's Willamette. She is putting it together for the first time since she was a freshman, and she could be a big factor for us," he said.

Hayes' successful return was the biggest factor for the Ducks. She complained of a sore ankle after the race, but that is to be expected, according to Heinonen.

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PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — The pressure is on the Ducks as Oregon State became the first Oregon university not to lose a football game.

The Beavers tied Washington State 14-14, upping their record 0-4-1.

"We feel like winners," said OSU Coach Joe Avezano, whose club is 0-2-1 in Pac-10 play. "We were picked to lose by a bunch. The young men got after each other. It was a good game."

"Whatever the difference is between winning and losing, we're doing the things that lose," said Washington State coach Jim Walden.

WSU hasn't won a game since its 34-14 season opener against Idaho, a bitter disappointment after last year's 8-3-1 mark. The Cougars are currently 1-3-1 overall, 0-0-1 in conference play.

Oregon State place-kicker Chris Mangold iced the tie and ended the Beavers' 14-game losing streak when he booted a 36-yard field goal with 31 seconds to play.

Mangold's tying kick came only 42 seconds after he missed a 57-yarder. But Washington State had 12 men on the field during the attempt, giving the Beavers 15 yards and a first down.

"The last play on third down, we had in our 'robber' defense where we use three cornerbacks," Walden said. "When we went to the field goal situation,

one of the corners forgot to come off."

Oregon State, now winless in 21 straight conference games, trailed 14-3 with less than four minutes remaining. Then tailback Lucius High bolted 7 yards for a touchdown and quarterback Ed Singler picked up the two-point conversion.

"At 14-3, it didn't look good for us," said Avezano. "We're playing a lot of young people. We've got to feel good, coming back like that. If you don't lose, that's the first step toward winning."

Starting quarterback Jeff Seay hit 12 of 19 passes for 116 yards for Oregon State, while fullback Bryce Oglesby ran for 103 yards on 18 carries. The Beavers totaled 167 yards passing, another 119 rushing.

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