Women win 'lackluster' meet with Beavers

By Jasen Emmons Of the Emerald

Oregon women's head track coach Tom Heinonen said the words ''unispired and lackluster'' came to mind when thinking of the Ducks' 92-43 win over Oregon State University Saturday at Hayward Field.

The meet offered little in competition and nothing in weather, but another cold, rainy day. Heinonen thought both elements were factors in the Ducks' performances.

"OSU offered so little competition, in fact none in three events, that it really took the edge off a lot of our performances," he said.

The Ducks did perform extremely well in the horizontal jumps.

Sharon Johnson bounded a wind-aided 39-1 in the triple jump before setting a school record with a legal jump of 38-7 ¹/₄. Teammate Julie Goodrich leaped a wind-aided 38-1 ¹/₄ for second.

"Sharon and I finally had rhythm today." Goodrich said. "We were happy."

Heinonen was pleased with Janell Thorsland and Goodrich. in the long jump, where they went 1-2 with wind-aided jumps of 19-11¹/₄ and 19-1.

Stephanie Hunter and Cam Talton finished 1-2 in both the 100 meters and 200 meters against little competition.

The 400-meter relay did not go as well. Oregon recently lost Katie O'Brien to a stress fracture, and she was replaced by Kwajalein Clack.

Clack and anchor leg Stephanie Hunter dropped the baton, and OSU won. It was better to have the baton dropped this week than next, and the team now has a week to practice before the NorPac Conference championships.

In the distance events, Heinonen liked the agressiveness that Kim Roth showed in winning her first college 800-meters in 2:11.80, and thought Francie Faure and Lia Shierk ran an intelligent 1,500-meter race.

Faure and Shierk laid off the fast early pace of OSU's Peggy Murri and did not begin to reel her in until they were into the last lap. The two caught Murri with 110-yards to go and finished 1-2 in 4:37.42 and 4:37.81.



Crew team qualifies for nationals

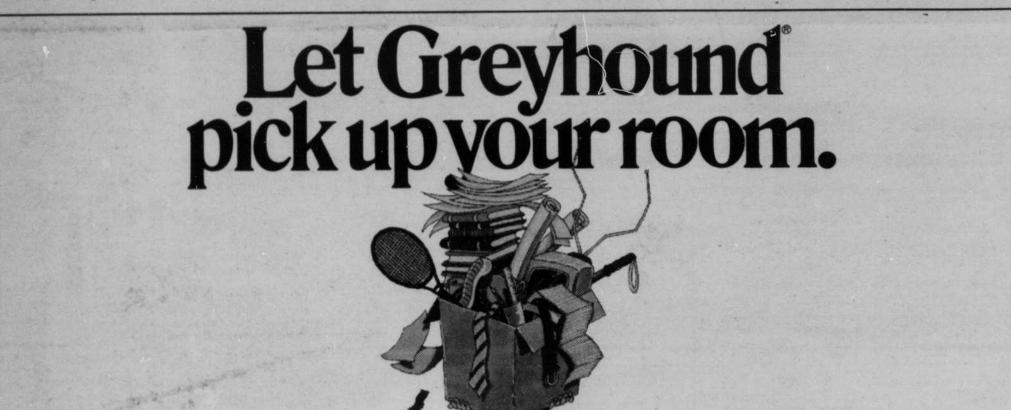
The women's light eight Club Sports crew team qualified for the Women's Collegiate National Regatta to be held in Indianapolis. Ind. next month with a first place victory at the Pac-10 Western Sprints/Rowing Championships on Saturday and Sunday in Sacramento. Calif.

The men's light four team

finished third in their preliminary heat, and then went on to capture third in their grand final. The men's varsity four team won their preliminary heat but finished in sixth in the finals because of an equipment failure.

The women's varsity four team finished in fifth place.

Stephanie Hunter (center) leads teammate Cam Talton (right) to the finish line Saturday as the pair finished 1-2 in both the 100- and 200-meters against the hapless Oregon State University Beavers in the last dual meet of the season. The Oregon women won the meet 92-43.



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