

Sports

Shifting pays off for Oregon men, halts WSU's 10-year home mark

By Aaron Knox
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Sometimes in track and field, a team score can be as important as the points themselves.

That was certainly the case on Saturday, when the Oregon men's track team executed a timely gamble by the coaching staff to defeat host Washington State, 93-70, in a dual-meet showdown that was closer than the final score indicated.

The win was the first home loss for the Cougars in ten years and the 13th-straight dual-meet success for the Ducks. Oregon now leads the series with WSU 33-22, and has won the last two matchups.

After 11 events, the Ducks held a tenuous 49-46 lead, and the gusting Pullman, Wash., winds had just brought J.J. Birden's scoring parade to a grinding halt. The flashy junior, who has been a virtual scoring machine in three events, was shut out. He never mastered the winds on the long jump runway, fouling on five of six at-

tempts and finishing sixth.

Birden seemed to carry the effects of his performance to the 110-meter hurdles, which began almost immediately after his final jump. He went down crossing the sixth hurdle and did not finish the race, and Oregon was behind form-chart projections despite the narrow lead.

It was in the 400-meters that Oregon coach Bill Dellinger made the first in a series of moves that would turn the tide convincingly for the Ducks. Success depended on junior transfer Pat Lanning, who was a known quantity, but everything revolved ultimately on untested, but much-heralded hurdler Pedro Chiamulera. "A calculated risk," conceded assistant coach John Gillespie.

Chiamulera is the South American champion in both hurdle distances, but injury had kept him out of action since January. If he could run the intermediates, Lanning would be free to run the 400 and the 200

meters, where points were much less certain than in the weak hurdle field. "He handled a pretty tough workout on Thursday, so we thought he could go," said Dellinger of Chiamulera.

Lanning lived up to his end of the deal, winning the 400 in

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Oregon gets 8th at Fresno

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The Oregon men's golf team didn't quite play up to par last weekend.

In fact, they barely played up to bogie, finishing a disappointing eighth place in the Fresno State Classic at Fresno, Calif.

After a sizzling opening round that left Oregon just four strokes back and tied for fourth, the 19th-ranked Ducks came up lame the final two rounds and lost by 39 strokes to the eventual tournament champion University of Arizona.

Before the tournament, coach Scott Krieger felt Oregon would finish in the top six; however, he didn't anticipate the poor play he got from his top players.

Seniors Steve Rintoul and Rob Huff, the two best golfers on the team, fired second and third-round scores resembling a double-overtime victory by the Los Angeles Lakers, rather than the performance of a Top-20 golf team.

After a three-under-par first round, Rintoul bogied his way to a 77 and a 79. Huff was worse with an 80-77, and the Ducks were dead.

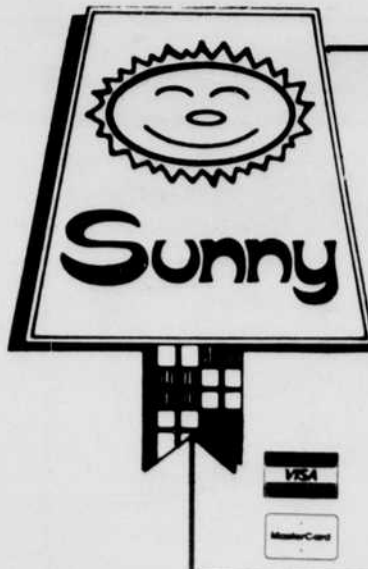
Oregon senior Tony Joyner had a team-best 219 total that

left him just 10 shots back of individual champion Robert Gamez of Arizona. Joyner fired two impressive rounds of 71, but he also ballooned for a 77.

Sophomore Tim Hval, like the rest of the Ducks, came out hot (73 in the first round), but faded in the final round (77). Still, he claimed second place on the team and finished 12 back of Gamez.

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