

Sports

Women's track squad upsets undefeated Texas

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Call it the metamorphosis.

The Oregon women woke up Saturday morning given no more than a slim chance at best to win the Pepsi Invitational quadrangular track meet at Hayward Field.

On paper they were the underdogs. However, as the day progressed, Oregon's countenance changed to that of a hungry wolf.

The end result was a shocking 53-52 conquest over previously undefeated Texas, the defending NCAA outdoor champions. Washington State University totalled 43 points and Tennessee 37.

As it turned out, though, the Volunteers paid coach Tom Heinonen's Ducks a big favor: Tennessee won the mile relay, denying the Longhorns five crucial points. Karen Church, Oregon's anchor-leg runner, held on for third, as the Ducks claimed their biggest victory of the season.

"We came through," said Church, who also placed third in the 400. "It was the highlight of our season."

At meet's end the majority of the 6,149 fans were thinking the same thing. Oregon has yet to lose a meet this year.

"We had really solid perfor-

mances right down the line and a couple of brilliant ones along the way," Heinonen said.

He praised distance runner Penny Graves for one. The junior from Port Angeles, Washington ousted Texas' Annie Schweitzer at the tape and came away with a personal record (9:12.15).

Graves also proved herself against tough competition. Schweitzer finished fourth in last year's collegiate 5,000 championship meet.

Oregon's Annette Hand ran just as impressively. The transfer from Montana State University took the 5,000 in 16:05.33, battering her previous best by over 24 seconds.

Hand, who says her best race is still the 3,000, easily qualified for the NCAA meet. Like Graves, she had to deal with the shadow of a Texas competitor, Tracey Laughlin, but in the end all turned out well.

Meanwhile, Texas and Tennessee weren't experiencing Southern comfort. Once the first event commenced, Oregon put the pressure on, appearing more at ease with the intermittent rain and general chilliness.

The Ducks placed one-two in the long jump, as Julie Goodrich and Janell Thorsland both leaped over 19 feet. High



Photo by John Giustina

Oregon high jumper Camille Jampolsky, an NCAA qualifier, inches her way over the bar in the Pepsi Invitational meet Saturday at Hayward Field. Jampolsky's efforts helped the Ducks upset unbeaten Texas, 53-52.

jumper Camille Jampolsky, an NCAA qualifier, kept the momentum going, as did Yvette Brown, who picked up a second in the discus and a third in the shot.

"When I saw that we had swept the triple jump I figured we must have had a heck of a lead," said Heinonen, citing the

efforts of Phillis McKinney and Goodrich.

Oregon's lead over Texas increased to 38-24, and the Longhorns could only hope to chip away.

The Cougar sprinters made the process a slow one, placing first in the 100, 200 and 400-meter dashes. Ultimately,

Oregon relied on a host of individuals.

"When you win by a point, you look at a lot of one-point differences," Heinonen said.

The Duck women face the University of California at Berkeley and Brigham Young University at home next Saturday.

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