





# Fonseca leads cross country team to title

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#### By Ashley Conklin Emerald Sports Reporter

After suffering through injuries and illnesses during last year's track season. Peter Fonseca appears to be back in form.

Fonseca opened the cross country season by winning an 8,000-meter race at the Emerald City Invitational in Seattle on Saturday, leading Oregon to the team title.

Fonseca covered the course in 24:27, beating Curt Corvin of Club Northwest by 17 seconds and missing the meet record by just 1.5 seconds.

The Ducks won the team title

with 36 points, finishing ahead of Washington, which tallied 60 points.

Besides Fonseca's victory. Oregon had outstanding individual efforts from others such as Danny Lopez and Terrance Mahon.

Lopez finished sixth overall in 25:16 and Mahon, a redshirt freshman was eighth, clocking 25:22. Andy Libert and redshirt freshman Rick Mestler added the other Duck scoring places, finishing 10th and 11th respectively.

Oregon was without the ser-

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**Bill Dellinger** 

## Junior Wessells spurs women to second

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A young and inexperienced women's cross country team opened the season Saturday at the 11-team Humbolt Invitational in Arcata, Calif. with strong individual performances and a solid team showing.

Junior Stephanie Wessell led the Ducks by winning the 5.000-meter race in 17:56. It was the first-ever cross country win for Wessell.

Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, one of the NCAA Division II's powerhouses, captured the team title with 23 points while Oregon was second with 35 points.

"I was pleasantly surprised because I didn't know what to expect." Oregon coach Tom Heinonen said.

"I don't think we took Cal Poly lightly." he added. "but I don't think some of our people realized we'd be beaten by them."

Three true freshmen and one redshirt freshman competed in the meet for the Ducks, who will be without the services of senior Liz Wilson this season. Wilson, a senior and the de-

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**Tom Heinonen** 

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