

Oregon women lose to California

Ducks miss sprinter specialist Williams

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For an Oregon women's track team typically dominant in the distances, it was a sprinter who was missed the most Saturday in the Ducks' 71-65 loss to California.

Oregon, who hadn't lost to the Golden Bears in seven prior meetings, sorely missed 100 and 200 meter specialist Rosie Williams at Edwards Stadium in Berkeley, Calif.

Williams pulled up in the 100 with a strained hamstring in the Pepsi Team Invitational April 14 at Hayward Field. She did run the 400 at Cal Saturday, but failed to score.

Oregon coach Tom Heinonen said Williams, last year's Pacific-10 Conference champion in the 200, was positive before the

race.

"Rosie went out in the 400 with not just winning in mind, but running a lifetime best," he said.

The tight hamstring had other ideas, however, and kept Williams down. Cal took advantage of Williams' condition.

The meet was a strange one with one team or the other finishing 1-2 in 10 of the 14 events, Heinonen said.

As expected, Oregon was strong in the throws.

Stephanie Smith threw a personal best 163-1 in the discus to easily win the event. The toss, which is eight feet better than her previous best, was good enough to put Smith on the NCAA provisional qualifying list.

Smith also won the shot put with a throw of 43-11½, while

teammate Danielle Wilson grabbed the second place spot with a PR of 43-½.

Oregon's javelin throwers provided no surprises by sweeping the event. Paula Berry and Kim Hyatt stayed long enough to finish 1-2 before running off to the Mount SAC Relays Sunday in Walnut, Calif. Berry threw the spear 165-8 with Hyatt not far behind at 163-9.

Oregon didn't disappoint in the distance races either. Liz Wilson took first in the 3,000 (9:33.2) to lead a Duck sweep. Lisa Karnopp (10:00.8) and Andrea Anderson (10:08.1) captured second and third.

In the 1,500, Carol Holmen had a PR time of 4:30.09 and won the event. The time eclipsed the Pac-10 standard, qualifying her for the championships in May in Seattle.

Cal's Sheila Hudson and Simmons competed in four events apiece to rack up points for the Bears.

Hudson, who has the league's longest jump of the season at 21-9½, came close to that mark Saturday with a 21-6½ leap to win the event. After running the first leg on Cal's winning 4x100 relay team, Hudson set a meet record (45-1) in winning the triple jump. She then went on to place second in the 100 with a 11.9.

Simmons had an equally impressive day taking second in the long jump (19-9¼) behind Hudson. She ran the third leg in the 4x100 relay, then nipped Hudson for the first time in the 100 with a time of 11.8. Simmons finished her day with the victory in the 200, clocking a 24.23.

Other Oregon victories came in the high jump and the 800.

High jumper Laurel Roberts returned to her ways after a loss to teammate Kelly Blair at the Pepsi meet. Roberts and Blair both jumped 5-7, but Roberts won on attempts.

Kim Hutson clocked a 2:11.5 in the 800 to edge Cal's Leyra Baker by a tenth of a second. Oregon's Erika Klein was a close third at 2:12.0.

"Kim Hutson won her first collegiate race," Heinonen said. "That was her goal."

Mary Anderson and Kim Carlisle finished 3-4 in the triple jump, but more importantly both passed the Pac-10 qualifying standard. Anderson jumped 38-½ with the wind, while Carlisle had a mark of 38-1½.

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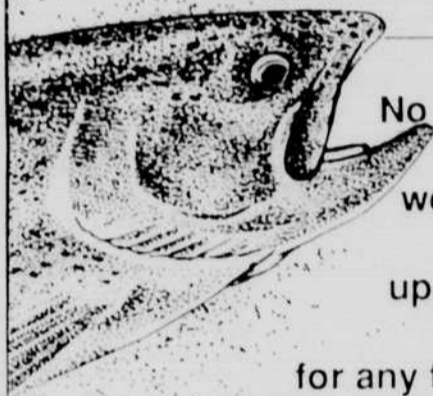
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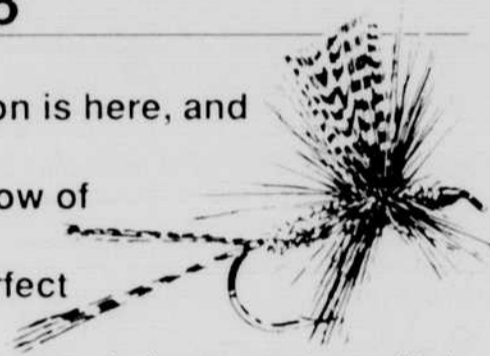
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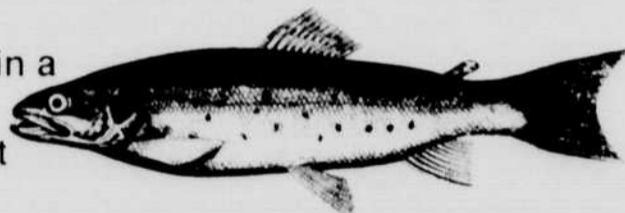
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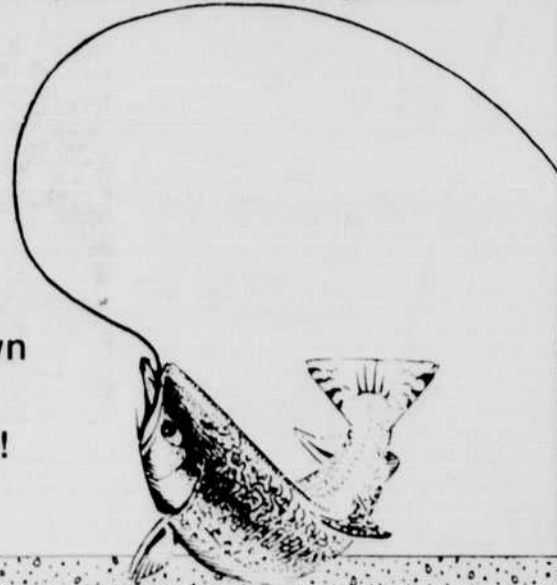
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