





2 big PRs in Last Chance Berry breaks 200-foot barrier with 202-1 toss

By Jake Berg

If there were Las Vegas odds on Paula Berry's chances of winning the NCAA javelin championship at Hayward Field next week, they got a lot better Thursday night.

The Oregon senior's per sonal record 202-1 throw at Thursday's Les Steers Last Chance Open was two inches off Lynda Hughes' school record and improves Berry's previous collegiate best of

Berry's throw marked the first time that a collegian has thrown more than 200 feet since Hughes and collegiate record holder Karin Smith did

Berry was surprised at her throw because she felt tired all week, but her fatigue did not show as she had five of six throws more than 180 feet.

"I wasn't expecting anything spectacular." said Berry, who won the Pacific-10 Conference javelin championship last weekend. "I felt like I wasn't doing a lot of the things right today. We'll work on that - maybe then the school record will come.



Oregon javelin thrower Paula Berry (center) is congratulated by teammates Molly Duggan (left) and Julie Beck after a 202-1 PR

Duck throws coach Sally Harmon thinks more than the school record could come for Berry. Harmon believes the school record the NCAA Championship meet record of 206-9 and the collegiate record of 211-5 could all fall to Berry next week at the

I still think she has more in her because her form still looks very rough to me," Harmon said. "It's just a matter of time, and I hope we don't run out of meets before she can break some real big rec-

Teammate Kim Hyatt, who placed second at the Last

also thinks Berry could improve at the NCAAs next

'That's a wonderful series," Hyatt said of Berry's throws. "I really wish that extra inch(es) would have been there for her because she's worked so hard for that.

Berry wasn't the only Oregon thrower to get a personal record Thursday night. Freshman Julie Beck recorded a PR in the discus as her first place throw of 164-10 bettered her chances for getting into the national championships from the provisional qualifying list

Everything seemed to hit right, and it was basically an effortless throw," Beck said. I didn't expect to throw this far my freshman year.

"What a stud!" an ecstatic Harmon said of Beck. "For a freshman to step into the strongest conference for discus is a phenomenal thing

In other events, Carol Holmen ran a 4:25.17 PR in the 1.500-meter run and senior Rosie Williams, the school record holder in the 100 and 200, likely made her last appearance at Hayward as she failed to qualify for the

Van Schoiack bags NCAA qualifier on final try

By Ashley Conklin

Tye Van Scholack does not like to run in last chance meets

Although his personal records the last two seasons, including Thursday night, have come at last chance NCAA qualifying meets. Van Schoiack, or anyone for that matter, hates to be forced into pres-

'I swore I wouldn't worry about running in one of those this year." Van Scholack said.

But that's exactly what he did last night, automatically qualifying for the NCAA meet in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with an 8:42.99 PR at the Les Steers Open. His time just eclipsed the automatic standard of 8:43.00

"I knew coming in all I had to do was just do it." Van Scholack said. "That's a valid kind of philosophy for any runner. even before Nike coined it out.

8:45.33 clocking he set in the Ralph Hill Open, last season's last chance meet That mark got Van Schoiack into the NCAA meet as the 18th and last qualifier.

'My goal last year was just to get in.' Van Schoiack said of the NCAA meet in Durham, N.C., a year ago. "I was pretty scared because I was the 18th and last

This year I'll be more comfortable going into it because it's just another race that I'll be OK in and not have to worry about getting my doors blown off.

Van Schoiack likely would have made the NCAA meet this year with his provisional time of 8:44.62 set last month, but there was no reason to take a chance on provisional times. Oregon Coach Bill Del-

It got one guy in (the NCAA meet), so it was well worth the effort," Dellinger said of Thursday's meet. "He probably would have got in anyway, but know we now for sure

Cetting Van Schoiack into the NCAA meet this season marks the third straight year Oregon has at least two steeplechasers in the NCAA meet.

Two seasons ago, Danny Lopez and Rick Mestler made the field, with Mestler finishing eighth as a freshman. Last season, Lopez, Mestler and Van Schoiack made the meet, with Lopez second and Mestler sixth

This season it's Mestler and Van Scholack, and Van Scholack plans on doing more than just showing up for the semifinals next Wednesday

"I don't just want to get in." Van Scholack said. "I want to get in the finals. I want to get some points.'

With midnight Thursday the deadline for automatic and provisional qualifiers. the Ducks have six automatic NCAA entries and should get more via the provi-

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