

SPORTS

Grad student places 31st at trials

□ Bob Stoltz battles last weekend's humid conditions to become state's top finisher

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University graduate student Bob Stoltz was the top finisher from the state of Oregon and the 31st overall in the United States Olympic Marathon Trials held last weekend in Columbus, Ohio.

Stoltz covered the 26.2-mile course in 2:25:36, a time that Stoltz felt was "respectable" considering the hot, humid conditions. Steve Spence of Chambersburg, Pa., won the race in 2:12:43.

"It was really windy on the course and the temperatures reached the mid-70s," Stoltz said. "Going into the race, I thought I could run a 2:15, but the conditions were too poor to run a fast race."

Conditions were so adverse in Columbus that only 55 of the 105 starters were able to com-



Bob Stoltz

plete the race. Former Oregon runners Alberto Salazar and Ken Martin were among those unable to complete the course.

Despite running his first eight miles at a 5:10 per-mile pace, Stoltz found himself in 60th place. By mile 18, however, Stoltz had moved up to 41st.

"After about 13 miles, I began to relax and started passing people," Stoltz said. "I never really hit 'the wall,' so I felt

pretty comfortable all the way." Stoltz felt so good, in fact, that he took time to "high five" friends and family members while running the final mile of the course.

Among the leaders, there was little time for "high fives," as the top three runners finished within 11 seconds of one another.

Spence pulled away from 1988 Olympic team member Ed Eyestone and former national cross country champion Bob Kempainen at about the 25-mile mark. All three earned a spot on the Olympic team with their finishes.

Stoltz remains optimistic about his chances in the 1996 Olympic Trials.

"By then, I believe I will be able to run a 2:11 marathon," he said. "In four years, I think I can be a contender for a spot on the Olympic team."

Former Duck track star Chad Bennion, now living in Murray, Utah, was among the leaders through 20 miles. He faded over the last six miles, though, and finished 14th in 2:19:25.

Greider named coach of year in Pac-10 women's tennis

Oregon women's tennis coach Tom Greider has been named the Pacific-10 Conference Northern Division Coach of the Year.

Freshman Kara Yoshida and sophomores Sherry Fairgrieve and Katie Glynn were also named all-conference selections.

Greider, who has Oregon one victory shy of the season school record with two matches still remaining, has guided Oregon to a 61-31 mark, including a surprising 16-11 record this season. He is also the winningest coach in Oregon history.

A former Duck men's tennis MVP, Greider holds the school record for career victories with 56 and is tied for the single-sea-

son mark with 19 in one year. Yoshida played No. 1 singles and doubles for the Ducks, compiling a 15-13 mark in singles and a 17-8 record in doubles.

Fairgrieve, who plays No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles, is 16-12 in singles. Her two-year mark at Oregon is 32-21, and she is 15-8 this season in doubles.

Glynn leads the team with a 20-8 mark at No. 4 singles and has a 15-11 record at No. 3 doubles. She led the team in singles last year with a 19-8 mark.

Washington's Mary Reilly was named the conference's player of the year for the second straight season.

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