

New and old Ducks put on rainy show

By Jake Berg
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Ducks past and present endured the one consistency of Oregon track and field Saturday at Hayward Field — the weather.

And despite a little sun here, and a lot of rain there, the athletes put up some respectable numbers at Saturday's Oregon Invitational.

"It was raining, and all of a sudden, bam! Maybe someone was praying for good weather," said former Duck Art Skipper, who won the javelin with a 238-1 throw under one of the day's brief periods of sunshine.

Shannon Lemora, who along with Skipper finished his Oregon career last year and now competes for Oregon International, won the 1,500-meter run in 3:46.12.

Lemora led Carlton Jones for the first three laps before Jones pulled out in front on the last lap. Lemora let him go for 300 meters but passed Jones after the last corner for the win.

"I didn't want to get into an arm-wrestling match with him on the last lap," he said.

A current Duck who had perhaps the best day of any one off of the Oregon men's team was

LaVon Pierce.

Pierce won the 100 and 200, and ran legs on the winning 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams, though the track was unfriendly and wet.

"Actually, it was one of the best days I've had since I left high school," Pierce said.

Fellow sprinter Ronnie Harris had a similar day. The senior also ran legs on the two winning relays and took a 46.6 first place in the 400 during his first race at that distance this season.

Thrower Heath Howington won the shot put with a 56-1 3/4 throw and placed second in the discus with a 159-5 throw.

Two other former Ducks, Danny Lopez and Brian Wright, also competed well. Lopez, an Olympian living in Eugene, won the steeplechase in 8:40.49, and Wright took first in the 400 hurdles in 51.7.

Hammer thrower Lance Deal, another Eugene Olympian, won his event on his first throw of 260-10, a meet record.

Friday, Oregon freshman Ray Livingston finished first in the decathlon with a personal record score of 6,987. Livingston won the pole vault, long jump and high jump.



Photo by Randy Thibben
Eugene Olympian Lance Deal set a meet record of 260-10 in the hammer throw at Saturday's Oregon Invitational at Hayward Field.

Women to open Pac-10s

By Steve Mims
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The Oregon women's golf team will kick off its postseason this morning at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships in Walla Walla, Wash.

The Ducks have had good showings in the past two conference championships, finishing fourth in 1991 and coming in fifth place last year. The Ducks' fourth-place finish two years ago was their best ever at the Pac-10 tournament.

The Ducks have finished in the top five in five of their eight tournaments this season, including a second-place finish at the Nike/Oregon State Invitational last week. Oregon has finished runner-up in two tournaments this year and has also taken two fourth-place finishes and a fifth-place slot.

Leigh Casey has led the Ducks this season with a 77.7 average that includes five top-five finishes. Casey finished second at the Bruin Classic in the fall and finished in sixth place last week.

Shannon Maier returns to the conference tournament after finishing eighth last season. Maier has a 78.2 stroke average and was runner-up at the BYU Invitational last month.

Junior Cappy Mack is fourth on the team with a 79.2 average and is coming off of a 25th-place finish last week. Mack's best finish of the year was 11th place at the Stanford Classic this fall when she shot a season-low 227 for the 54-hole tournament.

A pair of sophomores, Karly Mills and Shannon Hare, round out the Oregon roster for the tournament. Hare just had her best tournament of the year, when she finished 10th last

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WEEKEND ROUNDUP

Oregon pitcher Rachelle Taylor hit an Oregon State batter with the bases loaded in the bottom of the 10th inning, giving the Beavers a 3-2 victory in Corvallis Friday.

The Ducks fell to 13-12 on the season and 5-4 in the Pacific-10 Conference.

Oregon used a first-inning home run by Lisa Preston to jump out to an early 1-0 lead. The Ducks' lead grew to 2-0 in the top of the third before Oregon State's Tricia Barr tied the game with a two-run homer.

The Oregon women's tennis team contin-

ued to increase its school-record victory total by knocking off Washington State and Seattle University over the weekend. The Ducks are now 24-4 on the season.

Oregon got two three-set victories from Krissy Barger and Kara Yoshida, as the Ducks upset the Cougars 6-3 Friday. Oregon rolled over Seattle 7-2 Saturday.

Jon Amundsen won both of his singles matches Saturday as the Oregon men's tennis team finished a strong second at the Pac-10 Northern Division tournament.

Washington won its 11th straight division title with 51 points. The Ducks finished with 26 points, well ahead of Washington State, which finished with four.

The Oregon men's golf team is in fourth place after the first round of the 16-team U.S. Intercollegiate at Stanford, Calif.

Duck Cam Martin is tied for second, two shots behind the leader. Oregon is at 295, eight shots behind first-place California. Washington is second at 291, and Nevada is third at 294.

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