

# Runners reach heart of season

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The Oregon men's and women's cross country teams will get into the heart of the schedule this weekend as the women head north for the Sun-dodger Invitational in Seattle, and the men compete in the Willamette Invitational in Salem.

The women got off to a strong start at last week-end's Mountain West Classic, finishing third. It was actually the Ducks' second meet of the season, but was the first time the women ran with their top squad.

Oregon managed to place three runners in the top eight and was solid from top to bottom. The most impressive aspect of last week's race was freshman Milena Glusac finishing second among collegians. Veterans Jenna Carlson and Niamh Zwagerman also put in notable performances, finishing fifth and eighth, respectively.

"We raced really well," women's head coach Tom Heinonen said. "What we accomplished after two weeks of training together was encouraging. Milena got off to a fabulous start, led in the second kilometer and ran well all the way to the finish."

Even with his new recruit having an incredible debut in an Oregon uniform, Heinonen seemed more impressed with Carlson and Zwagerman's performances.

"Jenna and Niamh ran better than they ever have in cross country," he said.

Melody Fairchild took second in the first meet of the season, but slipped to 30th last Saturday.

"The race was a little frustrating for Melody," Heinonen said. "But she'll make progress with each meet."

# Ducks fall to Arizona, drop to 0-4 in Pac-10

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Arizona volleyball head coach David Rubio hoped Thursday night wouldn't be the night for the Ducks.

It wasn't.

Oregon remained winless in conference play as the Wildcats beat the Ducks handily, winning 15-8, 15-7, 15-3.

The Ducks dropped to 0-4 in the Pacific-10 Conference and 3-9 on the season. The loss was the fifth straight for the Ducks, although four of the defeats during the losing streak have come at the hands of nationally ranked opponents.

Before the match, Rubio sounded wary of the Ducks. "Even though Oregon is 0-3 in the conference, they can't be taken lightly," he said.

"They are a good team. It's just a matter of when they'll get on a roll. I hope it's not against us."

Rubio apparently had no trouble keeping the Wildcats from overlooming the Ducks. Arizona, ranked 20th nationally, tallied a blazing .467 hitting percentage

in winning the first game. Oregon hit .209 in the first game.

Arizona's hitting cooled off a little in the next two games, but Oregon's hitting all but disappeared. The Ducks hit .070 in the second game and .000 in the third.

Arizona hit .361 for the match, marking the third straight contest where an Oregon opponent has hit over .300. The Ducks hit .130 for the match.

The Ducks recorded 36 kills for the match, compared with 69 for the Wildcats.

Quick hitter Karissa Meith led Oregon with 13 kills. Swing hitters LaReina Woods and Kristen Ruschiensky each had six kills. Ruschiensky led the Ducks with a .313 hitting percentage.

Kalie Kerr and Anna Gomez again split time at setter, with each player contributing 14 assists. Woods tallied a team-high 14 blocks.

The Ducks now travel to Tempe for a match against Arizona State on Saturday. The Sun Devils were 8-2 on the year and 2-2 in the Pac-10 going into Thursday night's action.

The Ducks are currently ranked eighth in the nation and will have a good chance to move up with a strong performance Saturday.

Top-ranked Arkansas will be the favorite at the meet. Cornell, Missouri, Utah, and Pacific-10 Conference foe Washington State are some of the larger schools participating in the meet.

On the men's side, it might seem as if that last week's sixth-place performance was disappointing, but not so, said head coach Bill Dellinger.

"Actually, I thought we ran pretty well in Montana," he said. "Everybody ran better than they did last year over that same course."

Still, the finish caused the Ducks to drop from eighth to 15th in the national poll.

Dellinger said not much more could have been expected from his team, which was having only its first meet of the season.

"We were not ready for that kind of competition this early," Dellinger said. "We ran against schools that had already had two or three previous races."

Keska will not run Saturday, nor will Scott Nicholas or Rick Cantwell, who were the second and third Oregon finishers last weekend.

Instead, Dellinger will use the meet as an opportunity to look at his younger talent, including freshman Goss Lindsey and redshirt freshman Dietrich Wieland.

The rest of the Duck roster for Saturday includes John Dimoff, Jason Humble, Gordon Johnson, Tim Mahon and Chad Schacht.

Both the men and the women will be off next week before hosting the Jeff Drenth Memorial at Alton Baker Park Oct. 16.


# Golfers finish 7th

The Oregon women's golf team remained consistent during the final round of the Dick McGuire Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M., Wednesday, but dropped a spot to finish seventh in the 54-hole tournament.

Junior Shannon Hare led the Ducks at 226 to finish in 16th place, one shot ahead of teammate Leigh Casey. Karly Mills shot a final round 77 to finish at 233, followed by seniors Amy Elieff at 235 and Cappy Mack at 237.

The Ducks opened the tournament with a 306 team total Monday, followed by 305 Tuesday and 307 Wednesday. San Jose State won the tournament with 892, and Arizona's Leta Lindley fired a 4-under-par 68 in the final round to win medalist honors at 215.

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