Duck runners third at regionals

By Dave Charbonneau

The Oregon men's and women's cross country teams made up for poor showings at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships by both finishing third at the District VIII Championships in Woodland, Wash. Sat-

Although the top two teams at district automatically qualify for the NCAA Championships, the Oregon women should have no problem getting an at-large invitation because of the success they have had in other meets this season. The men, on the other hand, are not as much of a shoe-in, but also could get an at-large bid.

titles at the Pac-10 meet two weeks ago, both the men and the women rebounded with strong performances.

The women placed three runners in the top 10 and finished only nine points behind secondplace Stanford. As has been the case all season, the women were led by freshman Milena Glusac, who fought off a weeklong cold to finish sixth in the race. Melody Fairchild finished ninth and was followed by Jenna Carlson at No.

The Ducks' other two scorers were Niamh Zwagerman at 16th and Joni Wareham at No. 33.

Arizona won the women's race

Cardinal with 65 and the Ducks with 74. UCLA's Karen Hecox won the individual title and teammate Beth Barthomew came in right behind her for a Bruin 1-2 finish

The men were led by Karl Keska, who ran his best race of the season to finish seventh. Rick Cantwell finished 12th and the other three Oregon scorers, Jason Humble, Tracy Hollister and John Dimoff, took 18th, 19th and 20th, respectively

The Ducks finished with 76 points, just five points behind second-place Washington. Portland easily won the men's team title with 56 points.

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Tired Ducks swept by Stanford, Cal

By Scott Simonson

The Oregon volleyball team is tired: tired physically, tired emotionally and tired of losing

Oregon lost its 10th and 11th consecutive matches this weekend, but Oregon head coach Gerry Gregory seems to be beyond counting streaks or records.

Gregory said this year's team is "considerably better" than last year's squad, which finished the season 6-19, but the improvement hasn't meant

With one match remaining in the season - Friday's contest against Oregon State - Oregon's record is 1-16 in the Pacific-10 Conference and 4-21 overall

The toll of a long season and too many losses has worn down the Ducks

"They're exhausted," Gregory said. "The coaching staff has pushed them and they have pushed themselves. They want to be successful and they want to be good, and they want to pay the price

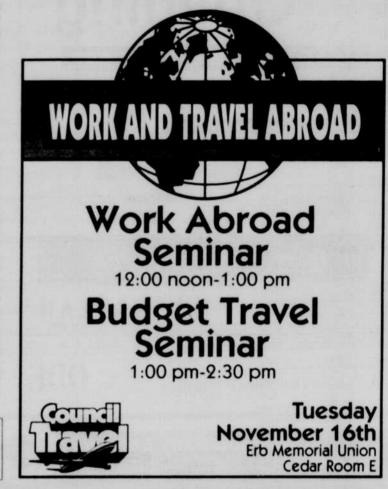
Oregon lost 15-6, 15-8, 15-12 against Stanford Friday night. A shaky start by Oregon, coupled with a strong performance by the sixth-ranked Cardinals, doomed the Ducks.

"They were definitely on their game. We got progressively better as the match went on; we didn't score many points in the first game, but we scored more in the second and in the third we actually had a lead," Gregory said.

Oregon lost 15-10, 15-9, 10-15, 15-10 against California on Saturday night

Oregon again had a slow start, hurting themselves with errors in execution against a more experienced and consistent Cal team. Handling Cal's serves was a major problem for Oregon.

"I give Cal a lot of credit. They're a good team and they played a better match than we did. I also thought that our team struggled at some things I would expect them to be better at right now," he

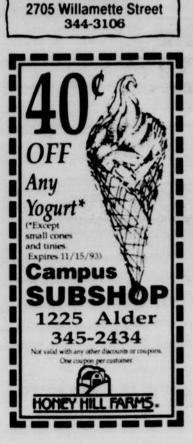




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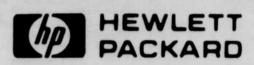
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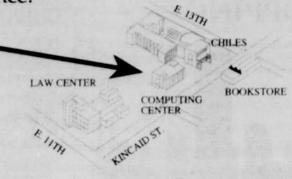


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