



Oregon's Kelly Blair tuned up for next week's Pac-10 Championships by winning four events, including both hurdle races, in Saturday's triangular meet.

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with a leap of 5-08.75, more than one and one-half inches better than a pair of Boise State jumpers who finished second. Blair's long jump of 20-03.75 marked the first time all year she cleared the 20-foot mark.

"I think a lot of it had to do with the nice weather finally," Blair said. "It was very warm out there and that's nice for the jumps and sprints."

Blair's time in the 100 hurdles of 14.03 allowed her to beat teammate Mary Gilbert, who posted a personal best of 14.38. Blair finished the day with a winning time of 1:01.55 in the 400 hurdles. The senior from Prosser, Wash., showed no effects of a recent foot injury and said she feels good heading into

the heptathlon portion of the Pacific-10 Conference Championships next week in Pullman, Wash.

"I'm pretty healthy, about 90-95 percent," Blair said. "I just wanted to get through all four events and get some conditioning in."

Oregon also got a big performance from the 4x100 relay team, which won in a season-best time of 45.6. The Ducks' foursome of Jamila Godfrey, Nicole Commissiong, Shawna Krasowski and Lisa Bedwell looked smooth during the hand-offs and won by six-tenths of a second over UNLV.

"The 4x100 relay ran up to their potential for the first time this season," Heinonen said.

Godfrey, who ran the first leg, said the team ran its smoothest

race of the year.

"We ran really good," she said. "Me and Nicole's handoff was finally where we wanted it to be. That's what our keys to running a good relay are - good handoffs."

Milena Glusac picked up Oregon's other victory in the track, winning the 3,000 meters in a time of 9:57.61.

Sara Howell gave the Ducks a sweep in the jumps, winning the triple jump with a mark of 39-08. Oregon's Tonia Roth and Kelsey Stellick also were victorious in the field, winning the discus and javelin, respectively.

While Blair heads to Pullman next week for the beginning of the Pac-10 multi-events, the rest of the Ducks will be home for the Twilight Meet.

Softball goes one for four in Arizona

Top-ranked Arizona played the role of ungrateful host in front of a record crowd of 2,039 at Rita Hillenbrand Stadium Saturday as it swept Oregon 7-1 and 13-3.

The sweep gave the 10th-ranked Ducks a 1-3 record on its weekend trip to Arizona, as they split with Arizona State Friday.

In the opener against Arizona, Susie Parra held the Ducks to just three hits, including two by Lisa Preston. The Wildcats scored three runs in the fourth inning on Jenny Dalton's 12th home run of the year. Barbie Hickson (10-4) took the loss, only her second in Pacific-10 Conference play.

In the nightcap, Oregon put three runs on the board in the second inning, all of them coming on Kathy Stahl's team-leading sixth home run of the year. Carrie Dolan kept the Ducks at bay the rest of the game, as she scattered four hits the entire game. Rachelle Taylor (19-15) took the loss, allowing nine earned runs on 14 hits.

Arizona State scored twice in the bottom of the

sixth inning to break a 1-1 tie and beat Oregon 3-1 Friday before the Ducks came back late in the second game to pick up the 5-4 victory.

In the nightcap, the Ducks knocked out 11 hits in the game, including six in a five-run sixth inning, as the Ducks overcame a 4-0 deficit to get the win. Hickson went the distance for the ninth time this season, picking up the win as she scattered eight hits and struck out six.

Jennifer Piper led off the sixth inning with a single before Angie LeRoy doubled, placing runners on second and third base. Leanne Brooks then collected a pinch-hit RBI single to give the Ducks their first run.

Melisa Lemke reached base on a fielder's choice and then Stahl crunched a two-run triple to close the gap to one run. Preston followed up Stahl with a RBI triple of her own before scoring the go-ahead run on Holte's RBI single.

The Ducks (35-19 overall, 11-11 in the Pac-10) come home to host No. 5 UCLA Wednesday at 1 p.m.

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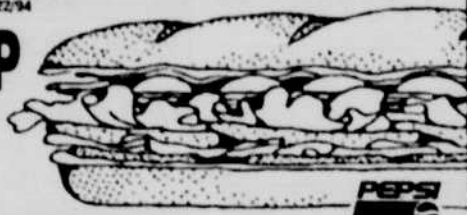


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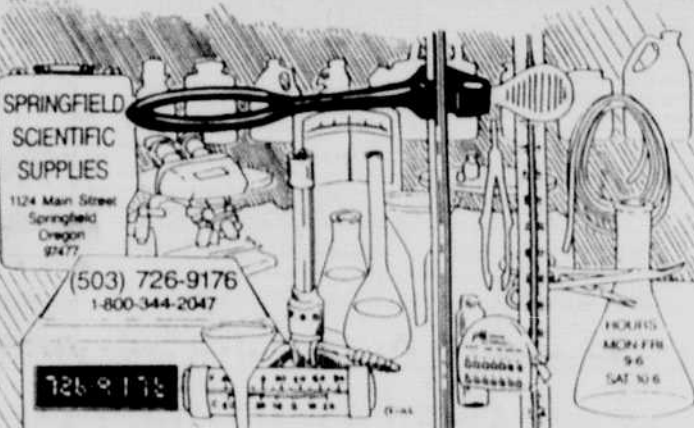
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