

Ducks stretch to win over Huskies

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The drama in Saturday's dual meet with Washington was provided by the Oregon women's track and field team.

Each team went into the final event of the day with a winner-take-all attitude as the Ducks held only a one-point advantage. But the quartet of LaReina Woods, Tamara Schurch, Camara Jones and Nicole Commissiong proved to be too much in the long relay.

Their clutch performance in the 4x400-meter relay capped off a remarkable team effort, which eased Oregon to a 71-65 victory over a gritty Washington squad in the first scoring meet of the season.

"This was a great venture for us," Oregon women's coach Tom Heinonen said. "It worked out better than we could ever have hoped. We scrambled really well for a lot of points in a lot of places."

The Ducks received outstanding performances from Jones, Sara Jessie and Jenna Carlson while newcomers Commissiong, Kaarin Knudson, Jennifer Thomas and Rosy Gardner provided the support that allowed Oregon to remain alongside the Huskies all afternoon.

Jones eclipsed the NCAA automatic qualifying time in the

400-meter dash with a 52.53-second mark while also winning the 200-meter dash with a wind-aided mark, bettering the NCAA provisional qualifying standard.

Jessie just missed winning the long jump by an inch and a half with a 19-11 mark but bounced back to take the triple jump with a school record-breaking 41-8 1/2 leap. That mark also met the NCAA provisional qualifying standard.

Carlson stepped on the Hayward Field track in scoring competition for the first time in two years, but displayed the form that earned her All-America honors in 1993 as she outlasted her sister Tara in the 1,500-meter run for a first-place finish.

Knudson won the 800-meter run, and Thomas won the high jump, hopping to a personal record 5-foot-7. Second-place honors went to Gardner in the 3,000-meter run and Commissiong in the 400. Commissiong was also particularly impressive in anchoring the long relay squad to victory and opening up the short relay in strong fashion.

It was the short relay, a strength of the Oregon squad, that put the Ducks in an unenviable position early in the meet when there was a mix-up between Woods and Jones on



On top of recording a personal-best long jump of 19-11, Sara Jessie topped the school triple-jump record with a mark of 41-8 1/2.

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Men cruise to win, drub UW

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Fueled by superb running performances, the Oregon men's track and field team overpowered visiting Washington 113-50 on Saturday at Hayward Field.

Freshman Pat Johnson stole the show by surpassing the NCAA provisional qualifying mark in the 200-meter dash with a wind-aided time of 20.66 seconds. He also ran the 400-meter dash in a swift 46.24, good for the third-fastest performance in school history.

"His double may be the best in the country," Oregon head coach Bill Dellinger said. "That was really quality running."

But according to Johnson, the best is yet to come.

"I think I'll run a better 400 if I have somebody out there to chase," Johnson said. "I'm not that

good of a front runner. I like to run with somebody in front of me so I can go and get them."

The Ducks dominated the running events all day, as Johnson combined with juniors Lamont Woods and DeWayne Ingram and senior Dino Philyaw in the 4x100-meter relay to record an impressive time of 41.3 seconds. Sophomore Daniel Das Neves also notched an impressive win in the 3000-meter steeplechase, running it in 8 minutes, 48.1 seconds, after leading the pack the whole way.

The Ducks got some added help from junior Karl Keska and freshman Matt Davis, who combined to give Oregon a win in the 5000-meter run after following the pace of Washington's Nick Paavach for the first mile. While Keska narrowly edged Davis out of first place with a time of 14:28.75, the race, according to the duo, went just as planned.

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Daniel Das Neves blew away the competition in the steeplechase.

Softball squad returns to winning ways, takes 3 of 4

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Kim Kampfer and company used back-to-back doubleheaders over the weekend to put the Oregon softball team back on the winning track.

On Sunday, the Ducks (12-15 overall, 3-5 Pacific-10) found their hitting stroke, as the team tallied 18 hits in Oregon's twin-bill victories (6-0 and 3-1) against visiting Stanford at Howe Field. Sophomore right fielder Angie LeRoy led the Ducks in their hitting barrage going four for six, consisting of two singles, a double, a home run and

three RBIs.

"Being a sophomore, it was my first home run at our home field," said LeRoy, of her lead-off blast in the bottom of the fifth inning of the second game. "It felt really nice because I've been in a slump lately."

"A lot of times in the past we've put people on [base] but didn't execute," said Oregon head coach Tami Brown of her team's effort. "So I thought today they executed well."

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Oregon's Jennifer Apfelbaum fires over to first in Saturday's action against Arizona State. The Ducks split a pair with the Sun Devils before taking two from Stanford.

Men's tennis streak ended at 20

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After an amazing 20 consecutive victories dating back to Feb. 4, the Oregon men's tennis team had its winning streak snapped and had to settle for second place after dropping a 4-2 decision to host Cal Poly San Luis Obispo at the Mustang Invitational on Sunday.

The Ducks, who already set a school record for victories this season, drops to 27-5 for the year.

Oregon's Josh Prager and Dougal Williams were able to snatch wins in Sunday's action, but the Ducks just didn't have enough to rack up their 21st consecutive victory.

Oregon golfers finish 8th at Ping Invitational

The Oregon women placed eighth in the 16-team field in the Ping/ASU Invitational Sunday afternoon in Tempe, Ariz.

The Ducks shot a 922 to finish in the middle of the pack as the hosting Arizona State Sun Devils won its seventh tournament in as many outings with a commanding 33-stroke victory.

Stanford finished the tournament in second with an 892 while San Jose State, UCLA and Texas rounded out the top five.

Arizona State's Wendy Ward took the individual competition with an 11-under, 205, eight strokes ahead of teammate Kellee Booth, who finished second.

Oregon's Shannon Hare finished in a tie for 25th place with a 229, while Leigh Casey settled for a tie for 29th place with a 230. Susie Roh shot a 232, Karly Mills scored a 235 and Christel Tomori and Becca Giersdorf ended at 241.

Ducks lose to Washington in women's tennis action

The Oregon women's tennis team finished third in the Northern Division duals over the weekend in Lewiston, Idaho.

The Ducks, who fell to 7-9 on the year, lost all six singles matches and two of three doubles encounters to Washington in an 8-1 loss to finish the competition.