

Oregon Invitational gives men momentum

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While Saturday's Oregon Invitational offered track fans a chance to get a glimpse of world record holder Dan O'Brien, former Oregon star Annette Peters and Olympic hammer thrower Lance Deal, the real excitement came from the Oregon men's track team itself.

The twilight invitational portion of the meet saw four Oregon runners notch personal best times, as freshman Pat Johnson shattered his best times in both the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash, and sophomore Ben Andrews, junior Karl Keska and freshman Matt Davis all followed suit in the 1500-meter run.

"I think this meet has been a good meet for us," Oregon head coach Bill Dellinger said. "It was a good overall day with a few outstanding results. I think it has been a real profitable meet."

While the non-scoring meet gave the team a chance to rest and escape worry about an overall win, it also gave individuals a chance to concentrate on their personal records.

"This has been a good break. It is good to have the break of a non-scoring meet," Dellinger said. "The scoring pressure of the meet is released, and you are able to move guys around."

That freedom, Keska said, provides for a certain amount of pressure as well.

"Even though it is not a scoring event, there is a lot of pressure," said Keska, adding most runners try to reach their personal bests, providing for tougher competition.

But Keska and Andrews both handled that competition just fine in the 1500, as Andrews' 3-

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Oregon senior Sara Jessie catapulted herself to another Oregon school record, as well as an Oregon Invitational record, with her gravity-defying triple-jump outing on Saturday.

Jessie propels Ducks in meet

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The Oregon women did their best mail-carrier imitation on Saturday, delivering rain or shine at the Oregon Invitational with impressive individual performances.

High winds, driving rain and occasional sunshine provided the backdrop for one of the more intriguing track and

field meets of the season, as the Ducks were able to compete with some of the nation's finest athletes.

"It was a pretty good day doing what we needed to do," Oregon head coach Tom Heinonen said. "This was good for us in all respects. This was the right meet for us at this point in the season."

Oregon was led by senior

stalwart Sara Jessie who skipped her way once again into the Oregon record books with a 42-4 leap in miserable conditions. Jessie's feat garnered her both the Oregon and meet record, while also vaulting her up the NCAA provisional list. All this coming after a full performance in the

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Oregon men netters complete best dual season ever

Despite losing the final dual of the season, 3-0 to Boise State on Sunday, Oregon posted its best record ever with a 27-9 mark.

Only four of the singles matches were played, two of them ending in a tie, with Boise State taking the two that were decided. The Broncos won the only doubles match played to take the unconventional college tennis match.

Boise State's Kenneth Baker defeated Oregon's Hans Forsberg (4-6, 6-3, 6-2) while Ducks Dougal Williams and Josh Prager both tied their matches. Boise State's Vilmar Silva ousted Adelbert Riodi (6-3, 6-2).

In doubles competition, Anthony Adams and Kristian Widen of Boise State defeated Oregon's John DeVors and Mike Goldstein (6-3, 6-4).

Oregon women netters trail in Pac-10 Northern Division

Washington State is leading Washington for the Northern Division title with a 32-27 lead through Saturday night's matches. Oregon was in third with just two points, losing all 14 matches during the second day of competition. Matches continue through Sunday evening.

ON THIS DATE

■ 1939 — Joe Louis knocks out Jack Roper at 2:20 of the first round in Los Angeles to retain the world heavyweight title.

■ 1976 — Mike Schmidt of the Philadelphia Phillies hits four consecutive home runs and a single in an 18-6, 10-inning victory over the Cubs in Wrigley Field.

■ 1982 — The Denver Nuggets frontcourt of Alex English, Dan Issel and Kiki Vandeweghe becomes the first to each average 20 points per game since Bob Pettit, Cliff Hagan and Clyde Lovellette of St. Louis in 1961.

■ 1987 — Julius Erving of the Philadelphia 76ers becomes the third player to score 30,000 points in his professional career. Erving scores 38 points to join Wilt Chamberlain and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Oregon blanked in weekend softball action

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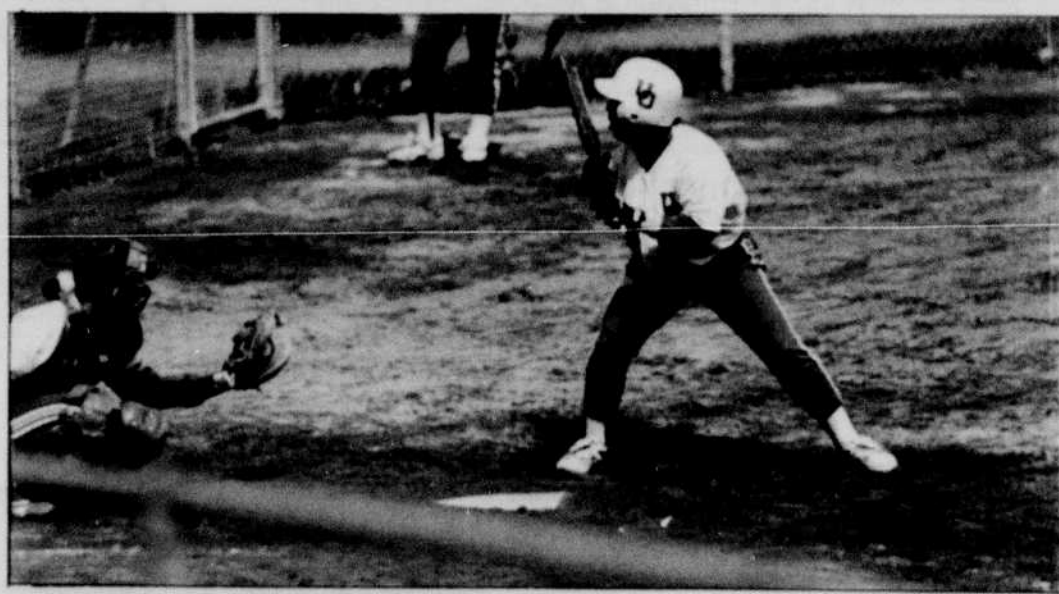
In a disappointing 7-0 loss to No. 1 UCLA on Friday and two more losses, 6-0 and 4-0 to the 19th-ranked Washington Huskies on Saturday, the Oregon women's softball team may have lost its final shot at cracking the top 25 this season, falling six games below .500.

The Ducks, now 13-19 overall and 3-8 in the Pacific-10 Conference, were unable to take advantage of the opportunity given to them — the chance to get back into the Pac-10 race, while beating two of the nation's top teams at home.

"We have to get back to basics," said Oregon head coach Tami Brown, after Saturday's twin bill. "We need to play aggressive and do the little things that help us win."

On Friday, the Ducks fell victim to a

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The Oregon softball bats were frozen over the weekend as the Ducks went hitless against No. 1 UCLA and dropped a pair of games to No. 19 Washington.