

Cross Country: Ducks face Pac-10 meet on Oct. 28

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of where they stood going into the Pacific-10 Conference Championships in two weeks. "Stanford will still be the favorite," Dellinger said. "The team title should be interesting between us, Arizona, Stanford and Washington."

Dellinger also said the individual contest should be competitive.

"Karl can run with anyone right now," Dellinger said. "Karl is going to be one of the individual favorites."

Keska is going into the Pac-10 meet with his first-place finish in the Drenth meet, as well as being the first-place collegiate runner at the Mountain West Classic two weeks ago.

"I'm going to go in there and try to be competitive with the top runners," Keska said.

Davis' ability and attitude should help him to be a contender in the individual category and a major contributor to the Ducks team effort.

"I will go there and give 120 percent — people will have to beat me," Davis said. "People have to kill me to beat me, that's my attitude."

Ducks beat Huskies at Drenth

■ WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY:

Behind several strong performances, Oregon wins its only home meet of the season

By Pete Schneider
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With 20 meters to go at the Drenth Memorial cross country meet, Oregon's Jenna Carlson glanced at her sister, Tara Carlson, running for Washington. The senior All-American thought she had her younger sibling beat as the two sprinted, neck and neck toward the finish line, but it was Tara Carlson who crossed the finish line first.

It was the uneven running surface that spelled out Jenna Carlson's defeat as the two sisters were in a virtual tie five meters in front of the finish line. Jenna lunged for the finish line, but stumbled a bit on the mushy grass, allowing Tara to inch past her for the win. The final standings saw Tara eeking out the victory by four-tenths of a second at 17-minutes and 29.6 seconds.

"I really felt that at the end of this race I was tired, like I had really worn myself out," Jenna Carlson said. "My legs just gave out because I was pushing myself so hard and the ground was so uneven. I just stumbled a little bit — it was too bad it had to happen when it did."

The Carlson sisters were right with each other at the mile mark of the 5000 meter race, before a considerably large home crowd at Eugene's Alton Baker Park on Saturday.

Jenna Carlson had a slight

lead with around 500 meters to go, as the noisy throng of fans that lined the course urged her on. Tara Carlson was behind by five steps down the stretch before she passed her older sister to win the race.

"If anyone was going to beat me, I would want it to be Tara," said her sister, who has finished either first or second in every Oregon race this year. "This time, she got me, but there's always next time. Maybe I'll beat her at the end of the next race."

Lead by the Carlsons and a third place performance by senior Melody Fairchild, the Ducks beat out seventh ranked Washington 34-64 in a rematch of the Huskies easy win earlier this season.

Boise State came in third with 99 points, followed by Baylor (118), Puget Sound (140), and Kansas (170). The win was the first for the Ducks since the Pier Park invitational three weeks ago.

Fairchild, who ran her best race of the season thus far, easily beat out post-collegian Sara Howell by four seconds with a time of 17:51.2. Fairchild's race was really the first time she has run to her ability after suffering through sickness and a twisted knee all season.

Senior Niamh Zwaggerman was the third finisher for the Ducks, ninth overall. Sophomore Rosy Gardner crossed the finish line three places after Zwaggerman at 18:12.8.

It was the long-awaited Carlson-Carlson match up that stole the show at the Drenth Memorial

al. The two sisters downplayed their showdown, but it was evident that each was working their hardest to beat out their sibling.

"She was pushing me the whole time and I was pushing her," Jenna Carlson said. "It felt good because we were running so close together. I had some one to run with the whole time, which was nice. The race reminded me of our off-season workouts."

The two were so close the entire race that they were able to talk to each other at times during the contest. They talked about their younger sister, Christa Carlson, who is a sophomore in high school.

"[Christa] is Tara and my motivation," Jenna Carlson said. "I love watching her run because she's got so much guts. We both wish we could run with so much guts."

Oregon head coach Tom Heinonen was satisfied with his team's outing, after turning in second and third place finishes during the last two meets.

"We wanted to beat Washington, that's for sure," he said. "We wanted to go into the Pac-10 meet knowing we can beat anyone in the conference, including Stanford and Arizona."

The Ducks now have two weeks to prepare for the Pacific-10 Conference championships on Oct. 28. Oregon, who went into the Drenth meet ranked seventh nationally, will probably move up in the polls before the Conference Championships at Stanford.



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Englishman wins Chicago Marathon

■ **MARATHON:** The top finisher wins 18th-annual race in just over two hours

CHICAGO (AP) — Eamonn Martin, a 37-year-old Englishman and relative newcomer to marathons, won the LaSalle Banks Chicago Marathon on Sunday in 2 hours, 11 minutes and 18 seconds.

Martin edged Carlos Bautista, 25, of Mexico, who finished at 2:11:21, on a brisk, bright, blustery autumn morning.

The women's winner was Ritva Lemettinen, 34, an Olympic team member from Seinajoki, Finland. She finished in 2:28:39, ahead of Kim Jones, 36, of Spokane, Wash., who completed the course in 2:31:24.

About 11,000 competitors participated in the marathon, now in its 18th year. The winners each receive \$35,000.

It was Martin's first marathon outside of London, where he ran three times previously and finished first in 1993.

"I needed to get away from London and run one in the fall," Martin said before the race. "I find that running a new course for the first time will be a benefit. Not knowing exactly where

you are going is good."

Martin said he caught up with the leaders at about the 20-mile mark.

"I was [feeling] fine to the halfway," Martin said. "It was between 18 and 20 [miles] to catch them, but that's what it's all about. You got to be there at the end."

Setting an early pace were Eddy Hellebuyck, 34, of Belgium, who finished fifth, and Jesus Herrera, 33, of Mexico, who was seventh. The two broke from the pack until the 20-mile mark when Martin and about four other runners closed on them.

"The last six miles, I felt strong," Martin said. "I feel the last quarter of a mile I'm very, very difficult to beat, not just because I can sprint fast, but because I've learned good tactics on the track."

Lemettinen broke from the pack early and ran by herself for the most of the race.

"When I saw no other women, I [just] tried to run fast," she said. "It wasn't difficult because when you run alone, you can run at your own speed."

"I was pleased with my time," she said. "But maybe if there

was some other woman running with me, maybe my time would have been better because it was near my best [2:28:00]."

Lemettinen, who has run 38 marathons since 1983 and won in Chicago in 1993 with a time of 2:33:18, noted that the course was faster than it was two years ago, which she liked.

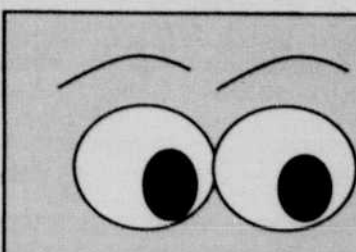
Steve Jones, 40, the course record holder, began the race but did not finish. Jones had hoped to better New Zealander John Campbell's Masters (40 or older) world record of 2:11:04, set in the 1992 Boston Marathon.

Jones, a Wales native now lives in Boulder, Colo., set the course and North American record here in 1985 in 2:07:13, the fifth fastest marathon ever. Officials did not know how far Jones ran before dropping out.

The Master winner was Luis Lopez, 46, of Costa Rica, in 2:25:52.

Defending Chicago Marathon women's champ Kristy Johnston, of Coos Bay, Ore., finished eighth, in 2:35:50.

The women's record for the Chicago Marathon was set by Joan Benoit Samuelson in 1985 in a time of 2:21:21.



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