

Women: The weather was Oregon's secondary competition on Saturday

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back spasms in the first leg of the short relay. With Miller out, Oregon head coach Tom Heinonen said Nebraska didn't expect to win.

"Without Miller, they didn't have a chance," Heinonen said. "It was clear that they didn't think they could win when they didn't have two people in the 400 hurdles."

Heinonen also said that the Oregon athletes fought hard for the victory.

"Our athletes competed really hard," Heinonen said. "I think they wanted to beat Nebraska. In the beginning when the 4x100 team won, that set the tone. Also when LaReina beat Angee [Henry]."

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The weather played a role on the scores and the times. With the wind blowing and the rain coming down, the conditions were not ideal for a meet.

For sophomore Kaarin Knudson, changing the strategy of her race to fit the weather was important.

"This was not the kind of race that you want to lead," said Knudson, after winning the 1,500-meters.

Glusac, who led the whole way of her 5,000-meter race, agreed that the wind was blowing pretty hard during her race.

"My body noticed after awhile," Glusac said. "I was tensing up on my upper body and had to dig into the wind."

But despite the weather, Oregon finished the day with 198 points, while Nebraska took second with 183 points. Washington finished with 153 points and Weber State had 91 points.

The Ducks are headed for the Drake Relays next weekend and face Washington again in two weeks in Seattle.

Men: Individuals succeed despite loss

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Oregon also got important points in other distance events, including seniors Karl Keska and Rick Cantwell's two-three finishes in the 5,000-meters. Although the two lost out to Nebraska's Jonah Kipitarus (13:56.37), Cantwell's time of 14:05.77 earned him a NCAA provisional look and Keska's 13:56.85 bettered his NCAA provisional time. Junior Ben Andrews also set a personal best with a third-place finish in the 1,500-meters.

In the field events, the Ducks had another strong outing as a team, setting four personal bests in scoring performances. Junior Jim Lile set a personal record and a NCAA provisional mark in the javelin, throwing 221-11. Lile actually threw personal best throws three times during the competition.

"I just feel really good and really loose today," Lile said. "I'm surprised I did so well today because

my steps were terrible and I hadn't thrown in practice since last Tuesday because of my shoulder problems. I'm really happy about having three throws over 220."

Oregon also had good performances by junior Chris Nelson in the high jump, who jumped over seven feet for the fifth straight meet. Sophomore Gregg Bleakney had a good day in the triple jump, winning the event with a jump of 50-0 3/4. Junior Dusty Carlson was the other field event winner, winning the shot put competition with a throw of 54-5 1/2.

The Ducks also got points from junior Paul Pappas (second in the pole vault), Livingston (second in the long jump), sophomore Ryan Cole (third in the discus), junior Jeremy Robinson (second in the hammer throw), and junior Jared Vigna (third in the javelin).

Bears break Oregon's seven-game streak

The Oregon softball team was able to play only one game out of the two doubleheaders it had scheduled for the weekend, as rain, for the fifth time in six games this week, played the spoiler.

Sunday's canceled doubleheader against Stanford was rescheduled for noon today at Howe Field, weather permitting.

On Saturday, the Ducks seven-game win streak ended with a 5-0 loss to No. 12 California in the first and only game played.

The Golden Bears jumped on freshman pitcher Jennie Cook in the top of the first inning with a lead off single by Megumi Takasaki followed by a Kirsten Drake walk.

Cook got the next two batters out before yielding an RBI single to Jessica Parker that scored Takasaki and moved Drake to third base. Katie May hit a grounder to shortstop senior Kathy Stahl, whose relay throw to first was dropped by sophomore Maegan Christie, allowing Drake to score and giving Cal a 2-0 lead.

That was more than enough cushion for Cal pitcher Whitney Floyd, who went the full seven innings, allowing no runs on three hits while striking out three and walking none. The win was Floyd's second shutout.

Cook (9-7) gave up two home runs and three RBI to friend and former Elmira high school teammate Melanie McCart.

The second game was called after the completion of the first inning and will not be rescheduled unless it is critical to the Pac-10 standings.

—By Chris Hansen

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TODAY IN SPORTS

Cougars had Ducks' number this season

It was déjà vu for the Oregon women's tennis team last Friday.

For the second time in two weeks the Ducks were handed a 6-3 loss by Washington State. The Cougars dropped the Ducks by the same score back on April 6 in Eugene.

Oregon's loss in Pullman on Friday ended its dual meet season at 14-7.

Freshmen Ali Napier and Shanelle Kaneshiro moved their singles winning streak to four matches with wins at No. 3 and No. 5, respectively. Napier took care of Narelle Hall in three sets, while Kaneshiro beat Helen Frankland in straight sets.

Oregon lost two crucial points in three-set singles matches when sophomore Caryn Coyle, the No. 1 singles player, lost to Marica Senn, and sophomore Allison Sosnow, the No. 4 singles player, was defeated by Tunde Nagy. Coyle's loss was her second three-set loss to Senn this season.

Sosnow was able to score a point for the Ducks, however. Sosnow and sophomore Hannah King beat Hall and Bindi Thomas at No. 2 doubles for their third-straight win.

Napier and Kaneshiro, playing at No. 1 doubles, had their three-match winning streak snapped by Senn and Nagy.

The Ducks will finish out their season with the Pacific-10 Individual Championship beginning this Thursday in Ojai, Calif.

—Ryan Frank



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