

Ducks shine in Twilight; prepare for Championships

■ **MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD:** The meet gave athletes a chance to get ready for the post-season

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In the final tune-up before next weekend's Pacific-10 Conference Championships, the Oregon men's track and field team turned in a strong performance last weekend at the Oregon Twilight meet.

Although many of the Ducks admitted that they were pacing themselves and looking forward to the Pac-10 meet next weekend at UCLA, Oregon athletes still managed to win eight out of the 16 events on Saturday at Hayward Field.



"It was a really good meet for us," head coach Bill Dellinger said. "It was a tune-up to see where we are and get some guys primed for the Pac-10 and

get some other guys qualified. All in all it was a good track meet with some pretty good results."

One of the best results for the Ducks during the non-team scoring invitational was the performance of Daniel Das Neves in the inaugural Bill McChesney Memorial 1,500-meter run. The junior, who is already ranked number four in the country in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, won the race as the top four finishers finished within 75 hundredths of a second of each other.

With a time of 3-minutes, 44.01 seconds, Das Neves provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships. The event was run at the Oregon Twilight for the first time in memory of former Oregon standout Bill McChesney, who died in an automobile accident last fall.

"The highlight of the meet, as it has been many times in the past, was the metric-mile," Dellinger said. "I'm very pleased to see Daniel do so well in such an exciting finish at the end of a meet."

The Ducks set a slew of lifetime bests in different events throughout the meet. Although junior Jeremy Robinson finished fifth in the hammer throw behind four post-collegians, he moved up the NCAA provisional standings with a throw of 202-7. Freshman Konrad Knutsen also posted a lifetime best in the steeplechase while freshman Will Driessen did the same in the 400-meter high hurdles.

One of the most impressive showings of



Daniel Das Neves won the inaugural Bill McChesney Memorial 1,500-meter run while provisionally qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

the day came in the high jump competition as Chris Nelson set an Oregon Twilight record with a leap of 7-2 1/4. The six-foot junior cleared the record height in his third and final attempt at that height.

"I'm happy to get over 7-2 and break out of a little slump I've been in lately," Nelson said. "This meet was pretty much to keep the rhythm going and to

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Ducks tune-up for post-season

■ **WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD:** Melody Fairchild earned another Olympic trial provisional time

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The Oregon women's track and field team got its tune-up on Saturday in the Oregon Twilight, and it appears as if the Ducks are ready to take on the rest of the Pacific-10 Conference.

The meet was a chance for Oregon athletes to earn the numbers needed to make it to the Pac-10 Championships next weekend. Several post-collegiate athletes also took part in the meet looking for Olympic trial-qualifying numbers.

The distance events highlighted the meet as former Oregon runner Annette Peters took the 5,000-meter run with a time of 15-minutes, 37.59 seconds; a time good enough to earn a trip to the Olympic trials.

The post-collegians put up some stiff competition for the Ducks but also helped several Oregon runners by setting a quick pace. Although sophomore Kaarin Knudson finished eighth in the 1,500-meter run, her time was good enough for an NCAA Championship provisional spot.

Senior Melody Fairchild continued to dominate the distance events as she placed fourth in the 5,000-meters with a time of 15:53.56, putting her fourth on the Oregon all-time list in that event and earning her a provisional spot in the Olympic trials. Earlier this year, Fairchild also gained a provisional Olympic trial time in the 10,000-meter run.

The meet only had two sprint events on the women's side and senior LaReina Woods took both of them. For Woods, the 100- and 200-meter dashes were warm-ups for next weekend's Pac-10 Championships.

"I felt really, really good and really relaxed," Woods said. "I'm happy with my time in the 200. I'm right where I want to be."

Although the Twilight meet is usually a time for some athletes to rest up for the

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Ducks suffer sweep in season finale

■ **SOFTBALL:** The doubleheader marked the end of the season and the careers of five seniors

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The Oregon softball team ended the 1996 season on a losing note as it was swept by No. 2 Arizona in a doubleheader Saturday afternoon, 6-1 and 11-0.

The losses gave the Ducks a 21-30 overall record for the season, including 5-18 in the Pacific-10 Conference.

Oregon was playing at less than full strength due to injuries and suspensions, including the unavailability of both regular starting pitchers. Freshman starter Jennie Cook was out with a knee injury and sophomore starter Petrina Martinez was suspended for violation of unspecified team rules, as were freshman relief pitcher Katie

Mackey and freshman first baseman Erin Touslee.

This left the pitching duties primarily to senior Kim Kampfer, the workhorse of the pitching staff last year but the regular rightfielder this season.

In the first game, the Wildcats scored six runs in the first three innings and pitcher Carrie Dolan allowed only one run in seven innings to get the victory for Arizona. Kampfer also went the distance for the Ducks in the loss.

Arizona used an eight-run third and a three-run sixth to win in six innings via the 10-run rule. Wildcat pitcher Lisa Pitt held Oregon to two hits and no runs.

Kampfer gave up a total of eight earned runs in 9 1/3 innings of work, while walking

five and striking out one.

Sophomore Maegan Christie came on in the third inning of the second game to relieve Kampfer, but also had to endure Arizona's tough hitting.

Despite the final scores, the Ducks hit the ball hard all day, sending the Arizona outfielders crashing into the outfield wall on numerous occasions. But in the end, Arizona played great defense and got timely hits.

"I don't think we beat ourselves today," head coach Tami Brown said. "I think that the situation we were put in, with the suspensions that we had and the injuries that we had, I think these guys [Oregon players] did a fantastic job."

Saturday's game also marked the end of the careers of seniors Kampfer, shortstop Kathy Stahl, centerfielder Lisa Preston, third baseman Trina Salcido and reserve Kelly Wooden.



Senior Kim Kampfer finished her Oregon career on Saturday by pitching in both games of the doubleheader.

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