

Single point costs Oregon men, women first place at WSU

Oregon loses its first-ever meet against Washington State

By Ben Kwasney
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Saturday's meet lived up to its expectation of being a close battle.

The Oregon women's track and field team lost 73-72 to Washington State on Saturday, but was able to capture a 108-36 win over Idaho in Pullman, Wash.

"I predicted we would score exactly 72 points, but was hoping we would squeak it out," head coach Tom Heinonen said.

"Several people swung points unexpectedly both ways during the meet, but that doesn't make it any easier. On the bright side we had several best performances of the season, so we continued to progress."

The Ducks struggled with the sprints, as

the Cougars swept the top three spots in the 100- and 200-meter dash. Oregon's distance runners were able to make up for the lack of scoring in the sprints by taking wins in the 800-, 1,500- and 3,000-meter runs.



Marie Davis posted a win in the 1,500-meter with a time of 4 minutes, 34.25 seconds and she also finished second in the 3,000-meter to teammate Milena Glusac, who picked up the win in 9:46.26.

"In the 1,500, I just wanted to stay behind them until the end and get as many points for the team," Davis said. "The

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A post-meet scoring change gives the Ducks a one-point loss to WSU

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The Oregon men's track and field team had a victory over Washington State in its grasp Saturday afternoon, only to see it taken away, literally, by the meet judges.

Heading into the final event of the triangular meet, which also included Idaho, the Ducks appeared assured of victory so head coach Bill Dellinger held Chris Nelson, who had already won the high jump, out of the 4x400 relay.

While the Cougars went on to edge the Ducks' for second place in the 4x400, a judges' decision to re-examine the 200-meter dash results after the meet led to an unexpected scoring change.

The judges changed Jody Mortimore's

fourth-place finish to a tie with Washington State's Colan Sewell, giving the Cougars an additional point and taking a point away from Oregon. With it went the Ducks' victory, and the Cougars got the win, 82-81.



However, Oregon did defeat Idaho 100-60 in the triangular held in Pullman, Wash.

"You hate to lose a meet that you were told you had won," Dellinger said. "But there's not much we can do now."

"Overall, our guys competed pretty well with [Mortimore] and Chris Nelson having great days. We slugged it out to the end."

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MEN'S COACHING POSITION

Green returns, Moos talks with Taylor

Green has his hands full at UT

Jerry Green probably won't find the on-court competition in the Southeastern Conference much tougher than what he faced in his five seasons with the Ducks.

But the competition for the fans' attention in Knoxville will surely be a new challenge for Green, who will return to Eugene today

for a 2 p.m. press conference and tonight's men's basketball banquet.

Sure, Green was forced to compete with the Oregon football and women's basketball teams for the fans' attention while he was with the Ducks, but it always

seemed that with the close of the football season, men's basketball became the show in Eugene, and the state, for that matter.

When was the last time the Ducks drew less than 8,000 for a men's basketball game? Even when the team was in the midst of blowing its 10-0 start, fans were still pouring through the doors of Mac Court in great numbers.

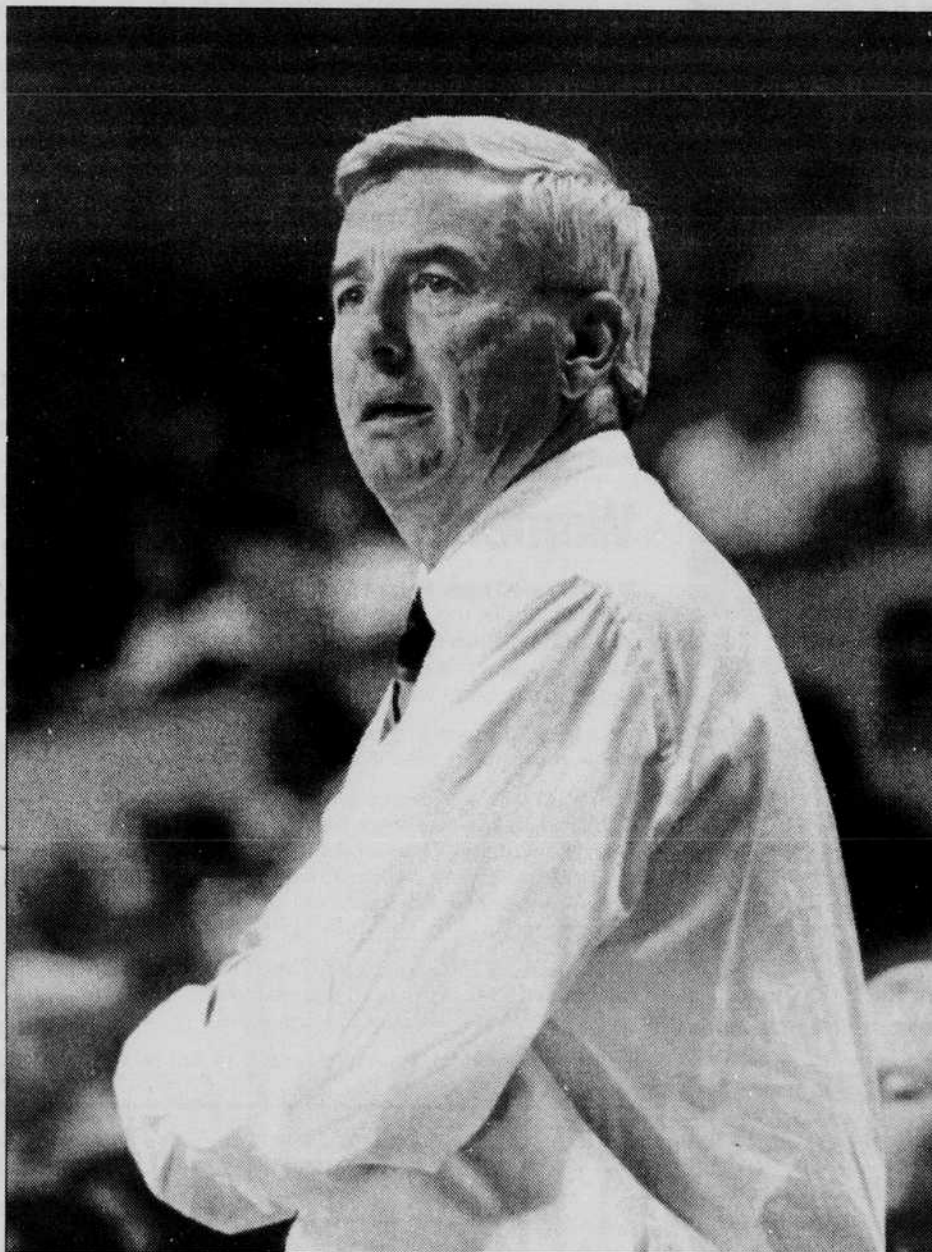
Will Green find the same thing to be true in the land of the "Big Orange"?

Most likely not.

At a school that houses a football stadium that can fit nearly the entire population of Eugene, and where the women's basketball team is still recuperating from its second straight national championship, men's basketball is at best the third thought in sports fans' minds.

In fact, the people of Knoxville are probably too busy being giddy over quarterback Peyton Manning's decision to return for his senior season to notice that Tennessee even hired a new men's basketball head coach.

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Former Oregon men's basketball head coach Jerry Green returns to Eugene today for a press conference at 2 p.m. and tonight's men's basketball banquet.

■ **NEW COACH:** Jerry Green's replacement is expected to be named soon from four interviewees

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The final list for the Oregon men's basketball head coaching job is at four after Oregon Athletic Director Bill Moos conducted his fourth interview in as many days on Saturday.

Moos met with Montana head coach Blaine Taylor in Salt Lake

City on Saturday to discuss the job left by Jerry Green, who resigned as head coach at Oregon last Tuesday to take the same position at Tennessee.

Taylor was hired at Montana by Moos in 1991, while Moos served as the school's athletic director. At Montana, Taylor has compiled a 125-62 record. He said if he was given the opportunity to coach at Oregon, he would make it a long-term commitment.

"I think if you look at my history here at Montana, I've been here for a long time. If I were to consider going to Oregon, I would plan on being there a long time," Taylor said.

The lure of the Pacific-10 Conference might not be enough to persuade Taylor to leave his post at Montana in the Big Sky Conference, but he said taking a job at a more high-profile conference is attractive.

"With the job over there, there's some interesting things about it," Taylor said. "Of

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OPINION



Ryan Frank



Men's Basketball

■ **WHAT:** UO Athletic Director Bill Moos officially interviewed Montana head coach Blaine Taylor Saturday for the Ducks' coaching vacancy

■ **WHEN:** Moos may have his decision as early as Tuesday

ON DECK IN SPORTS

UO Golf

The Oregon women's golf team, led by Paula Patterson, finished in fourth place in a field of nationally ranked competitors Sunday at the Ping/ASU Invitational in Tempe, Ariz. The men will be in action today in Westlake Village, Calif./12A

UO Softball

The Oregon softball team picked up its first two league wins of the season over the weekend splitting double-headers with both California and Stanford. Heather Holt belted a two-run home-run against California./16A

UO Tennis

The Oregon women's tennis team dropped a match 7-2 to No. 38 San Diego at San Diego on Saturday, while the men lost 6-1 to the Toreros on Sunday. Andrea Petrovic and Shanelle Kaneshiro had the Ducks' only two wins in women's play./16A

MLB

AP — Starting in place of ailing Pete Harnisch on two hours notice following his recall from the minor leagues, Brian Bohanon pitched seven strong innings for his first National League victory as the Mets beat the Giants 4-2 Sunday./13A

NBA

AP — Michael Jordan hit a 3-pointer a minute into the third quarter, then made his next five shots as Chicago broke open a close game and went on to beat the Orlando Magic 110-94 Sunday night.