

PAC-10 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ducks fall short of goal

Marie Davis' second-place overall finish wasn't enough for the Oregon women to upset the defending champion Stanford

By Joel Hood
Sports Reporter

Fourth-ranked Oregon battled the heat and itself Saturday as its confidence waned at the Pacific-10 Conference Cross Country Championships in Palo Alto, Calif.

Despite a second-place overall finish by Marie Davis and a team finish three places higher than last season, Oregon's second-place tie this weekend left a sour taste in the mouths of its runners.

"I was so frustrated with my race," said senior Milena Glusac, who finished second on the Ducks and ninth overall. "I felt bad the whole race and I think everyone was disappointed with the team's results. We are eager to show we can race better. We just have to keep things in perspective."

Not the kind of talk one would expect from a team possibly in the driver's seat for the West Region's second NCAA Championship invitation later this month.

"We are dealing with a team of individ-

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Aubrey leads men to second place

Despite a slow start, Rob Aubrey finishes ninth overall with a time of 24:41 to lead No. 5 Oregon past five nationally ranked teams

By Joel Hood
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Rob Aubrey became the fourth different runner to lead Oregon this season as the No. 5 Ducks beat the hot California sun and five nationally ranked cross country teams Saturday at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships.

Aubrey started slowly, but fought his way back near the front in the race's final leg to finish ninth overall and lead Oregon to a second-place team finish.

"I tried to focus on Stanford going into the race and staying close to the lead pack," Aubrey said. "I ran about what I thought I could go into this race. I just tried to use the heat to my advantage and know that the heat probably affected everyone."

The heat was a factor, Oregon's runners

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Marie Davis' second-place overall finish was three places higher than last season's finish and led No. 4 Oregon to a tie for second in the team standings.

WOMEN

Team

1. Stanford	36
2t. Oregon	72
2t. Washington	72
4. UCLA	127
5. Arizona	148
6. USC	153
7. Washington State	163
8. California	183
9. Arizona State	190

Individual

1. Skiersz, UA	16:40
2. Davis, UO	17:13
3. Stamps, Stan.	17:13
4. Cobb, Stan.	17:21
5. Glynn, Stan.	17:25
6. Riedy, Cal.	17:31
7. Renfro, Stan.	17:32
8. Penc, USC	17:35
9. Glusac, UO	17:40
10. Young, UW	17:48

MEN

Team

1. Stanford	33
2. Oregon	86
3. Wash. State	88
4. UCLA	103
5. Arizona	113
6. Washington	116
7. California	146
8. Arizona State	195

Individual

1. Lagat, WSU	23:59
2. Keffezighi, UCLA	24:07
3. Nutter, Stan.	24:18
4. Hauser, Stan.	24:31
5. Gilmore, Cal.	24:34
6. Lunn, Stan.	24:36
7. Adibrahman, UA	24:37
8. Riley, Stan.	24:37
9. Aubrey, UO	24:41
10. Belz, UW	24:47

Children, athletes have experience to remember

OPINION



Ryan Frank

The sun was shining on one of those rare November days when fall seemed to take a day off. A day when homework and anything constructive seemed far from your mind.

But for Mendy Benson Sunday was anything but a day off.

The junior may have worn her own path walking in and around Autzen Stadium on Sunday. If you wanted to catch her, you better move fast.

One minute she was standing, talking into her walkie-talkie in plain sight. The next time you looked, she was long gone trying to organize a kickball game across the street.

Benson, a forward on the women's basketball team, was the chief organizer of the Quackin' Action Day at Autzen, a first-of-

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Ducks shutout twice over weekend

Goalkeeper Amanda Fox finds Oregon's 1-0 loss to California especially hard to swallow

By Alex Pond
Sports Reporter

Almost.

That is fast becoming the theme for the Oregon women's soccer team's season.

The Ducks helped support that theme with a pair of gut-wrenching shutout losses at the hands of California and Stanford over the weekend.

They were two more games the Ducks could have, should have and would have had — but didn't, falling 1-0 to Cal on Friday and 4-0 to Stanford on Sunday.

The loss to the Bears was especially tough for the Ducks to take.

The only goal of the day came early in the second half, when Cal standout Courtney Carroll took off and dribbled down the right-center of the field. Courtney was

stopped by a slide tackle in front of the penalty box, but the ball trickled to Amy Balavac, who trailed on the play. Balavac's shot bounced off the left goal post and into the net before Oregon goalkeeper Amanda Fox had a chance to react.

"It was not a good goal," Fox said. "It was a fluke goal, and I think we should have beat them. It was just one of those fluke goals. A bad bounce."

In a season full of close, tough losses, this one ranked right up there with the toughest for Fox, who had seven saves for the day.

"It's very hard to take," she said. "Especially because I thought I was going to have a shutout this game, and we've all worked so hard over the past week to get faster and get better. We played so well, and then a fluke bounce decides it."

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Fox

STATS:

Recorded seven saves and allowed just one goal against Cal. Had six saves while facing 16 shots against Stanford.