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Women claim Pepsi Invite title

Aretha Hill of Washington dominated the shot put and discus events, breaking the meet record in the discus by 30 feet

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1. Oregon 199.5

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By Rob Moseley

The sky over Hayward Field was a menacing gray, but the stars came out for the Pepsi Team Invitational on Saturday

The Oregon women's track and field team took the team title with 199 1/2 points, with Washington second at 189, Colorado third with 135 and Arizona State fourth with 134 1/2.

It was the individuals that made Saturday's meet such a spectacle, however, as the



four teams combined for one automatic NCAA qualifying mark and 10 provisional standards.

1996 Olympian Aretha Hill of Washington provided the highlight of the af-

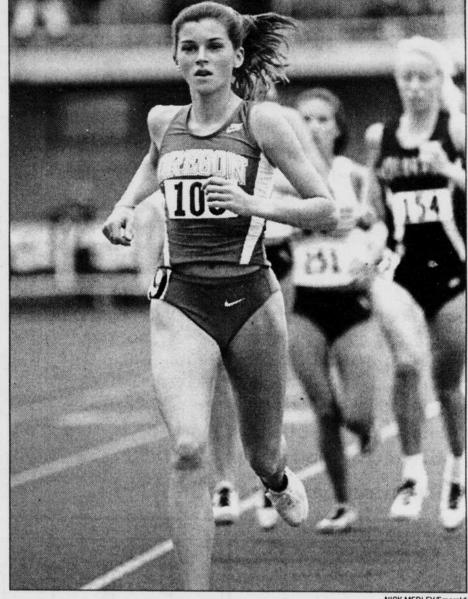
ternoon when the collegiate record holder in the discus unleashed a throw of 204 feet, seven inches to beat the meet record by 30 feet and her nearest competitor by almost 50.

"The numbers are intimidating, but she's not herself," Oregon's Maureen Morrison said of competing against a former Olympian. "On one hand it's great because she gives you a lot of motivation. On the other hand, you don't want to follow her.'

Hill also won the shot put with a put of 48-13/4, two-and-a-half inches better than Oregon's Chris Cvitanich, and finished fifth in the hammer, which was won by Colorado's Janet Visosky with an NCAA provisional throw of 191-2.

In the distance events, Oregon's Marie Davis made her move with just over five laps to go in the 5,000 meters and then ran away from a starstudded field to win in an NCAA provisional

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from the pack during the 5,000 meters of the Pepsi Team Invitational on Saturday at Hayward Field. Davis' winning time of 16:26.14 was a personal best by more than

two seconds.

Oregon's Marie

Davis runs away

NICK MEDLEY/Emerald

Gregg Bleakney soars through the air Saturday afternoon on the way to his third straight triple jump victory, this time with a sea-

Men easily hold off UW for win

Oregon finished 35 points ahead of Washington to claim the Pepsi Invitational Title at Hayward Field

By Alex Pond

Several of the nation's brightest men's track and field stars shined individually at the Pepsi Team Invitational on Saturday at Hayward Field.

But collectively, the Oregon men shined the brightest, compiling 210 points to easily hold off second-place Washington, which finished with 175 points. Colorado and Arizona State finished third and fourth, respectively.

On a sometimes blustery but relatively dry day, the crowd of 3,680 witnessed first-hand the performances of some of the nation's top athletes.

Arizona State's Mika Laiho, the nation's No. 1 hammer thrower, started things off with an easy win in that event, tossing the ball and chain 223 feet, four inches for an NCAA automatic qualifying mark.

Washington's Ben Lindsey smoked his rivals in both the discus and shot put. With an NCAA automatic mark and a new personal best, Lindsey won the shot put with a put of 63-4. He finished one inch off an NCAA auto-

matic mark in the discus, easily winning that event with a throw of 293-6.

Piotr Buciarski of Oregon won the pole vault when he cleared 18-0 1/2, his outdoor personal best and one of the top vaults in the nation this year.

Oregon's Gregg Bleakney also wowed the Hayward Field crowd in the triple jump, posting his season best and an NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 53-0 1/4. It was the second time in the past

three weeks Bleakney has gone over 52-6.
"I feel real good about my consistency right now," Bleakney said.

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Fourth-seeded Ducks aim for title

Paula By Tim Pyle Patterson leads the No. 9 Ducks into the Pac-10 tournament averaging 76.1 strokes per round

The fact that the Oregon women's golf team, which is ranked No. 9 in the Master-Card Collegiate Golf Rankings, is the No. 4 seed in the Pacific-10 Championships is a testament to the strength of the conference.

Beginning with the first round today and running through Wednesday's third and final round, the Ducks hope to show they are underrated, regardless of their conference's muscle, in Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.

No. 35 Paula Patterson leads Oregon into play at the 6,120-yard, par-72 Tijeras Golf Club against six top-25 opponents. In addition to the Ducks, No. 2 Arizona State, No. 3 Arizona, No. 6 Stanford, No. 16 Southern California, No. 17 Oregon State and No. 20 UCLA will be out to prove they are the cream of the conference's elite crop.

If Patterson, who is a senior, plans to end her conference career with an individual title, she will have to earn it against a field that includes five of the top 10 individuals in the country. The Sun Devils are led by No. 1

Grace Park and No. 3 Kellee Booth.

Patterson, who is tops on the Ducks with a 76.1 shots-per-round average, may be Oregon's highestranked player, but Annika Heuser is its hottest. No. 90

Heuser won the individual title in the Ducks' last competition at the Peg Barnard Invitational on April 12. Heuser's strong showing helped Oregon to a third-place team finish.

The Ducks' five-player lineup is expected

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Washington extends win streak over Oregon men

Alina Wygonowsk a leads the women to their first victory in almost two months with a 6-3 win over Portland By Tim Pyle

In the final regular season dual matches for the Oregon tennis teams, it was more of the same for the men Saturday, but the women earned something they had not been able to grasp in almost two months Sunday - namely, a win.

Washington continued its dominance of the Oregon men with its second 7-0 win over the Ducks (11-12, 0-7 Pacific-10 Conference) this season at the 15th Street Courts. The loss stretched Oregon's losing streak to the Huskies to 23 years.

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