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## Women race ahead, men fall short at NCAAs

The women exceeded their expectations by finishing 12th and beating season rival Arizona State at nationals

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It was a tale of two finishes for Oregon at the NCAA Cross Country Championships in Lawrence, Kan., on Monday.

One story was of triumph while the other was of disappointment.

The Oregon women's team did not meet their expectations at the NCAAs — it exceeded them.

The No. 16 Ducks beat their season-long rival Arizona State by 150 points to finish in 12th place with a final team score of 384.

"Our runners ran their hearts out today," women's head coach Tom Heinonen said. "It was a really tough competition with 250 runners, making it even more challenging on this hard course. I thought we handled

the pressure really well."

Marie Davis led the Ducks by finishing ninth overall with a time of 17:16.06. Davis said that she ran so hard during the race that afterwards she couldn't move or speak.

"I kept remembering, 'This is the last one, I've got to go hard,'" Davis said. I wasn't so concerned that this is my senior season, but just that this was the last meet of the season."

After the race, Davis was awarded her third All-American honor. Only three other women runners in Oregon's history were three-time All-Americans: Kathy Hayes in 1981 to 1984, Penny Graves from 1986 to 1988 and Milena Glusac from 1993 to 1997.

A balanced attack by the remaining Ducks lifted the team in the standings. Heather McMahon finished 90th with a time of 18:10.66. Katie Crabb finished 99th, Liz Howell finished 148th and Annie Ebner

finished 257th to round out the scoring.

Robyn Sutherland and Kylee Wells finished for the Ducks but did not score.

"We fought through it," Davis said. "There were a lot of teams from the region that got here. But we did well, so we're happy."

Villanova won the women's NCAA title with a score of 106, and Brigham Young finished in second with a score of 110. Michigan's Katie McGregor won the NCAA individual title with a time of 16:47.21.

The No. 3 Oregon men's team had a "legitimate shot at winning the title," according to head coach Bill Dellinger. But the Ducks didn't finish first or second or even third. Instead they finished in fifth place with a final team score of 233.

The conclusion of the race marked the end of Dellinger's 32-year career as head coach. Monday's race was the fifteenth top-five finish achieved by the Ducks under Dellinger's leadership. For the first time this season, Matthew Davis failed to lead the

Ducks to the finish line. The senior finished in 45th place with a time of 31 minutes, 21.5 seconds. Steve Fein finished in 18th place to lead the men with a time of 30:51.60.

But the day was not lost for Davis and Fein. Davis was awarded his third All-American honor and Fein received his second. Andrew Bliss ran his best race of the season to finish third for the team and 48th overall. Rob Aubrey and Micah Davis finished 90th and 92nd, respectively, to round out the Ducks' scoring.

Also finishing for the Ducks was Oliver Wirz in 133rd place and Greg James at 140th.

No. 1 Arkansas won the NCAA title and No. 2 Stanford finished in second. Colorado and Michigan edged Oregon to finish third and fourth.

Colorado's Adam Goucher won the individual NCAA title with a time of 29:26.90. Abdi Abdirahman of Arizona placed second overall and Butler's Julius Mwangi finished third.

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## Oregon men win big in final tuneup

Despite 22 turnovers, the Ducks defeated a team of postcollegians on Monday

By Michael Hines  
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Oregon head coach Ernie Kent called Monday night's 105-77 exhibition defeat of Global Sports at McArthur Court a good tuneup.

And the Ducks needed the warm-up, which came in front of 6,494 fans, because this was their last exhibition game before heading into the meat of a tough non-conference season. The Ducks travel to Southern Illinois on Saturday before facing Minnesota in Minneapolis on Monday.

"I thought it was a great game, just for some guys to gain some confidence and some minutes," Kent said.

Oregon, which won its non-conference opener over Coppin State 77-62 on Nov. 15, showed its offensive potential with a few high-flying dunks and solid performances from junior A.D.

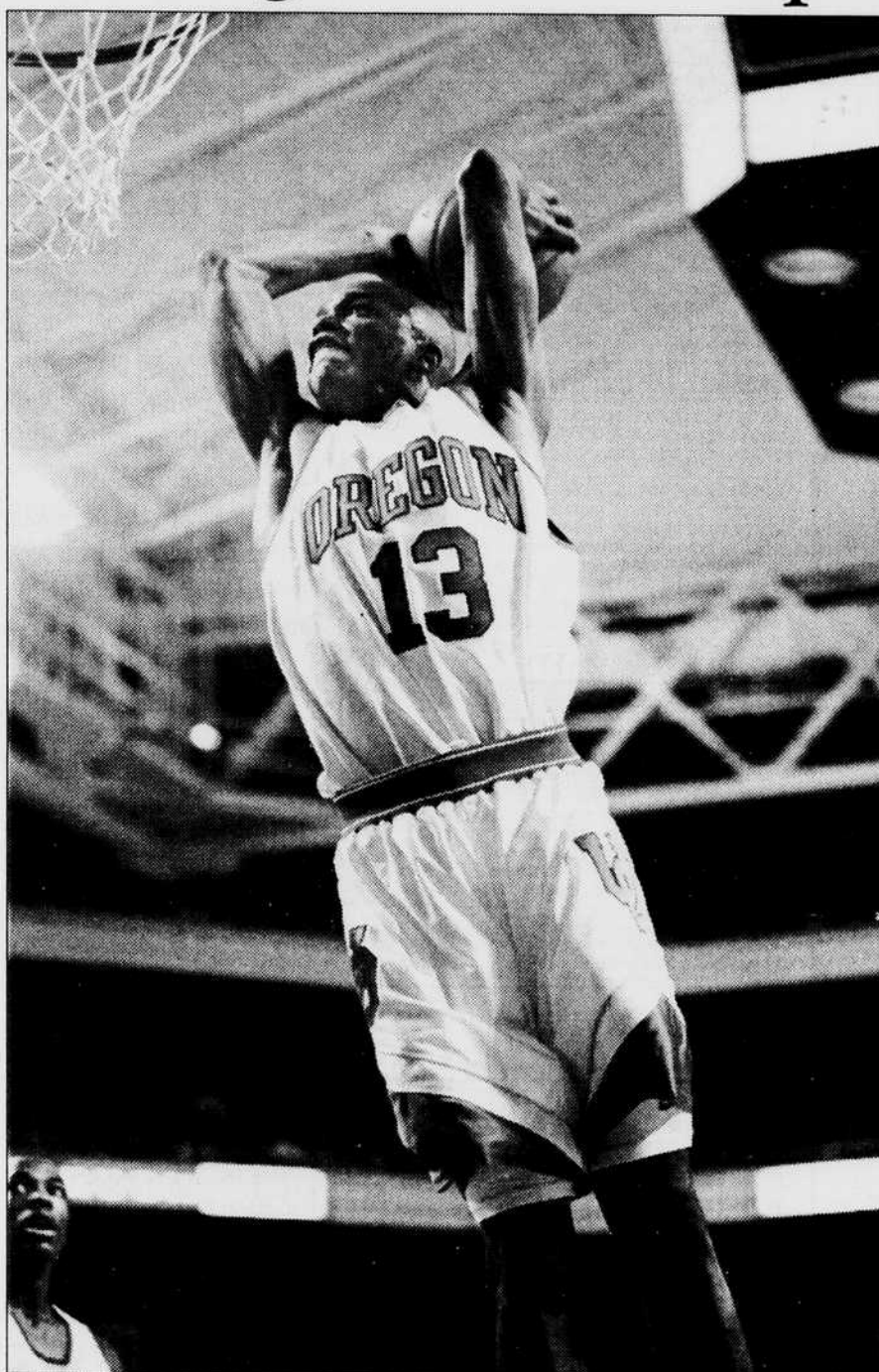
Smith and senior Mike Carson on Monday.

But the Ducks also showed the tuneup was needed. Smith led the Ducks with 23 points and 17 rebounds but also committed five turnovers. The 7-foot Carson made six of seven field goals and finished with 15 points in 25 minutes.

Oregon was feeding Carson the ball to prepare for the ensuing road trip, in which 6-9 sophomore Flo Hartenstein will still be ineligible for academic reasons. Chris Christoffersen, a 7-2 center, did not play in Monday's game. He recently aggravated a bruised sternum in practice and might play limited minutes this weekend, Kent said.

"When you look at our depth, it's there. Our talent is there," Kent said. "We just need to go on the road now and go through some adversity. That adversity is going to allow us to grow and come together as a team."

The Ducks gave fans a glimpse of the future at Monday's game when Freddie Jones and Alex Scales traded alley-oop passes to each other. Scales scored six consecutive points for the Ducks midway through the second half and added four assists and 11 rebounds.



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Junior Donte Quinine is about to hammer home the final points in Oregon's 105-77 victory as time runs out.

## Oregon fan disheartened in Corvallis

So there I was, a sitting duck in a Corvallis bar, amidst a swarm of Beaver fans. Not to worry, I thought, I planned to just sit back and watch the No. 15 Ducks silence these drunken hopefuls.

After all, Oregon had redeemed itself defensively the week before with a 51-19 win over Arizona State. Oregon held the Sun Devils to just 117 yards rushing after Arizona State had rushed for more than 400 yards against the Ducks the previous season. That win, along with the Washington victory on Nov. 7, reassured Duck fans that Oregon could stop the run, and was the premier team in the Northwest.

So there I sat, with my cocky, "give-it-up-Beaver-fans," attitude, and I was thinking: There is no way Oregon is going to end this stellar season with a loss to — gasp — the Beavers.

But as the game progressed and Oregon State starved Oregon's running game and ran over its defense, I began to realize the cockiness of Duck fans and their players would not be enough to derail this obstinate Beaver squad.

As I stood in line for the bathroom, I was forced to listen to inebriated Beaver fans discuss how Oregon State simply would not lose this game. The more beer these fans consumed, the more confident they became. And nearly every play seemed to give Beavers fans reason to high-five and send vicious glares in my direction.

All week, Oregon players said they would prepare for Oregon State like they prepare for any other team. But as I remember the week prior to the Arizona State game, there was a different level of intensity. Oregon wanted Arizona State — they hadn't beaten the Sun Devil's during head coach Mike Bellotti's tenure. Arizona State had embarrassed them last year. Oregon craved that win, and they played like it.

On Saturday, the Oregon State football

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