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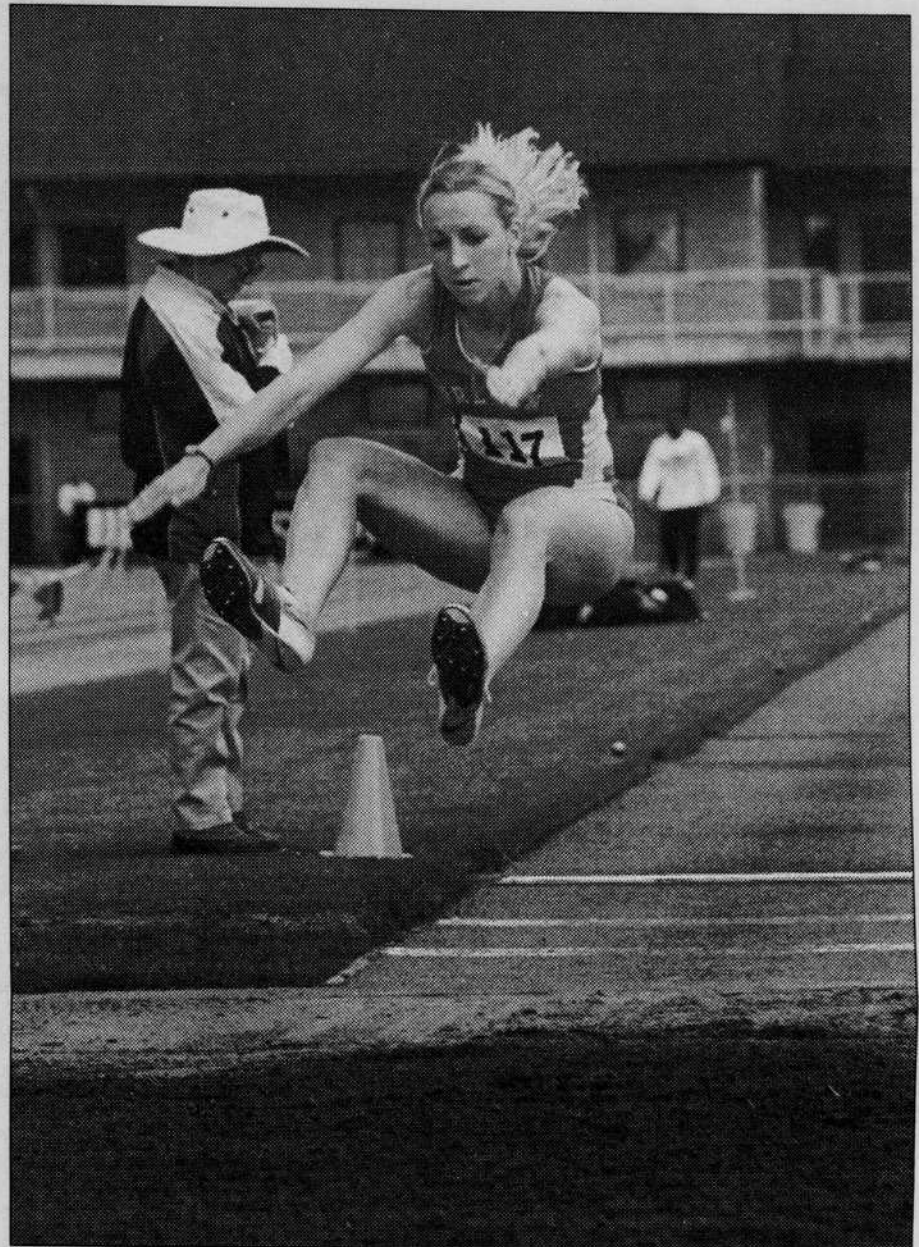
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## Oregon refuses to bow down at Hayward



Kevin Calame Emerald

Ross Krempley leans across the finish line to edge Geoff Perry for the win in the 800 meters.



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Versatile senior Hilary Holly helps Oregon beat the Dawgs by taking the long jump and the triple jump.



■ It comes down the last race, but men's track and field team just misses upsetting the Huskies

By Scott Pesznecker  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Oregon had the Huskies right where it wanted them.

Down 80-78 at Saturday's Oregon-Washington Dual, a win in the final event — the 4x400-meter relay — would mean victory for the Ducks. The 4x400 is arguably the Ducks' strongest track event. On paper, they held a four-second advantage over their opponent.

It seemed as though Oregon had the better deck and was about to win the pot.

But in the final moments, Wash-

ington played its trump card.

Ja'Warren Hooker anchored the Huskies' 4x400 relay team, streaking across the finish line in a time of 3 minutes, 11.21 seconds and winning the meet 85-78 in front of 2,083 fans.

"We weren't really sure what the points were until they announced it, and then at first I wasn't going to run. Our guys ran good and gave me the stick with a big lead, so I didn't have to run hard."

"The guys ran good today, ran really good, so I give all the praise to them. They helped me through this one, it wasn't me."

After the meet, Oregon head coach Martin Smith said it was one the Ducks wanted to win. He said he hadn't made any predic-

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■ The women's track team surprises the favored Huskies with a compelling 80-74 win Saturday

By Mirjam Swanson  
Oregon Daily Emerald

If you're gonna have just one dual meet in a season, it might as well be one against your regional rival. One with all sorts of historical baggage.

And if you're gonna win one such dual meet, you might as well win the thing in a most satisfying, convincing fashion.

With 2,083 fans in the Hayward Field stands Saturday, the Oregon women's track team did it right. The Ducks started with wins in the javelin and long

jump events and rolled from there, eventually winning the 800 meters, placing in the top two and three in several other races and winning every field event but one — collecting sufficient pointage for the 80-74 win. With the victory, Oregon, which had lost two straight to the Huskies, now holds a 18-6 advantage. "[The team] had an opportunity to talk about it [Friday] over dinner," sophomore sprinter Endia Abrante said. "It was just: 'We want to win, first and foremost. To let them know, as nicely as possible, that we're better.'"

They know.

In the tradition of dual meets, Abrante was one of several Ore-

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## Ducks shooting for titles at conference championships



■ The golf teams are confident that they can take the Pac-10s from higher-ranked opponents

By Peter Hockaday  
for the Emerald

Oregon's two golf teams are in two different cities this week, but they share the same goal — a Pacific-10 Conference championship.

The No. 24 women's golf team tries to accomplish that goal at the Eugene Country Club Monday through Wednesday. The No. 28 men will go for the title in Tempe, Ariz., at the Karsten Golf Course on the same days. For both, the path to a championship won't be easy.

This is where the Pac-10 gets tough, in championship time. Teams like Stanford, Southern California and UCLA have been

lurking in the rankings all year and could easily shoot three days of below-par golf and win either tournament. But then again, so could the Ducks.

For women's head coach Renee Baumgartner, in her last year before taking over duties as associate athletic director full time, this tournament marks the realization of a long-term goal.

"I've orchestrated this dream," Baumgartner said. "I

want [the team] to have fun and play well, and have everybody go out on a really positive note."

There is no way to overlook the significance of home-course advantage for the women this week. The team practices at the Eugene Country Club twice a week, and even spends off-days putting on the course's two perfect practice greens.

"The country club gives us a

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### Softball

The No. 18 Oregon softball team's game at Oregon State was rained out Saturday.