



Kevin Calame Emerald

Sprinters Lucretia Larkin (123) and Shannae McNairy (130) help Oregon keep momentum with a two-three finish in the hurdles.

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gon athletes to compete in multiple events, running four races, including the 400-meter dash, in which she finished second in a seasonal best time of 56.18. Senior Hilary Holly accounted for 13 of the Ducks' points, winning the long jump (18-05.25), the triple jump (38-02.75) and running the second leg of the 4x100 relay.

Middle distance star Katie Crabb doubled as well. She won the 800 (2:12.47) and then, about

a 1/2 hour later, got edged in her specialty, the 1,500 (4:31.05.)

"My coach told me, 'You can get third and we'll still win,' so there was no pressure. It was more like practice," Crabb said immediately after the 1,500, in which her second-place finish was enough to finalize the win. "We wanted to keep the winning streak going, it was like, 'We can't lose on our track.' I'm really excited for the team, everyone worked so hard."

Freshmen Lucretia Larkin and Heather Murtaugh were among the busiest Ducks, competing in three events each. Larkin's second-place

finish in the 100-meter hurdles (14.89) early in the running events kept momentum with the Ducks.

And, no surprise here, Maureen Morrison and Mary Etter each had full, productive outings.

With a fling of 186 feet and 6 inches, "Mo" re-set the Oregon record in the hammer throw despite not having been able to practice much the previous week due to illness in her family. The senior also came in second in the discus (159-0), behind Etter, a freshman who bounced back from a humbling Mt. San Antonio College Relays with a throw of 162-09.

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tions about the dual's outcome before the meet.

Saturday morning's edition of The Register-Guard broke down the meet event-by-event, ultimately picking the Ducks to lose, 96-67.

"We surprised a few people today, didn't we?" Smith said. "I thought the kids did a tremendous job."

Smith placed several of his top athletes in multiple events to keep within striking distance. Howard Moore competed in four events including the final relay, despite limping noticeably on an injured heel.

Even Steve Fein competed, finishing a close second in the 1,500 meters with a time of 3:49.57. The race was Fein's first competition since the Oregon Preview last month.

"I'm very pleased that we made it a competitive competition," Smith said. "My hope would be that the athletes gain confidence from this, grow from this, and continue to work hard and continue to make improvements and develop as I think we did again this week."

"In the end, we fell short. You

can't blame the mile relay. We had to do other placements in order to position ourselves to do a better job from a team perspective, and that left us a little short in the end."

Oregon achieved its goal of keeping things close by performing well in the field events. The trio of Colin McArthur, Nat Johnson and Fuluso Akinradewo fulfilled that goal, claiming the first three finishes in the long jump and triple jump.

McArthur set a lifetime best of 24 feet, 1/4 inches to win the long jump, and he placed third in the triple jump.

"I knew I was ready to jump that far," McArthur said. "It was a little frustrating because we had a headwind most of the day, but I got a little bit lucky on that jump because the wind died and I had some dead air."

The Ducks also received huge lifts on the track from Santiago Lorenzo and Ross Krempley, who recorded the most thrilling victories of the meet. Lorenzo won the 400 hurdles in a photo-finish time of 52.82 seconds, just .01 seconds ahead of Washington's Ben Meyer. Krempley took the 800 in similar fashion with a time of 1:56.08, winning by a .05-second margin.

And, of course, Karis Howell and Niki Reed were Saturday's single event stars.

Pole vaulter Niki Reed won her event by clearing the NCAA automatic standard for the first time outdoors with a vault of 13-1 1/2.

"I hoped that I'd jump the automatic for NC's," the sophomore said. "I was hoping that I'd get a PR too, but it doesn't happen every time."

Howell recorded the Ducks first points with a first place finish in the javelin (143-03).

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