



UO women leap hopefully toward goals



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Oregon sophomore long jumper Amanda Brown qualified for the Pac-10 Championships with a career best jump at the Stanford Invitational.

■ The Oregon women's track team is hoping to improve on its performances at the Stanford Invitational and Oregon Preview

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Like a mile-long freight train, you can almost hear the Oregon women's track and field team picking up steam as it chugs through the front end of the 2001 season.

In their first meet of the outdoor season, the Ducks scored a handful of Pacific-10 Conference qualifying and NCAA provisional marks in different events.

Then, at the Stanford Invitational, Oregon faced tougher competition and high winds, but still managed to lower some scores and notch an NCAA provisional mark.

This weekend, the Ducks will send a group of athletes to the Willamette Invitational in Salem for their final tune-up before a dual meet with Washington at Hayward Field next weekend.

But Oregon head coach Tom Heinonen said he just wants to see the Ducks be consistent. Heinonen said that the distance runners highlighted the Oregon Preview, while throwers starred at the Stanford Invitational.

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BETTER days

Sophomore discus thrower Mary Etter became the third Oregon athlete to score an NCAA provisional mark this season when she threw the discus 168 feet, four inches. But for the all-American, the highlights of the meet were her strong performances in the hammer and shot put as well.

"That's not normal," Etter said of her all-around performance. "I'm usually really inconsistent. I never know what's going to happen, so I just try to take it meet by meet."

Etter anchors a throwing unit that has performed well this season. Freshman Sarah Malone scored an NCAA provi-

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Softball team falls twice in the 7th to the Vikings

■ Non-conference foe Portland State proves to be too much in the final at-bats against the Ducks

By Adam Jude
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PORTLAND — To say that Portland State was excited about its back-to-back come-from-behind victories over the Oregon softball team Tuesday would be an understatement.

"It was awesome," said Vikings senior Kiauna Anderson of Portland State's first sweep of the Ducks in 10 years. "This gives us a lot of confidence heading into the second half of the season."

Hoping for a break from the strains of Pacific-10 Conference play, the Ducks (23-21) embarked on the 110-mile trip back south to Eugene with few explanations.

"It's extremely disappointing," head coach Rick Gamez said. "You figure that if you're up by three runs that that would be plenty, but..."

In the second game of the doubleheader at Erv Lind Stadium, Oregon's Triawn Custer belted her second home run of the game — a two-run shot that put her in a tie atop the school's career home-run list — to put the Ducks up 7-4. But, suddenly, the Ducks' defense stopped flying in the final inning.

After an up-and-down six innings of work, sophomore pitcher Lisa Wangler could not find the plate in the bottom of the seventh. Junior Connie McMurren was called from the bullpen to inherit a bases-loaded, no-outs situation.

A strikeout gave the Ducks their first out and some hope, only to see Portland State's best hitter, Anderson, step to the plate.

Already having a highlight-filled day with two homers and dinger-robbing catch in left field, Anderson entered the batter's box looking to secure her team's seventh

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UO men's golf dominates field in first victory of year

■ The Oregon men pull away and take first-place by a commanding 17 strokes in its first tournament win since 1999

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The slang term "like gangbusters" is defined in Webster's dictionary as, "with great impact, vigor, or zeal."

With that in mind, here's Oregon head coach Steve Nosler's assessment of his men's golf team: "Our kids came out and played like gangbusters today. We've been in a position to win before, but it doesn't mean anything until you do it."

Well, now it means that Oregon is one of the top teams on the West Coast this season as the Ducks extended their day one lead by 11 strokes to surge past second-place Washing-

ton and capture the 55th annual Western Intercollegiate tournament in Santa Cruz, Calif.

It was Oregon's first tournament victory since the 1999 Oregon Duck Invitational after many close calls since. What made the win especially sweet for the Ducks was that they shot an 850 three-round total without having an individual finish first or second overall.

Oregon displayed an evened attack, with sophomores Chris Carnahan and John Ellis leading the way with a tied-for-third finish after their identical scores of 210.

"I've said it before that the strength of this team is our balance, and we had four kids finish in the top-17, which is pretty amazing," Nosler said.

Senior Matt Genovese shot a one-over par 71 Tuesday to finish the tournament with a tied-for-10th score of 210.

Perhaps the most impressive performance of the day came from redshirt freshman Mike Sica, who completed his first varsity tournament with a respectable score of 218

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