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tempt at 7-2 1/4.

Cool temperatures and wind also had its effect on the highlighted event of the meet — The Bill McChesney Mile. Portland native Mike Miller won the annual event in 3:57.1, but was the only runner to break the four-minute barrier. Five runners, including former Duck Steve Fein, accomplished that feat a year ago in better conditions.

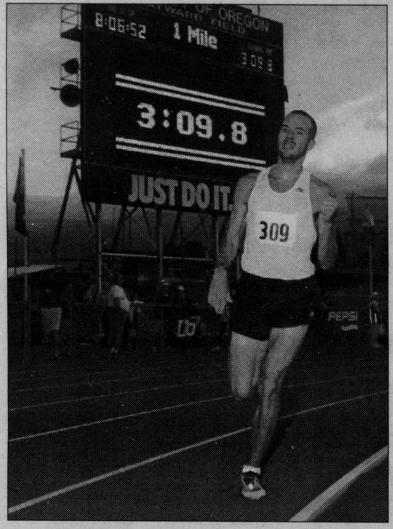
"It was a blast," Miller said. "The fans are awesome. Last year I broke four here and it was great. It always feels like my home track here."

Olympian Jason Pyrah was unable to repeat as McChesney Champion as he faded to sixth in a time of 4:06.2. Inching closer to an NCAA provisional mark in the 100-meters was Oregon sophomore Samie Parker. The football player was out-leaned in the sprint but still ran a personal best 10.40 seconds, just 16-hundredths of a second off a provisional mark. Parker's time is the sixth fastest 100 in school history, however, the mark will not go into the record books because it was wind aided.

Falling short of a last chance mark was freshman Trevor Woods. The NCAA provisional qualifier in the pole vault missed three straight attempts at 16-8 3/4, well short of the NCAA automatic mark of 18-2 1/2.

Former All-American Duck Piotr Buciarski returned to the Hayward Field vault runway to win with a leap of 17-9 1/4.

The only other Duck to capture a win was junior John Bello in the discus. The former football player won the discus with a toss of 177-9, an hour after finishing second in the shot put in 58-4 1/2.



R. Ashley Smith Emerald Mike Miller was the only runner to break the four-minute barrier in the Bill McChesney Mile. The Portland native won with a time of 3:57.

Oregon's only other personal best came from sophomore Adam Kriz in the discus. The Toledo native placed second in a Pac-10 qualifying length of 194-4.

Four Ducks competed in the 17runner 1,500-meter race. True freshman Eric Logsdon paced Oregon with a fifth-place finish in 3:57, followed by Ryan Andrusin seventh, senior Lincoln Nehring in ninth and freshman Noel Paulson in 11th.

The Ducks travel to Berkeley, Calif., next Saturday and Sunday for the Pac-10 Championships.

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Twilight was Oregon freshman Sarah Malone, who continued her rise to national prominence in the javelin throw. Malone won the event Saturday with a throw of 174 feet, which could have put her first on the national collegiate list, depending on the rest of the weekend's action. The throw beat the nation's previous best of 173-9, set by Southern California's Inga Stasiulionyte last weekend.

"I was surprised this happened today," Malone said. "Things are just coming together right now."

The throw broke Malone's old school record of 169-3, which she set at the Oregon Invitational two weeks ago. It also moved Malone closer to the Oregon record with the old implement, Lynda Hughes' mark of 202-3 from 1982. Malone said she's now seriously considering the Pacific-10 Conference title in the event

"A national championship would be huge, but Pac-10 is what I'm shooting for," Malone said. "I'm just going to give it all I've got, and hopefully things will come together at that meet."

Malone was one of nine Ducks to score season bests Saturday. Sprinters Lucretia Larkin and Olivia Diane-Callier teamed up to run season bests in the 400 hurdles, and took first and second in that event. Freshman Jill Hoxmeier notched season bests in the discus and hammer throw.

Also scoring season bests in their events were Alicia Snyder-Carlson in the 800, Catherine Tenedios in the high jump, Jamie Burk in the discus and Sara Dinsmore in the javelin.

As a team, the Ducks failed to qualify any new athletes for the Pac-10 meet to join the 19 already qualified athletes.

Besides the 5,000, two other races featured post-collegiate talent Saturday. In the 1,500, former Oregon standout Marie Davis was edged by Nathalie Cote and Vicky Lynch-Pounds, two Canadian stars who crossed the line only .16 seconds apart. Davis finished just over three seconds behind the top two.

In the women's steeplechase, Janet Tujillo and former Duck Lisa Karnopp-Nye squared off and finished only .5 seconds apart. Tujillo won with a time of 10:09.7.

Despite all the serious competitions Saturday, the Twilight featured some fun events, too. Area middle school students got a chance to compete in the middle school mile. The men's race was marred by a false start as many of the middle schoolers tripped over each other, but was quickly re-started and ran successfully. Also, the Oregon coaches recognized experienced Hayward Field volunteers with a service pin presentation.

The evening was capped with the "seniors' last lap," where this year's graduating Ducks took one last victory lap around Hayward Field. Many of the Ducks in that last lap will return for the NCAA Championships in Eugene in three weeks.

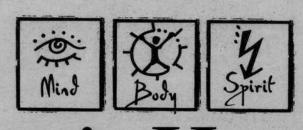
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