

# Men run to fifth at Pre-NCAAs

■ Oregon men finish in fifth-place while the women place 26th at the Pre-NCAA Invitational in South Carolina

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The No. 18 Oregon men's cross country team came out of Greenville, S.C., with a fifth-place finish and a feel for the course that it hopes to run at the NCAA Championships.

The Pre-NCAA Invitational, held on the Furman University cross country course, featured two separate races in both the men's and women's fields. The Oregon men, who ran in the 35-team black race, lost only to Stanford, North Carolina State, North

ern Arizona and Brigham Young University.

Oregon finished ahead of higher-ranked teams like No. 11 Colorado State and No. 16 Michigan State, which should help the Ducks move up in the polls.

All-American junior Jason Hartmann led the Ducks with a 17th-place finish in a time of 25:03 over the 8-kilometer course.

Behind Hartmann, junior John Lucas finished in 37th overall with a time of 25:25. The other Oregon finishers were Ryan Andrus (41st, 25:28), Brett Holts (65th, 25:52), Eric Logsdon (73rd, 25:58) and Noel Paulson (88th, 26:07).

Top-ranked Colorado won the other men's race, which featured a record-shattering time of 23:31

from Eastern Michigan's Boaz Cheboiwo. The previous record of 24:00 was set in 1997 by Colorado's Adam Goucher.

On the women's side, Oregon finished 26th in the 34-team purple race. Head coach Tom Heinonen now knows where his teams stands.

"I'm proud of the way our people raced," he said. "We will not go to the NCAAs, but we're ready to make a run at Washington State for a top-six finish in the Pac-10."

As she has done in every race that she has run this season, red-shirt junior Carrie Zografos led the Oregon runners, finishing 75th overall while covering the 6K course in 22:45.

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# UO's King nets tennis championship

■ Ducks' sophomore Chris King captured the singles title in Oregon's first tournament of the season

By Peter Hockaday  
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At the San Diego All-College Tennis Tournament this weekend, a Duck was crowned King of the courts.

Oregon sophomore Chris King won his first-ever singles title at the Ducks' first tournament of 2001 in California. King won five singles matches on his way to the crown. The Salinas, Calif., native beat Nick Tracy of Cal Poly 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 in the championship match Sunday.

"Chris did a great job this week and we're happy with his accomplishment," Oregon head coach Chris Russell said. "He'll come

home feeling good about his championship."

King joined five Oregon singles players and three doubles teams at the three-day tournament. Not all of the Ducks were as successful as King.

On the singles side, Oregon junior Jason Menke advanced to the quarterfinals, while sophomore Martin Pawlowski lost in straight sets to Ricardo Rizo of San Diego, also in the quarterfinals. Three Oregon players — freshman Johan Paalberg, sophomore Greg Dubourdieu and freshman Kyle Halberg — fell in the first round. On the doubles side, all three Duck pairs had exited the tournament by the second round.

Several Oregon singles players participated in a consolation bracket after losing in the regular tournament. Three Ducks lost in the first consolation round, while

Halberg fell in the consolation bracket's quarterfinals.

King took a relatively easy path to the championship. He rolled over his opponents in the first three rounds, losing only 13 games in six sets. King lost the first set of his semifinal match with Arizona's Colin O'Grady, 2-6, but went on to win the next two sets, 6-2 and 6-4.

"He really turned his tennis around after the first game loss and scored a big win," Russell said after King's win Saturday.

The San Diego All-College Tennis Tournament was Oregon's first of the season. The Ducks will participate in two more tournaments this fall — including their own Duck Classic in November — before taking up match play in late January. Oregon will next travel to the ITA Regionals in Santa Clara, Calif., Oct. 26-29.

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