

Freshman javelin thrower won't risk more injury

■ Roslyn Lundeen is close to competing again but has decided it is better to be safe than sorry

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Wait and see, wait and see. That is Oregon head coach Tom Heinonen's response when asked about the status of freshman javelin thrower Roslyn Lundeen.

After storming through the early part of the 2002 outdoor season — earning an NCAA provisional mark of 166-feet-11 inches at the Arizona State Invitational — Lundeen is in a holding pattern. An elbow injury has kept her out of competition for the last two weeks.

Needing only two feet to earn an NCAA automatic mark and become the third Duck to do so in the javelin — Sarah Malone and Elisa Crumley are the other two —

Lundeen is looking forward to competing again.

"I'm feeling probably good enough to throw right now, but I'm going to wait a little bit and hopefully throw at Nebraska next weekend," she said from the sidelines at Hayward Field on Saturday.

"I've always had a problem with the ulnar nerve in my elbow. Originally, we thought maybe that was it, but it's actually been muscle and ligament damage. It's mild, and it should heal shortly."

Oregon did not have much competition Saturday, with only four of the 16 throwers in the event moving to the final round. The other Ducks — Malone, Crumley and Charyl Weingarten — picked up the slack in the event, placing first, second and third, respectively.

The Ducks could have used Lundeen's throwing ability, but in a non-scoring meet, there was no

reason to push the freshman back into competition.

"We're going to wait another week and figure she'll be ready to go at Nebraska," Heinonen said. "We want to get her back into it, and I know she wants to, but she's so young we just can't dare risk her future at all."

Burk 'victimized'

There were some hurt feelings Saturday at Hayward Field, and for once, it wasn't because of a poor showing.

Sophomore Jamie Burk appeared to throw for a personal best in the hammer during the first round of competition at the Oregon Invitational. Her supposed mark of 163 feet would have been good enough to move the Beaverton native into the final round, where teammate Jordan Sauvage eventually won the competition with a mark of 175-02.

Had her mark stood, Burk would have gained a personal record by more than eight feet. Her mark, however, was not counted, and Burk had to settle for ninth.

"Jamie Burk, unfortunately, got victimized by an official's error," Heinonen said. "It is very unusual in this sport. But it does happen in rare occasions."

Vanderville sighting

He's back.

Ten years after starring for the Ducks, Mark Vanderville returned to Hayward Field for the Oregon Invitational. This time, he wasn't in an Oregon uniform, but he continued the success that followed him around during his days as a Duck.

Granted, Vanderville didn't come close to the marks that made him the Pacific-10 Conference runner-up in 1990. His final mark in the pole vault was 16-04.75, good

enough for fourth place at the Invite, but far below his career best of 17-6, ninth all-time in Oregon history.

Vanderville still had that competitive spirit in him. At least that's what one of his current pupils, Becky Holliday, thinks.

"It's cool that my coach still vaults," she said. "He practices with us and does stuff with us. He's not sitting there in a chair and getting a gut. He's out there. I see his technique, and he's almost perfected it. To watch him, whatever he says, makes me listen to him that much more."

In addition to being Oregon's volunteer coach, assigned to the Ducks' women pole vaulters, Vanderville is a fire engineer at Eugene's Station 1, located downtown. He is assigned to the pumper and ladder truck.

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fashion as she came up with two outs and two runners on in the bottom of the seventh, but her drive to center was caught by Marie Jackson just short of the wall.

"I was just trying to get a hit," Bergstrom said. "It's always tough against (Hawaii) — it's always close when we play them."

Freshman Lindsey Kontra started in the circle in the opening game for the Ducks and did not allow a hit until the third inning. Hawaii's batters found their stroke in the fourth, scoring a run off a single up the middle by Trisha Ramos that scored Kate Judd, who had doubled. The Rainbow Wahine scored on another double and RBI single in the fifth, before tacking on three more in the seventh. Two of Hawaii's runs in the seventh came

on solo home runs by pinch hitter Sheri Oronoz and Jackson.

Kontra finished with no strikeouts and allowed eight hits for four earned runs.

Oregon had base runners in every inning except the sixth but could not push a run across the plate until its four-run seventh. Goodell led off the final frame with a solo blast to left for her second homer of the season.

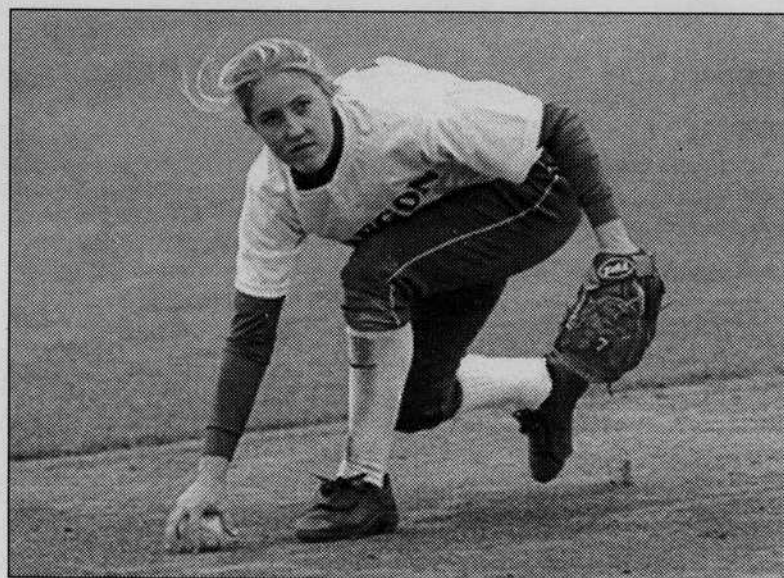
After Amber Hutchison grounded out to short, Lynsey Haij walked and Jenn Poore singled to left. Alyssa Laux followed with an RBI single up the middle off Oronoz, who had relieved freshman Melissa Coogan. After Vidlund grounded out on a number down the first base line, Mari Lyn Petrick doubled scoring Laux and Poore. That was all Oregon could muster as Ashley Richards walked setting the table for Bergstrom's warning-track fly out.

Connie McMurren threw the sec-

ond game for Oregon and looked shaky early, allowing three runs in the first on a three-run homer by first baseman Stacey Porter. Hawaii tacked on another run in the second, but was shut down by McMurren the rest of the way. The Oregon senior finished with five strikeouts and three walks, eight hits and four runs allowed in seven innings.

With the game tied at four in the seventh, McMurren allowed a double to Hawaii's leadoff hitter Natalie Gonzales, who advanced to third on an error credited to Laux while fielding a relay throw from right fielder Rachel Tommasini. With Gonzales on third, consecutive Hawaii hitters grounded to Haij at short. McMurren then intentionally walked Porter and got Ramos to pop to Laux for the final out.

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Shortstop Lynsey Haij committed both of Oregon's errors in Game 1 of a doubleheader Tuesday, which the Ducks lost 5-4. The Ducks came back to win Game 2.

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