

Pappas leads the way at Pac-10 Championships

■ Billy Pappas begins the end of his Oregon career with a convincing win in the decathlon

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For Oregon decathlete Billy Pappas, the third time was the charm.

In his final appearance in a Pacific-10 Conference meet, the Roseburg native came from behind and won the event in convincing fashion. In his two previous meetings at the Pac-10 Championships, Pappas earned fourth in 2000 and a year later, he took home third.

Now, in his senior season, Pappas has climbed to the top.

After placing second on Saturday with 3,795 points, Pappas overtook USC's Russell Silvers to capture the coveted honor. The Oregon star finished with 7,532 points, while Silvers was close behind at 7,254.

Not only was the point total a personal best for Pappas, it puts him in elite company. His brother, Tom, was a star competitor at Tennessee and was the 1999 NCAA champion in the event.

En route to the win, Pappas earned marks of 44 feet 11.5 inches in the shot put and 23-00 3/4 in the long jump — and his throw of 195-11 in the javelin on Saturday was

second only to UCLA's Octavius Gillespie.

Following up Pappas, junior Jason Slye, a ninth place finisher in last season's Pac-10 Championships, improved to fifth Sunday. His point total of 6,996 was just behind USC's Shelton Davis but far enough ahead of California's Jason Gatewood for a comfortable lead.

However, Slye also had to come from behind to earn fifth place. After the first day, a disappointing ninth place slot was waiting for the Salem native. He finished with 3,454 points during his second day, an improvement of only two points — but enough to vault him four

spots ahead.

Finishing up the day for the Ducks, junior Jake Horner, in his first appearance at the Pac-10s, took ninth (6,570) but suffered a disappointing finish after early success during the first day.

Horner, through a strong first day, was able to finish fourth, but slipped to his final spot during the second day.

Horner and Slye finished with personal bests in the decathlon.

On the women's side, senior Jenny Kenyon, the lone Oregon representative, placed fifth in the heptathlon.

After finishing third during the

first day, Kenyon — who finished sixth in 1999, fourth in 2000 and fifth in 2001 — equaled last season's finish but improved her point total to 5,169.

That total was good enough for a personal best and moves her into fifth place on the all-time Oregon record list.

Currently, the Oregon men stand in first place in the Pac-10 Championships with 14 points. The women, supported only by Kenyon, are tied for third with four points.

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Sports briefs

Moos promotes athletics directors

The Oregon Athletic Department has promoted associate athletics directors Renee Baumgartner and Dave Heeke to the positions of senior associate athletics directors as part of the refinement within the University's department of intercollegiate athletics administrative staff, Athletic Director Bill Moos announced Saturday.

The moves, initiated because of the retirement of Sandy Walton as the department's senior associate athletics director for the past 10 years, are designed to improve the department's efficiency.

Heeke, who is in his 14th year of involvement with intercollegiate athletics at Oregon, will continue

managing the department's external operations, which includes the areas of marketing and promotions, sponsorships, ticketing, radio and television liaison, football and basketball scheduling, as well as media services. In addition, he remains involved with the overall fund raising efforts of the department as well as oversees the Ducks' women's soccer and softball programs.

Baumgartner has served as the Athletic Department's senior women's administrator since 1999 and will continue in that capacity in addition to retaining responsibility over women's basketball, volleyball, men's and women's golf as well as men's and women's tennis.

Additional promotions include the elevation of Steve McBride from assistant athletics director to

associate director and Tom Larson from director of finance to assistant athletics director for business and finance as the department's chief financial officer.

McBride, who has assumed a variety of responsibilities within the Athletic Department over the past 24 years, has overseen all of the department's recent facility improvements, including the current \$90 million renovation of Autzen Stadium. Larson has headed the Athletic Department's business office since 1994.

Among personnel experiencing the greatest shift in responsibilities is Mike Marlow, who has assumed the new title of assistant athletics director for development.

Additional alterations to current duties have been awarded to Herb Yamanaka as associate athletics director and special assis-

tant to the director, and Jim Bartko as assistant athletics director for community and corporate relations.

Cho finishes 63rd in NCAA Regional

After a promising 75 in Thursday's opening round that left her tied for 17th, Oregon's Kathy Cho struggled to a 79 Friday and an 83 Saturday to tie for 63rd at 21-over 237 after the final round of the NCAA West Regional, played at the par-72 Stanford Golf Course.

UCLA overcame a second round three-stroke deficit to tie for first with Pepperdine at a 19-over 883. California was six shots off the pace at 889 to place third, while Arizona was fourth at 890. Other NCAA qualifiers include fifth place Stanford (901), sixth place finishers Arizona State and

Washington (904) and eighth place USC (908).

Arizona's Lorena Ochoa shot three straight 2-under 70s to grab the individual title at 6-under 210. Katherine Hull of Pepperdine shot par Saturday and tied for second with USC's Mikaela Parmlid at 215. Pacific-10 Conference champion Jimin Kang of Arizona State placed fourth, one stroke behind Hull and Parmlid at 216.

Individual NCAA qualifiers are New Mexico State's Alena Sharp, who tied for fifth overall with a 2-over 218 and New Mexico's Kristi Larson, who carded a 4-over 220.

The West Regional qualifiers will compete at the NCAA Championships May 21-24 at the Washington National Golf Club in Auburn, Wash.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 13). You'll make more money this year by using your talent, your wits and your experience. There's no extra work involved. Insist on what you want, but do it nicely. If you provide more than they bargained for, the money will come pouring in.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - You're learning fast, but be cautious. All is not as it appears. Don't despair if delays slow your progress. You'll get there soon enough.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - Your careful preparation should start to pay off soon. It's just about time to say "yes" to an offer you can't refuse.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - You're getting impatient. An opportunity is opening up, one that wasn't available before. Think big! Follow through on an old dream.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - It sure is Monday, isn't it? This week starts out with the chance for some brilliant behind-the-scenes maneuvering. Your reward could be more money. Go for it!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - You're most successful when working with a team of friends. There's nothing stopping you, not even a setback that could stop the others. Blast through to victory!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Things

at work aren't going exactly as planned. Something that was promised fails to materialize. You wondered if it might be too good to be true. Assume that it's just been delayed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - Want more possibilities? Hungry for knowledge? It's now easier for you to learn a new language, and that opens up new worlds.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - Yours is the sign of secrets, and you'll get an earful soon. People are in a chatty mood. Don't spoil their surprises.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - You're ready to let someone else take over for a while. Choose a person who shares your goals and has the skills you lack. Someone who's on your side, of course.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - You should be relaxed by now. That's good, because your full attention will be required. There's already too much to do, and there's more coming in. Set priorities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - You're starting to come around. Your imagination kicks in, and then your sense of humor. You'll be back up to speed by the end of the day. Watch out, world!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Your mind is on domestic matters. You'd rather be home, but if you can't, do the planning. Make lists and draw pictures.