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Holliday breaks her school record again

The pole vaulter highlights the women's entries, while Samie Parker runs well for the men at the Mt. SAC Relays in California

Track and field

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Becky Holliday is having a holiday-like outdoor track season.

It's been all good.

The senior pole vaulter broke her own Oregon record once again at the Mt. San Antonio College Relays in Walnut, Calif., on Saturday, capping a weekend of success for the Duck men and women.

Holliday hit 14 feet, 5 1/4 inches in the Mt. SAC pole vault, finishing second only because defending national champion Tracy O'Hara of UCLA also cleared 14-5 1/4 but had fewer misses.

Holliday came into this season as the Oregon record-holder in the vault, and she broke that

record at the April 12 Pepsi Invitational by jumping 14-3 1/4. But that mark was short of her personal best of 14-4, which she achieved while at Clackamas Community College. Saturday was the first time she bested that CCC mark.

"Overall, it was a good weekend," Oregon women's head coach Tom Heinonen said.

It was a good weekend for the Oregon men as well. Samie Parker ran into the NCAA West Regional meet and onto the Ducks' all-time top-10 list by running Saturday's 100-meter dash in 10.43 seconds. It was actually Parker's second 100 race of the day — competing close to his home in Long Beach, Calif., Parker ran the University section of the 100 early in the day and finished sixth in 10.72 seconds. But he shaved some time off that mark and off his personal best in the Olympic Development section later on Saturday. Parker now ranks seventh all-time at Oregon.

Freshman hurdler Eric Mitchum continued to have success, taking sixth in the Olympic Development Section of the 110 hurdles. Adam Kriz also

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Mark McCambridge Emerald

Becky Holliday broke her own school record and personal best at the Mt. SAC Relays.

Softball splits weekend but claims Civil War Cup

Oregon beats Oregon State on Friday despite coach Kathy Arendsen's ejection in the game

Vidlund combined to keep the Beavers scoreless for the rest of the game — allowing just three hits and two walks.

The win was the first home win in their careers against Oregon State for six seniors on Oregon's squad.

"Our players really showed great intensity and desire," Arendsen said after Friday's win. "It was a well-fought battle — what you would expect from Oregon State. Harris and Vidlund both showed a lot of heart."

Arendsen showed her intensity as well. When Hutchison hit what appeared to be a fair bunt down the third base line, it was called foul — after the ball was picked up and Hutchison had reached first safely. After a bit of disagreement from Arendsen, home plate umpire Steve Arnold ejected her from the game.

The Beavers picked up that intensity on Saturday, as Harris' first pitch sailed over the center field fence for a 1-0 lead for Oregon State. In the second, the Beavers' right fielder hit a solo home run in the second.

Junior catcher Jenn Poore led off the bottom of the second with a first-pitch solo home run, but Oregon didn't score again until the sixth — when the Beavers were ahead 7-1, after a four-run fifth and one run in the sixth.

The Ducks' two runs in the sixth came when senior first baseman Alyssa Laux drove in Boskovich with her third home run of the season — a shot to right-center field.

"This was probably the poorest game we've played in a while," Arendsen said after Saturday's game. "Every part of our game struggled. Usually our pitching is on if our defense is struggling, our defense is picking up if our pitching is struggling. Not one part

Softball

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Sports Reporter

When the Ducks beat Oregon State 2-1 on Friday, regardless of Saturday's 7-3 loss, the softball team captured the 2002-2003 Civil War Cup for all sports.

"I'm proud we won the Civil War Cup," head coach Kathy Arendsen said after Saturday's game. "I didn't even know there was one — I was informed yesterday that softball clinched it for Oregon, so that's awesome. We're glad we could contribute to that."

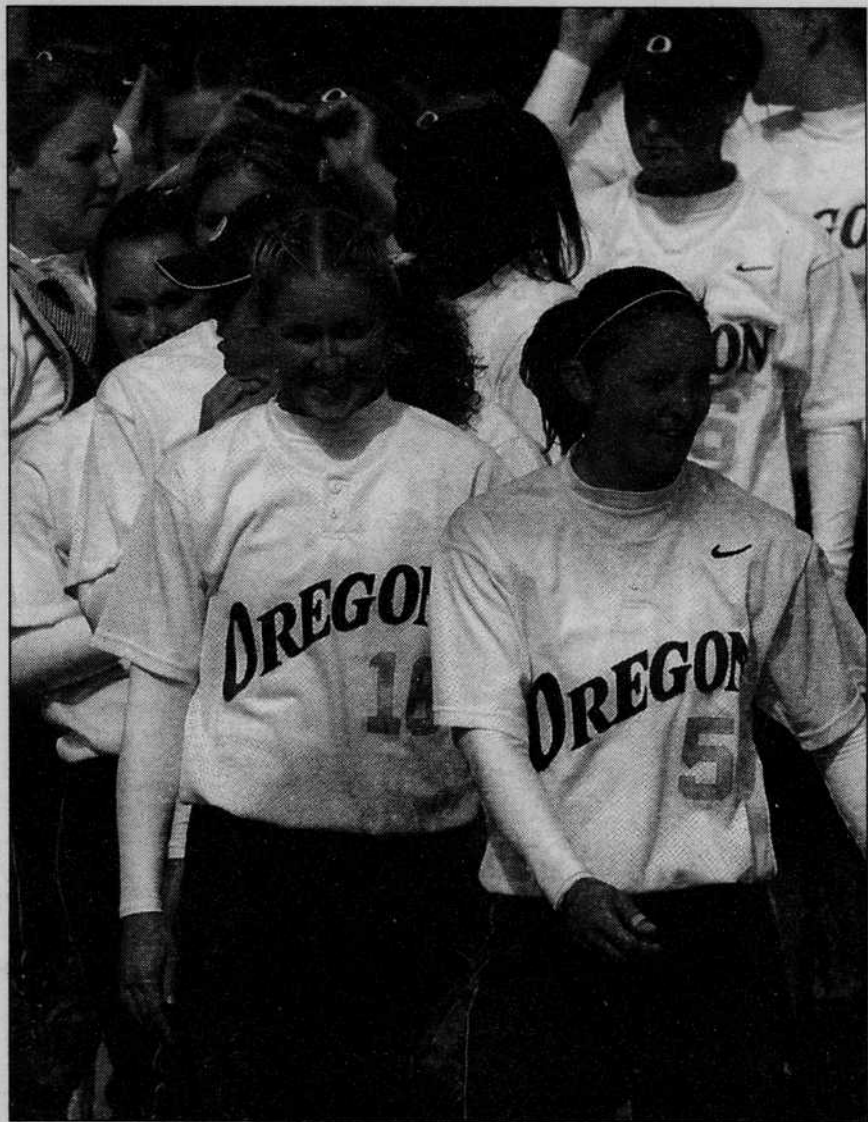
Friday's 2-1 win over the Beavers wasn't the smoothest of rides. In the top of the third inning, Oregon State (26-22 overall, 2-10 Pacific-10 Conference) hit three singles and scored a run before the Ducks got the Beavers out twice.

In the bottom of the third, Oregon (24-14, 4-8) responded with two runs. After two quick outs, freshman shortstop Breanne Sabol safely made her way to first on an error by Oregon State's shortstop. On the next pitch, senior designated player Amber Hutchison singled, advancing Sabol to second.

Senior third baseman Lynsey Haij followed with a single to right field. Sabol scored and Hutchison advanced to third on an error by the Beavers' right fielder. Freshman right fielder Beth Boskovich drove in Hutchison on a single to left field, giving the Ducks a 2-1 lead.

"They really stepped up," Arendsen said after Friday's game.

Freshman Amy Harris and senior Andrea

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Jeremy Forrest Emerald

Alyssa Laux (5) and Lynsey Haij (16) accounted for three of Oregon's four RBIs on the weekend.

In a rush: Ducks run 36 times at second scrimmage

Chris Vincent turns in the most impressive of the Oregon running back performances on Friday

Spring football

Hank Hager
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Run the ball, Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti told the offense before Friday's scrimmage, and run the ball they did.

With a receiving corps thinned by injuries, the spotlight of the Ducks' second spring scrimmage shone

brightly on the team's running backs. And the group, given the opportunity with 36 rushes compared to 19 total passes, didn't disappoint.

"They told us we were going to be carrying the ball a lot, but I didn't expect it to be that much," Chris Vincent said. "The 'o'-line did a good job of blocking and everything. We picked it up a little bit. You could tell on the field everybody knew their assignments and the good thing is we're getting better as a team."

Vincent led the quartet with 15 attempts, gaining 57 yards and breaking into the end zone twice. The first came on a two-yard plunge, then Vincent broke tackles

late in the workout on a seven-yard run for the second score.

Ryan Shaw, considered the front-runner for the starting spot, had 28 yards on 10 attempts, also getting into the end zone once. Terrence Whitehead ran the ball nine times for 22 yards, while Kenny Washington, who suffered a sprained shoulder on his first carry — a 53-yarder — carried the ball twice for 58 yards.

"I think we've got some backs that can play," Bellotti said. "I was very pleased. Chris Vincent obviously has some dimension to him that is exciting. Terrence Whitehead ran the ball very well. He ran for tough yards. And Ryan Shaw ran

for tough yards. Kenny Washington had the best run of the day."

About the only thing the backs didn't do with success was throw the ball. Vincent attempted a halfback pass that was intercepted by Aaron Gipson near the goal line. But then again, the way the defense was swarming to passes, that shouldn't come as a surprise. Of the 19 passes thrown, three were picked off.

Anthony Trucks grabbed a lame duck pass from Johnny DuRocher early in the scrimmage, running it back 18 yards for the score. Later, Jerry Matson read Jason Fife perfectly, and out-ran his opponents for 45 yards.

"Obviously, I'm not happy with the turnovers but I'm excited for the defense that they got those turnovers," Bellotti said. "They made some plays."

Matt Toeaina stood out defensively, claiming the group's only sack, a three-yarder with quarterback Adam Hazel behind center. Justin Andrews, battling for a backup linebacker spot, pounced on the only fumble of the day when DuRocher couldn't hand the ball off cleanly at the team's one-yard line.

"I thought we had a pretty good scrimmage overall," Gipson said. "We've just got to get better on

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