

## SPORTS

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## Hayward fans say farewell to Heinonen

Tom Heinonen coaches his final meet at Hayward Field while more Ducks earn qualifying marks for regionals

## Women's track and field

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Saturday's Oregon Twilight marked the end of an era.

For 27 years, Tom Heinonen has directed the Oregon women's track and field program. Saturday's meet was Heinonen's last at Hayward Field.

"It just hasn't sunk in at all," Heinonen said. "I don't think it's really going to until I clear out my office and walk away. And that's in June. We've got three big meets coming down the road ... I'll be back at Hayward Field on Monday."

Heinonen's last meet was also the last home meet for 14 Oregon seniors. Two of the seniors — Carrie Zografos and

Eri Macdonald — qualified for the NCAA Regionals with personal bests in the 1,500 meters. Macdonald trailed Zografos for most of the race before a spurt in the last 100 meters put Macdonald (who finished in 4 minutes, 25.81 seconds) tenths of a second ahead of Zografos (4:26.09).

"I was just trying to stay in it," Macdonald said. "I saw people within reach and tried to get them."

Saturday's scattered wind and rain affected many field events.

Senior Mary Etter, who took first in the shotput (48 feet, 2 1/2 inches), third in the hammer throw (165-08) and sixth in the discus (116-11), switched from the spin approach to the glide approach in the shot put because of the weather.

"I was surprised I hit 48-2 (in the shot)," Etter said. "(The discus) was horrible. There was no way to get any kind of a grip on the disk. I don't think anyone really did well today. It was very disappointing for my last home meet."

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Tom Heinonen addressed the Hayward Field crowd after his final meet as women's track and field head coach. Heinonen says he'll focus on less intense endeavors like UO's club running team.  
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## Spring game doesn't answer position questions



Adam Amato Emerald

Kellen Clemens outplayed Jason Fife at the spring game. Clemens completed 12 passes for almost 200 yards and led three scoring drives.

The offense narrowly comes out on top in Oregon's final scrimmage of spring drills

## Spring football

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Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti had reiterated throughout the Ducks' spring workouts that he would not name a starting quarterback until the fall.

But you can be sure that Kellen Clemens made a strong case for that appointment on Saturday at Oregon's spring game.

The redshirt sophomore completed 12 passes for 189 yards and led the offense on three scoring drives in the white team's 48-46 victory over the green in front of 9,087 at Autzen Stadium.

The offense, of course, was clad in white, while the defense wore green in a change in the annual spring game format. Unlike years past, the No. 1 offense took on the No. 1 defense. This was made possible by a points system, that was, well, a little confusing for the players.

"I don't even understand it," Clemens said. "I really wasn't sure what was happening. I kind of looked up after we scored a couple times and it was still 23-23, and I was going, 'what?'"

Had the game been played in a traditional manner, the white team would have come out on top, 27-0. But the modified scoring format allowed the defense to post points for interceptions (two overall), sacks (three) and forced punts, among other scenarios.

All of that, though, was to show those in attendance that the game meant more than depth and starting assignments. For Bellotti and the players, getting out

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## Vincent leads Oregon ground attack at spring finale

Redshirt freshman Chris Vincent leads the Ducks in rushing and scores the only rushing touchdown

## Spring football

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With the starting tailback position wide open, Saturday's spring game was an opportunity to impress for a trio of Oregon runners competing for the job.

Chris Vincent overcame nerves and a fumble on his first carry to stand out as Oregon's most productive running back. The 6-foot-1-inch, 218-pound redshirt freshman finished the day with 60 yards on 10 carries and the game's only rushing touchdown.

"In the beginning, I had the jitters a little bit," Vincent said. "But I got a couple handoffs, got banged around a little bit and I fell into place."

Vincent has been in a three-way battle for the starting job with 5-foot-10-inch, 207-pound sophomore Terrence Whitehead and 5-foot-11-

inch, 206-pound junior Ryan Shaw over the spring. Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said he was impressed with the quickness shown by Vincent but doesn't think it was enough to name a starter yet as each member of the trio was solid.

"Chris Vincent showed up today with a step more speed than I had seen in the other scrimmages," Bellotti said. "I thought all of our running backs showed a burst and also showed tough running skills."

Whitehead was the first back to see action, entering the game with sophomore quarterback Kellen Clemens.

The Ducks went three-and-out on their first series but were able to sustain a drive during Whitehead's second opportunity. Throughout the offense's fourth series, during which he broke several tackles to keep the drive alive, Whitehead had a four-yard run on a third-and-two situation. He also had a two-yard carry down to the 10-yard line, setting up Clemens' first of three touchdown passes.

"It felt real good to help the guys get down there and score," said Whitehead, who finished the day with 49 yards on 13 carries.

After the offense failed to pick up

a first down on its opening series, Shaw got a chance to show what he could do as he entered the game with freshman quarterback Johnny DuRocher. Shaw didn't disappoint as he took his first handoff and exploded up the left side for an 18-yard gain. Unfortunately for Shaw, this would be his high point of the game as he was held to eight yards on his next nine carries, including a six-yard loss on the game's final play when he was met in the backfield with a thunderous hit by junior linebacker Jerry Matson.

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