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SPORTS BRIEFS

Skipper skips onto record board

Oregon freshman Tommy Skipper broke the school pole-vault record Saturday when he cleared 18 feet, 8 1/4 inches indoors at the United Heritage Invitational at Jackson's Track in Nampa, Idaho.

Skipper broke the previous record of 18-6 1/2, set outdoors in 1985 by eventual Olympian and NCAA runner-up Kory Tarpenning. It was Skipper's second attempt at the height, beating his personal best of 18-3 that came outdoors in June at the Golden West Invitational.

The Sandy native topped the field by more than 7 inches.

"I was definitely surprised how it went today," Skipper said. "Idaho is a great place to jump. It's an awesome indoor facility with a great runway."

Sophomores Eric Mitchum and Akobundu Ikwuakor and the 4x400 relay team also came away with NCAA

provisional marks against strong fields.

— Jon Roetman

Softball splits opening weekend

The No. 13 Oregon women's softball team recovered from a season-opening loss to No. 10 Georgia with a victory Friday afternoon.

The Ducks then bounced back from a loss Saturday morning for a win in the final game of the Florida International Tournament.

"It was a good way for us to finish up the tournament," head coach Kathy Arendsen said. "We came back very strong both offensively and defensively. I'm pleased that we're going home on a positive note."

Oregon (2-2) lost its first game, 11-6, against a Georgia team that the Ducks upset a year ago. After the Bulldogs took a 5-1 lead in the fifth inning, Oregon battled back for the lead, 6-5, with a five-run fifth, led by first baseman Beth Boskovich's first career grand slam. Georgia tied the game in the sixth, then scored five runs in the top of the

seventh for the win.

Three hours later, the Ducks took the field against tournament-host Florida International. Oregon used a eight-run sixth inning to end the game with collegiate softball's eight-run mercy rule. Junior transfer Ani Nyhus picked up her first victory as an Oregon pitcher with a complete game.

Saturday morning, the Ducks had another rocky start with a 3-0 loss to Florida Atlantic. Shortstop Breanne Sabol had two singles and center fielder Suzie Barnes added a single in the sixth for Oregon's three hits.

In their last game of the tournament, the Ducks got a second mercy-rule victory, this time on a six-inning shutout of Iowa State, 8-0. Nyhus earned her second win and her first career shutout, holding the Cyclones to two hits.

Oregon travels to Arizona State for its next pre-season stop — the Fiesta Bowl Tournament — opening Friday with two of the five games scheduled.

— Mindi Rice

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Joseph finished with 14 points on the strength of three three-pointers.

Jordan Kent scored a season-high nine points in 23 minutes, the most action he's seen in a game this season.

"Jordan played a great game," Jackson said. "He may not be the best shooter, but he hustles. He's going to get in there and mix things up."

David Lucas lead the Beavers with

20 points and J.S. Nash had 14. Angelo Tsagarakis nailed three three-pointers in a one-minute stretch late in the first half, but was quieted from there on out. He ended the game with 11 points.

"We lost to a very good team that had to play as hard as they possibly could to beat us," Oregon State head coach Jay John said. "They overcame a poor shooting night and took the fight to us."

After Oregon State's nine-point win over the Ducks on Jan. 10, the

Beavers have lost six of their last seven. Conversely, Oregon has won five of its last seven.

"It's not enough for me to be close," John said. "I got hired at Oregon State to win games, but it's a process. If we're charging ahead and leaving it all on the floor, that's all I can ask for. It's getting better. I'm proud of these guys for competing and not getting rattled."

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