

Men's track

Duck men earn three individual event titles

The 4x100 meter relay team also captured a first-place finish at the Golden Bear Invitational

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The Oregon men's track and field team used a strong performance on the track to capture three individual titles and several qualifying marks at the Golden Bear Invitational at Edwards Stadium in Berkeley, Calif., on Saturday.

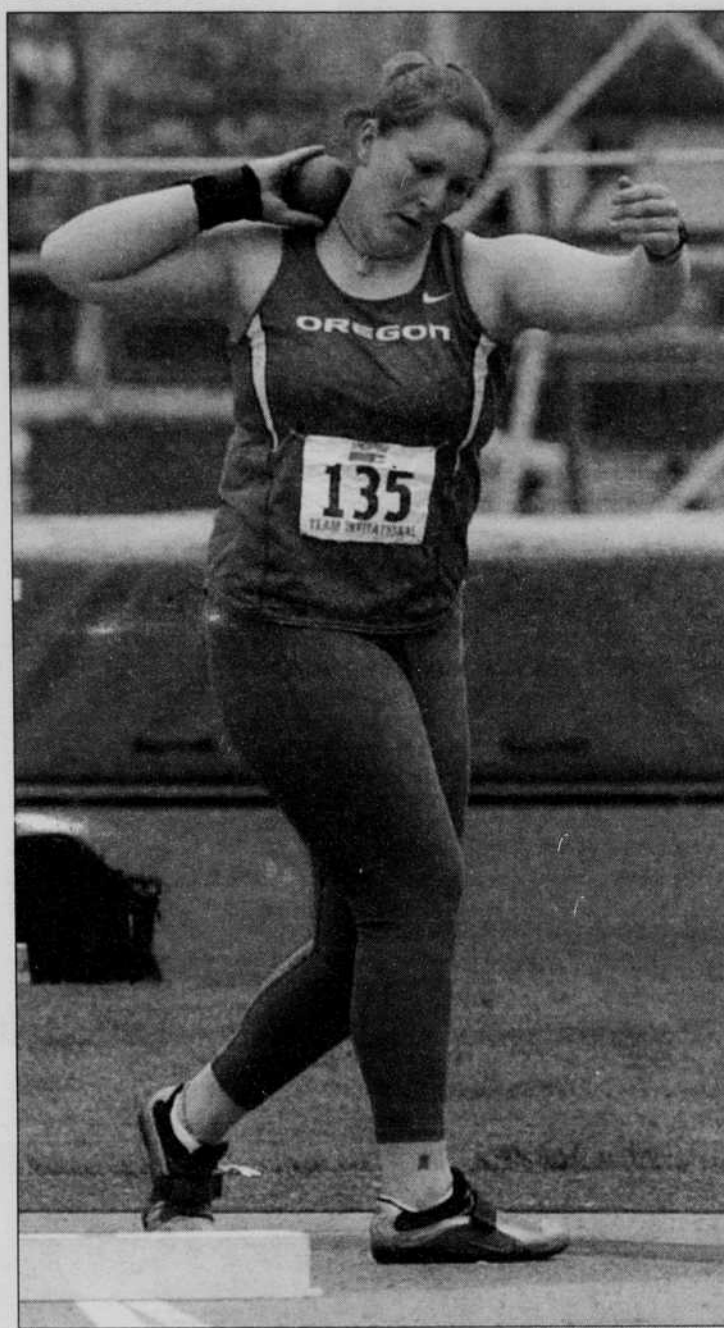
The Ducks' first road challenge of the season was highlighted by the 4x100 meter relay team securing a title by running a near-Oregon record 39.83 seconds, only .03 seconds behind the school record set in 1991. The team, featuring Richard Del Rincon, Matt Scherer, Kedar Inico and Jordan Kent, beat second-place California by less than a second-and-a-half after using a fast start by Del Rincon to take control of the race before the second leg.

The team improved on last week's second-place finish at the Pepsi Invitational by more than a half-second.

Del Rincon also took first in the 100 and Kent finished second in the 200. Kent came within .07 seconds of breaking his personal record of 20.99, set at the 2003 West Regional. Kent's 21.06 time earned him a NCAA mark, besting the NCAA regional standard of 21.19.

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Oregon senior Bree Fuqua, seen here at the Pepsi Team Invitational, finished first in shot put and third in discus at the Golden Bear Invitational on Saturday.

Oregon dominates shot put, hammer and javelin events

Three Ducks, including top-placer Sarah Malone, finished in the first four spots for the javelin throw

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The Oregon women's track and field team showed its competition once again that it had a stronghold on throwing events.

The Ducks collaborated for first-place finishes in three of the four hurling competitions at the Golden Bear Invitational in Berkeley, Calif., on Saturday.

In the javelin, Oregon's throwers had three of the top four marks, which all exceeded Regional qualifying requirements.

Redshirt senior Sarah Malone ended up just 2 1/2 feet shy of her school record with a 177-1 heave, 18 feet farther than teammate Roslyn Lundeen, who finished second with a 158-9 spearing. Elisa Crumley finished fourth with a toss of 143-3.

"I got my best (mark) on my first throw and had a pretty good series overall," said Malone, whose last competition was the Oregon Preview on March 19. "I wasn't worried coming in with my previous season-best since I treated the Preview more like a practice — so this was more like my first meet of the season."

"Technically I'm doing things better and am looking forward to getting out there again at home really soon."

Senior Bree Fuqua anchored the shot put for Oregon with a crater at 51-9, two feet better than second-place finisher Missy Faubus (49-3 3/4) of California. Fuqua last won the discus event at the Oregon Preview and finished second at last week's Pepsi Team Invitational.

Unattached thrower Emily Stout and Faubus edged out Fuqua in the discus. Fuqua, whose personal record is 165-7 in the event, hit the 153-3 mark.

Oregon hammer throwers Brittany Hinchcliffe and Katie Kersh sandwiched California's Giulia Orlando in the top three spots of the event. Hinchcliffe, who set the school record last weekend, recorded a 195-10 throw, almost 15 feet more than Orlando. Kersh finished third with a 171-4 sling.

Runners Kasey Harwood and Kayla Mellott crossed the finish line first and second for Oregon in the 400-meter hurdles for the second straight meet. Harwood, a freshman, finished the race in 60.73 seconds; Mellott completed it in 61.57.

Harwood shaved off enough time from her previous mark to qualify for Regionals, and she jumped two spots to eighth on Oregon's all-time list for that event. The Polson, Mont., native missed

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Women's lacrosse

Ducks win second game against Gaels

The 16-8 victory gave Oregon its first conference win and fourth overall win of the season

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On a day when eight St. Mary's seniors made their final regular season appearances at home, the Oregon women's lacrosse team managed to spoil their party.

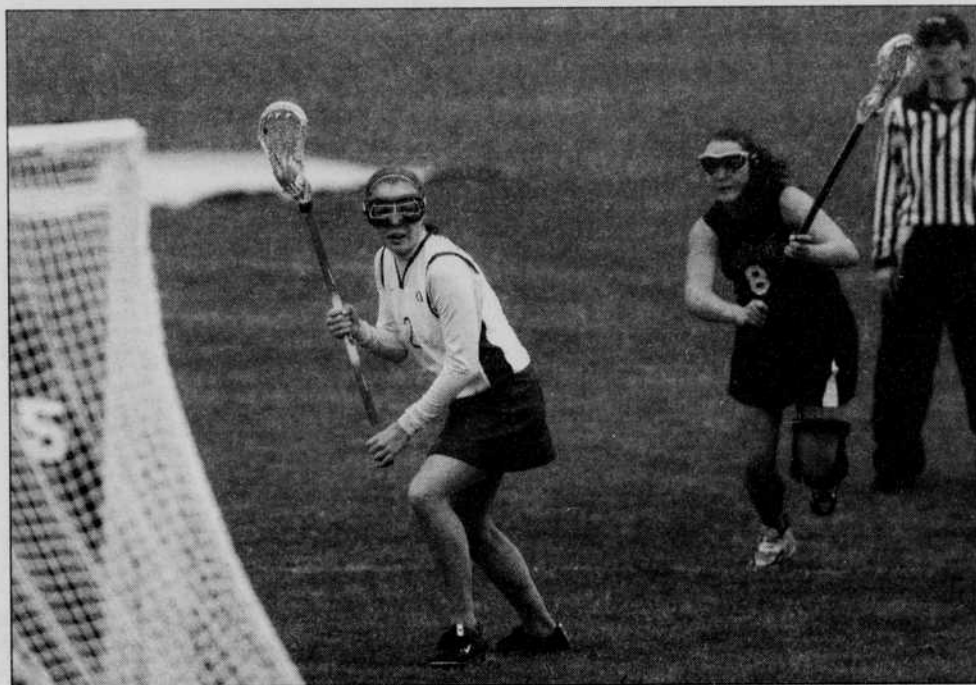
The Ducks' youthful enthusiasm triumphed over the experienced Gaels as Oregon beat St. Mary's, 16-8, in Moraga, Calif. Oregon proved that its first win against the Gaels in a non-conference game at Papé Field earlier this season was more than a fluke.

The win gave the Ducks their first Mountain Pacific Sports Federation victory. Oregon improved to 4-9 overall, with a 1-3 record in the MPSF. St. Mary's dropped to 1-11 and is 0-5 in the MPSF.

The game was a score-fest for Oregon, with goals coming from eight different Ducks. Jen May, Theresa Waldron, Jana Bradley, Kate Fleming and Emily Fowler all scored two apiece.

Waldron and Fowler had two assists each, and May proved to be solid on defense, forcing three turnovers by the Gaels.

Freshman attacker Lindsay Killian also stood out, notching four goals and one assist. Killian now stands fourth on the team with 20 goals this season.



EMERALD

Freshman attacker Lindsay Killian, seen earlier this season, scored four goals and added an assist during Oregon's 16-8 win against St. Mary's Saturday in Moraga, Calif.

Despite what the statistics might say, the Ducks had to work a little harder to clinch victory this time around. Oregon took some time to get its momentum going. The Gaels initially kept the game close, managing to respond to each of the first six goals scored by the Ducks.

The St. Mary's seniors played with inspiration, with six of the eight Gaels goals coming from the graduating class.

Seniors Rosy Iaccino, Dearborn David and

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IN BRIEF

Kraayeveld picked 27th in WNBA draft round two

Former Oregon forward Cathrine Kraayeveld was chosen as the 27th overall selection in Saturday's WNBA draft by the San Antonio Silver Stars.

The 6-foot-4 native of Kirkland, Wash., is the Ducks' second highest player drafted by the league, behind only Jenny Mowe, who was selected 21st overall by the former WNBA team Portland Fire in 2001.

"I'm just excited that I got drafted there," Kraayeveld said. "I've been talking with them a little bit a couple days ago and enjoyed speaking with them. I've already heard great things about the city itself, so I think it will be a great experience for me, and I'm excited for it."

Kraayeveld averaged 14.7 points and 8.3 rebounds per game during her senior season, which earned her co-MVP honors for the Ducks. She ranked sixth in the Pacific-10 Conference in scoring and second in rebounding to give her first-team all-conference accolades.

"I've worked hard to get myself here, so it feels good to get rewarded in a sense for all the hard work," Kraayeveld said.

Kraayeveld was one of just two players from the Pac-10 taken in the three-round WNBA draft. The other was Arizona guard DeeDee Wheeler, who was chosen 26th overall by the Los Angeles Sparks.

— Alex Tam