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Relayers, three women qualify

LOS ANGELES — A trio of Oregon women, as well as its mile relay team, qualified for the finals in the opening day of the women's collegiate national championships here Thursday at UCLA.

Mary Stevenson, Ellen Schmidt and Debbie Roth will all move into the finals of their respective events as the meet, which features a galaxy of world-class women athletes, continues today and Saturday.

Stevenson heaved the discus 140-1 to qualify in that event, while Ellen Schmidt ran the 800 in a school record 2:09.53 to qualify for the finals. Roth qualified in the 1500 meters with a 4:32.5 effort, her best performance of the season.

Stevenson and Schmidt will compete in the finals of their events today, Schmidt running against world class runners such as Colorado State's Wendy Knudson and Cal State-Northridge's Julie Brown. Roth will have to wait for Saturday to take part in the women's 1500 meter final.

While the three Oregon individuals were putting themselves in the finals of the three-day meet, the mile relay team was setting a school record to qualify for Saturday's finals.

The four-woman squad reeled off a 3:46.97 mile, almost two and a half seconds faster than the old Oregon mark to qualify. Donna Rose opened the mile with a 56.8 quarter, and was followed by Georgene Rose's 57.0 timing, Carol Amaral's 57.9 third leg and Mary Officer's 55.2 anchor leg.

While the trio of individuals qualified for the finals, another four Ducks missed qualifying, despite personal bests in two events.

Mary Officer was upset in her bid to reach the finals in the 100 meter hurdles, and Carol Amaral missed qualifying in the 100 meters by .03 seconds.

In the 800, Sandy Trowbridge and Robin Baker failed to qualify, despite personal best efforts. Trowbridge ran a 2:14.1 heat, four seconds faster than her previous best time, while Baker equaled her quickest mark ever by running the 800 in 2:14.0.



Photo by Terry Geraths

Oregon's Debbie Roth was one of three University women who qualified for the finals in the women's collegiate nationals Thursday in Los Angeles. Roth blazed to a 4:32.5 time in the 1500 to gain the finals. The meet continues through Saturday on the UCLA track.

In NBA championship series

Blazers must stop 76ers' big three

PORTLAND, Ore. AP — Jack Ramsay, coach of the Portland Trail Blazers, says his team must stop three high-scoring players in order to beat the Philadelphia 76ers and win the National Bas-

ketball Association title.

The 76ers rely on three players — Julius Erving, George McGinnis and Doug Collins — for most of their offense, Ramsay said.

"McGinnis, Collings and Erving are great individual players," the Portland coach said Wednesday. "You've got to stop those three guys, especially Erving. He's made some fantastic individual plays."

Ramsay attended the final game of the Philadelphia-Houston semifinal series Tuesday night in Houston.

The Blazers traveled to Philadelphia Thursday and practice today and Saturday in preparation for the championship series opener Sunday afternoon.

The 76ers rely heavily on their individual talent, Ramsay said.

"They are a one-on-one play team," he said. "They don't have the team concept that we do, but they use their one-on-one abilities very well."

"If we play our team game well, both offensively and defensively, I think we'll win."

"We can't let them run and we can't let them set up their one-on-one offense," Ramsay said. "It means we have to attack quickly and persistently."

The Blazers, who swept the Los Angeles Lakers in four straight games for the Western Conference crown, will have been idle for eight days by gametime Sunday.

"I think it helps us," Ramsay said of the layoff. "It enables us to get Dave Twardzik back in the game and I think it really helped Bill Walton get over the physical Los Angeles series."

Twardzik, a starting guard, missed the last six Blazer playoff contests because of a sprained ankle. He will be "about 100 per cent" for Sunday's game Ramsay said.

But rookie Johnny Davis, who performed well in Twardzik's absence, will start, the coach said.

Sportfolio

Blickle wins Higdon award

Sally Blickle has been named the winner of the annual Higdon Award, presented to University's outstanding sophomore for accomplishment in athletics, citizenship and scholarship.

Blickle, a graduate of St. Mary's Academy in Portland, is a two-year varsity participant of the women's softball and basketball squads.

As the starting catcher on this year's softball team, Blickle holds a .229 batting average and a .941 fielding average. Blickle was a starting guard on the women's basketball team the last two years, averaging 4.8 points per contest last season.

Blickle, a Physical Education major, holds a 3.3 cumulative grade point average.

"Sally is the ideal player to coach," said women's softball coach and athletic director Becky Sisley.

Meet set for local youths

Some 300 youngsters are expected to compete when the Track City Track Club of Eugene stages its Boys and Girls Age Group Track meet Saturday at Willamette High School, beginning at 11 a.m.

Entry fee for the meet, which will include sprints, distance runs, hurdles and field events, is 50 cents. Awards will be given to the first six places in each event while participant ribbons will be given to all other competitors.

For more information, contact Fred Spiekerman, 484-9065.

Outings, dinners planned

A series of outings and dinners has been scheduled by the University to give Quacker Backers a chance to meet with Oregon coaches.

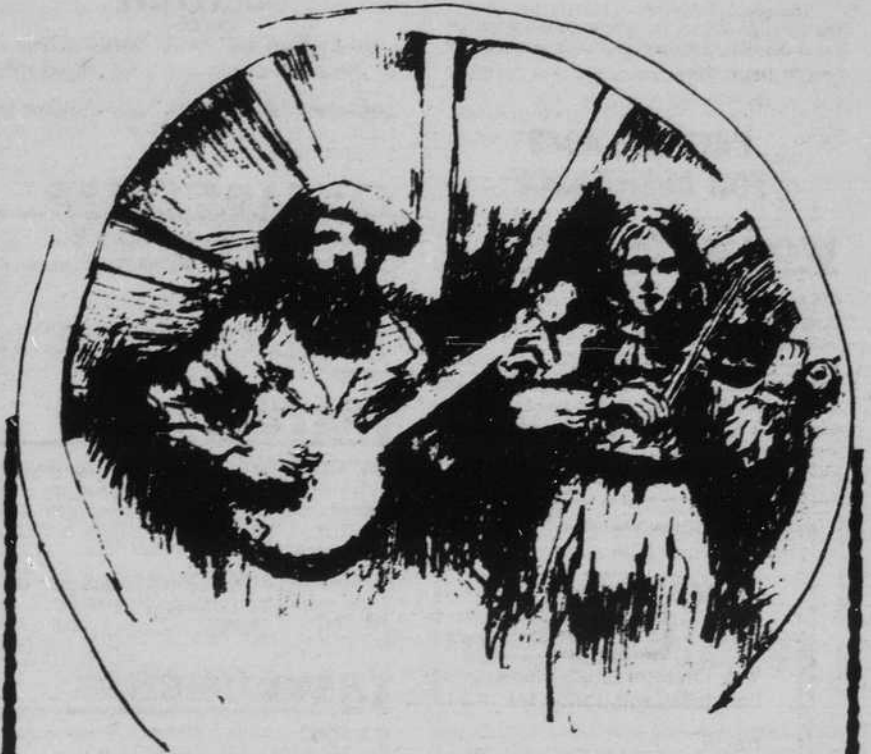
This afternoon at the Emerald Valley Golf Course near Creswell, the University wrestling team will hold a benefit golf tournament and dinner. Cost for the afternoon on the links and an evening meal, which will be highlighted by door prizes, is \$25.

The Duck basketball program will have its fling on the links Tuesday, May 31 when its golf outing gets underway. Tee-off times for the sixth annual event are noon to 2 p.m. Cost of the barbeque steak dinner which will follow is \$10.

Upon the return of the men's track team from the NCAA championships, the annual Track and Field Awards banquet will be held June 9 at the Valley River Inn. Cost of that affair is also \$10, with a hospitality hour planned for 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

Winding up the spring affairs will be a sports social for Oregon fans at Tex Hager's Ramada Inn in Tualatin, June 14.

Reservations for the two dinners, May 31 and June 9, should be addressed to Sue Keller, McArthur Court. For more information, call 686-4485.



EMU Cultural Forum presents

the 7th Annual Willamette Valley Folk Festival

May 19, 20, 21

Outdoors on the East Lawn of the EMU
(in the Ballroom in case of rain)

All Events Are Free

Thursday, May 19

12:30 pm	Rythm Wranglers
1:15	Foothill Flyers
2:00	Woody Harris
2:45	Surprise Headliner
4:30	Slow Buck
5:15	Northern Broadcasters
6:00	Don & Andy
8:00	Barn Dance — EMU Ballroom

Friday, May 20

11:30 am	Raphael
12:15 pm	John Hicks & Joe Kassick
1:00	Fiddlin' Earl Willis
1:45	Hogtrot Nitpickers
2:30	Mark Nelson
3:15	The Kin
4:00	Tumulo String Band
4:45	Grey Sky Boys
5:30	Ragtime Millionaires
8:00	Les Blanc (Documentary/Filmmaker) —

EMU Ballroom

"Los Brazos" featuring the Nortena music of the Texas-Mexico Border "A Well Spent Life" featuring Texas songster Mance Lipscomb

12:00 pm	Whidbey Island
12:45	High Water String
1:30	Robert Forest
2:15	Pickin' Delight
3:00	Cumulo Nimbus
3:45	Friends of the Family
4:30	Ex
5:15	Sig Fig