

track

Injuries may dampen men's season

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"I'm no prophet and I hate to make the standard statement that coaches make — we'll have to take one meet at a time — but I'll have to because of injuries."

and it is not yet known whether Voorhees is fully recovered from knee surgery that hampered his efforts last year.

"Losing Bransom hurt us in the high hurdles," said Dellinger. "Last year he was the key man in the 400 relay. We could also use

turning sprinter Donald Curry. Dellinger also lost number one hurdler Larry Hurst last fall to injuries suffered in a fall into the field-house underneath Hayward's west grandstand. Hurst was also the second best hurdler in the Pac-8 and seventh best in the

event. Again, the term "thin" seems appropriate.

Jan From, sophomore from Sweden, will be the Ducks high jumper this year. Last year From became the first Duck to clear seven feet his freshman year and only the fourth to ever clear that height.

In the pole vault, 16-10 vaulter Tom Hintnaus will be going solo.

The long and triple jumps will return one entrant each in Jon Ogard and Anthony Berry respectively. Dellinger said another proven jumper for each event could help the Ducks.

However, all is not blue in the city of green and yellow. Oregon will continue to have an excellent distance running crew led by sophomores Rudy Chapa and Alberto Salazar. They were key factors in Oregon's drive to the NCAA cross country championship last fall.

Dellinger said the Ducks would be strong in the 1,500, 5,000 and steeplechase this year in dual meet competition.

Dellinger has nabbed several fine junior college transfers in Banks, Coleman and Walton and expects them to step right in and fill shoes of graduated or injured athletes.

Oregon also captured several fine freshmen who were high school champions last year and whom Dellinger expects to help with depth in several events.

Bill McChesney, who prepped at South Eugene and was a three-time state cross country champ, will help with depth in the distance races. He was a three time high school All-American in cross country and since added a collegiate cross country All-American honor last fall.

Arne Swan, the State AA

champ in the discus last year is expected to help Voorhees in that event.

Dellinger is high on state AAA javelin champ Paul Doyle as a decathlete. Doyle was also second in the state in the pole vault last year.

Dellinger called all his freshmen "fine trackmen" but said they lacked experience at the collegiate level and really needed a year to develop.

"Three months ago I could have painted a brighter picture," said Dellinger of the upcoming season. "There are several events where we are covered by only one guy. Fall we were covered and I said we would be stronger than last year."

The 14 scholarship limit has caused a hardship, Dellinger claims. He said he would have only one scholarship to give next year. "That leaves only limited coverage for 21 events."

As far as the schedule goes, the fan is in for a treat and the athlete in for a lot of work.

"We have one of the toughest and finest schedules in the country," said Dellinger. "It's exciting track for the fans, but I'm not excited about meeting UCLA (ranked #3 nationally last year) Washington State, San Jose State and Oregon State in a row. There is no break for an easy meet for our guys to recover. Nonetheless, it's an excellent schedule."

What about the NCAA's in Eugene?

"We have about 15-20 guys who have the potential to meet the qualifying standard to compete in the NCAA," Dellinger said. "Not all will score. Our potential for scoring lies with 2 or 3 people. We have the potential to be a good track team."



Seeing Rudy Chapa and Alberto Salazar finish in front of the pack has become second nature around Eugene. The two sophomores had excellent performances during the dual track season last year, and led Oregon to an NCAA cross country championship in Spokane, Wash., late last November.

That assessment by head coach Bill Dellinger includes what could be the key factor blocking success for the men's track team this year — injuries.

Injuries to two key athletes and the 14-man scholarship limit that will limit depth in many events could very well quash any Oregon hopes for bagging the NCAA track championship that will be up for grabs at Hayward Field in early June.

The injured are sprinter-hurdler Phil Bransom and weightman Dave Voorhees, both of whom have played vital roles in Oregon track the past few years. Bransom is out indefinitely with a leg injury

him in the 200, intermediate hurdles and anchoring the mile relay. It's like losing four people. That's how important he is."

This year, when he returns to health, Bransom will compete in the 110 high hurdles and 400 intermediate hurdle.

Dellinger does have Bransom's spots covered in the sprints by junior college transfers Andrew Banks and Don Coleman. Banks transferred from Lane Community College, where he finished third in the country among junior college athletes in the 100 meters last year.

Coleman has an injury at the moment (hamstring) as does re-

country last year.

"Thin" is the word Dellinger used to assess the Duck sprinting ranks.

The Ducks will also be weak in several other events. The 800 will be covered by dropping people down from the 1500, noted Dellinger, and in the 400 Oregon has only one strong entrant in transfer Greg Walton. Walton finished second and fourth in two years of national competition at the junior college level. This leaves the Ducks without a strong mile relay team.

The Ducks also have depth problems in the jumping events, with only one strong competitor in each

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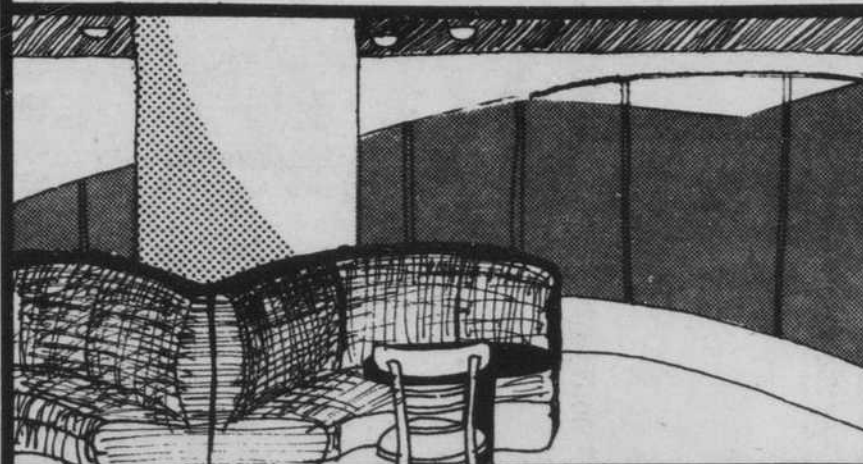
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