

Ducks in fair shape for Huskies

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Assistant Oregon track coach Frank Morris thinks the men's track team has a good chance of beating Washington in a dual meet between the schools in Seattle on Saturday.

"If the guys go up there with the attitude that they will have some real competition, we'll do well," said Morris. But then he qualified his statement.

"If we dally around...if we're lackadaisical, well, we'll wish we hadn't taken the ride up there. It will be a longer ride home."

According to Morris, the Ducks are in as good a shape as possible with the 14-man scholarship limit.

The Ducks are healthy for the meet with the exception of shot-putter Dave Voorhees' weak knee and sprinter Andrew Coleman's

sore leg. Both are expected to compete.

There is one event Morris is automatically conceding to the Huskies and that's the hammer throw. Washington fields two time Pac-8 and NCAA champion Scott Neilson, a junior from New Westminster, British Columbia. Neilson threw the hammer 229-10 last year and the closest the Ducks can come to that distance is John McArdle's 191-3 this year and his life time best of 195-4.

Neilson also throws the discus, but it is not his best event and Morris expects Arne Swan and Al Shibley to finish 1-2 if they throw like they are capable. Swan has thrown two feet farther than Neilson has this year and Shibley a foot less.

Another field event the Huskies look like they have sewn up is the javelin. Duncan Atwood and Tom Sinclair have both thrown farther

than has Oregon's number one javelin man Ron Perkins.

The high jump is the event the Huskies appear most vulnerable according to Morris. Washington's top jumper Lucien Moore is out for the season with a knee injury and the Huskies' number two Dave Menashe has a career best of 6-8½ and could only jump 6-6 last year. Oregon's only jumper, Jan From, has gone 6-10 this year.

It appears that the Ducks will have an easier time with the Husky hurdlers since Washington's world-class hurdler Robert "Spider" Gaines sprained an ankle playing football during spring break and will probably run only the 100 and 200 meter sprints. This seems to be a blessing in disguise since earlier this month the Ducks lost their top hurdler Phil Bransom for the season. Running in the 110 high hurdles for the Ducks will be Mike Chriss who has slightly faster times than the man the Huskies are likely to enter in that event, Dani Eitelman.

Morris said the Huskies will be strong in the 1500 and the steeplechase and could do well in the mile relay, which is not set and might not be all year long. "Bill (Dellinger, head coach) and I might have to run a leg," he claimed.



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Oregon sophomores Alberto Salazar (left), and Rudy Chapa will be leading the Duck distance runners against Washington in the meet at Seattle this weekend. This will be the Ducks' initial Pac-8 outing.

Women look for revenge against Husky spikers

Oregon's women's track team will tangle with its counterparts from Washington this Saturday in Seattle, and that can only mean another close meet.

Last year the Ducks lost 66-61 to the Huskies at Hayward Field, but this time around Tom Heinonen's crew will be looking to even the score.

"With the exception of the high jump and shot put," said Heinonen, the Oregon coach, "I think that we can be competitive in every event."

In those two events the Ducks are rather outgunned. The Huskies have two top high jumpers in Maggie Garrison and Sherri Felton. Garrison has cleared six feet in the event, and this year she is joined by Felton, who as a freshman is a 5-11 jumper.

Oregon now has the services of its top jumper, Kerri Clawson, who has cleared 5-8. Clawson recently finished basketball season.

In the shot put, UW boasts Caryl Van Pelt, who with a 49-10 ¾ effort is one of the top women in that event in the country. Van Pelt won both the shot put and discus for the Huskies in last year's meet, and might do the same this year. She'll have more competition in the discus, though, as the Ducks will counter her 156-foot effort with Mary Stephenson (156-8 lifetime best, 149-8 this season, and Kathy Picknell (148-2 this year).

The Oregon women broke three school records in last week's all-comers' meet at Hayward field. Debbie Adams, who had been practicing only one week since the end of basketball season, ran the 100 meters in 11.8, and Patty Kearney set the mark in the javelin with a 141-3 toss.

Oregon also had three runners better the old school record in the 5,000 meters, as Heather Tolford (17:10.3), Debbie Ritchey, (17:16.8) and Molly Morton (17:33.8) all broke the mark of 17:49.6.

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IM spring deadlines

Intramural Spring sports are underway, with several deadlines approaching in men's, women's and coed competition. The sign-up deadline for men's softball I and II, tennis and golf is April 4 at 2 p.m. The women's and coed softball I and II sign-up deadline will be April 5 at 4 p.m. Swimming and track deadlines for both women and men will be announced at a later date.

There will also be a number of all-campus championships this Spring. The sign-up deadline for mixed doubles tennis will be May 3 at 4 p.m.

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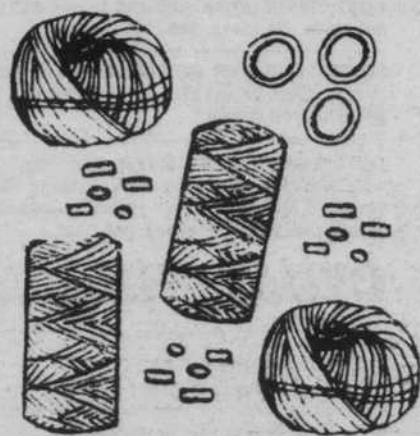
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