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Oregon, Washington State to fight for top dual meet ranking

By MARK STEWART
Of the Emerald

Last week coach Bill Dellinger thought his track team could beat UCLA with some breaks and good performances. The Ducks won, but this week Dellinger isn't saying who's going to win the Washington State meet Saturday at Hayward Field.

Last week, Oregon captured 32 of a possible 36 points in the distance events (800, 1500, 5,000, steeplechase). For the Ducks to pull off a repeat performance this week would be a nearly impossible feat because of Washington State's stable of distance men from Kenya.

Rudy Chapa ran a lifetime best in the 5,000 two weeks ago against Washington the same day that Washington State's Henry Rono set a world record in the event. Rono won the NCAA cross-country championship last fall and was second in the Pac-8 to teammate Joel Cheruiyot, and was named Pac-8 cross-country athlete of the year. Last spring

Rono was also the Pac-8 steeplechase champ.

Rono is just one of four runners the Cougars have from Kenya. The others include Cheruiyot (fifth in the NCAA cross-country meet), Joshua Kimento and Samson Kimombwa.

Kimombwa was Pac-8 champ last year in the 5,000 and 10,000 meter events. Washington State finished 1-2 in the 10,000. Suffice it to say the Ducks will have their hands full in the distance events.

To minimize the point damage the Kenyans will probably do the Ducks, Dellinger said he's going to put his distance men in their best events and hope they can break up what seems to be a Washington State strangle-hold in the distances. Chapa and Matt Centrowitz will double in the 800 and 1,500 and will be joined by Bruce Green in the 800. Bruce Nelson is being held out of the 800 this week because of a sore knee.

Dellinger said that Rono will probably enter the steeplechase to break up a possible 1-2 Duck

finish by Don Clary and Art Boileau.

In the past three meets, Dellinger has conceded both the 440 and the mile relays, but this week he's not conceding the 440 relay.

"We're close," said Dellinger of the 440 relay, "we may need to win one relay to win the meet."

Washington State's top sprinter Georges Kablan pulled a hamstring last weekend, but Dellinger said he wouldn't be surprised if Kablan showed up.

"We've gone up there for a meet before and guys who were supposed to be injured were competing well."

The Cougars' number two sprinter, Ian Campbell, finished second in the 100 in the Pac-8 last spring and will give Andrew Banks and Don Coleman a run for their money in the 100. Dellinger said losing Kablan will hurt the Cougars in the 200.

Washington State has a trio of high hurdlers who have run faster than Oregon's Mike Chriss and Chris Goodrich. The Cougars also have three who have run the 400 intermediate hurdles in less than 53 seconds, compared to Oregon's Jim Bell's best of 52.3.

Dellinger said the Ducks will have to really work for points in the field events. Although Washington State's Paul Baxton, second in the hammer in the Pac-8 last year, has red-shirted, Dwight Midles, third in the Pac-8 last year, will give the Ducks trouble. The Ducks could sweep the shot, go 1-3 in the hammer and 1-2 in the discus if all goes well, according to Dellinger.

The pole vault and high jump could also go either way. Both Washington State and Oregon have a pair of seven-foot high jumpers (Al Darnielle and Don Rasmussen for WSU and Jan From and Jon Ogard for Oregon) and 17-0 pole vaulters (Brian Worden for WSU and Tom Hintnaus for Oregon.)



Photo by Steve Schneider

Hurdlers Mike Chriss (L) and James Bell will both face tough competition this weekend as Oregon bids for its fourth straight dual meet win against Washington State at Hayward Field.

Women get a rest against Cougars

By KEVIN HACKETT
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After splitting two closely contested meets the last two weeks, the Oregon women's track team gets a breather this week against Washington State in a dual meet beginning at noon at Hayward Field Saturday.

Oregon coach Tom Heinonen

doesn't expect the Cougars to possess the caliber of overall competition that Washington and Seattle Pacific have had in the past two weeks. Oregon defeated Washington 67-60 and lost to Seattle Pacific last weekend 68-59 when the Ducks mile relay team was disqualified after apparently winning the race and the meet.

In last year's dual meet with WSU in Pullman, the Ducks took first in every event and crushed the Cougars 104-23. WSU does boast some outstanding individual performers though, Jeanne Eggart was the leading prep javelin thrower in the nation last year with a best of 155-2. The freshman from Walla Walla will battle

Oregon's Patty Kearney who broke the school javelin record on three consecutive throws last weekend and has a best of 143-11.

Heinonen said the Cougars also have a top sprinter in Wendy Tyus, and Mandy Kister should battle the Ducks for firsts in the long jump, high jump and hurdles.

Heinonen has decided to do a little experimenting in this meet, shifting many of his athletes into different events. Virtually all of the distance runners will participate in a race they haven't run previously this season. The exceptions are that Ellen Schmidt will remain in the 1,500 meters, and Heather Telford and Jennifer Daniell will

run their specialty — the 3,000 meters.

Sprinters Melanie Batiste and Dawna Rose will trade events for this meet. Rose will run the 100 and 200 meter dashes and Batiste will move up to run at 400 meters.

Heinonen pronounced the Ducks healthy except for discus thrower Mary Stevenson. Stevenson, who was one of three Ducks to break school records last weekend, is suffering from a slight muscle strain and is doubtful for the meet.

After three meets, Oregon has met the qualifying standards for fifteen spots in the national AIAW meet to be held in Knoxville, Tennessee May 25-27.

Duck tennis bombs L & C

Oregon dropped only one singles match in handling Lewis and Clark, 8-1, Thursday afternoon at the 15th Street courts.

Singles — Tom Greider, Oregon d. Jeff Schunk, L & C, 6-4, 6-3. Shipper Wells, L & C, Steve Bolstad, Oregon, 7-6, 6-4. Eric Lehot, Oregon d. Scott Sells, L & C, 6-1, 6-1. Tom Goldman, Oregon, d. Forest Reid, L & C, 6-2, 6-2. Jim Lowell, Oregon d. Don Reid, L & C, 6-1, 6-1. Don Holleman, Oregon d. Kent Toland, L & C, 6-0, 3-6, 6-2.

Doubles — Goldman-Greider, Oregon d. Schunk-Wells, L & C, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. Bolstad-Lehto, Oregon d. Reid-Sells, L & C, 7-5, 6-2. Mike Demong-Lowell, Oregon d. Reid-Toland, L & C, 6-2, 6-3.

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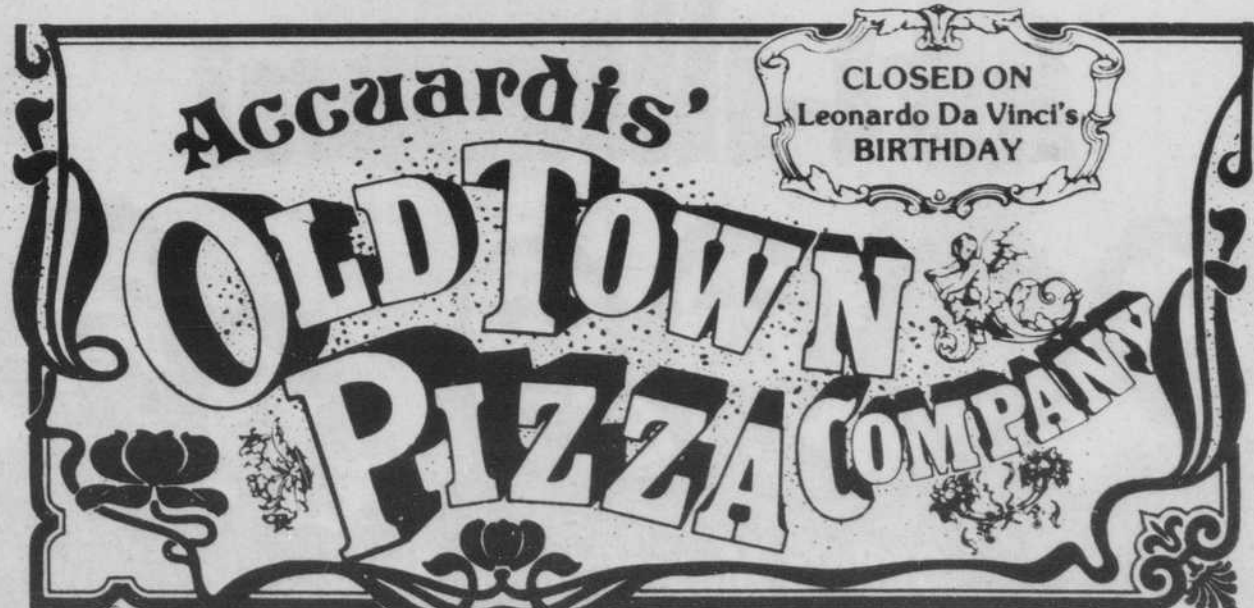
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