

This time it's San Jose

By MARK STEWART
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For the third week in a row, another one of the nation's best track teams comes to Eugene for a Saturday afternoon meet with the men's track team.

The Duck's opponent this weekend is San Jose State, the best track team in the Pacific Coast Athletic Association over the past seven years. In that time, San Jose State has finished second three times and first four times in league title meets and has a dual meet record of 68-16. Last year the Spartans finished first in the PCAA and 12th in the NCAA. In 1975, they were the best team

in the PCAA and fourth best in the nation.

According to assistant coach Frank Morris, San Jose is strong in all but the distance events. To get the Spartans to Eugene, the Ducks had to give up the steeplechase, which Oregon would have swept, Morris said.

San Jose State has two returning NCAA champions this year in Dedy Cooper and Ron Livers. Cooper was champ in the high hurdles and Livers first in the triple jump. Morris said the Ducks would have no trouble at all in those two events — they've been conceded to the Spartans.

Cooper has been world-ranked

in his specialty for the past two years, and was one of the world's best intermediate hurdlers in 1976. He finished fourth in the high hurdles in the 1976 Olympic Trials.

San Jose State's Mike Kirkman gives the Spartans a good one-two punch in the high hurdles. Both he (14.1) and Cooper (13.8) have recorded faster times this year than the Duck's Mike Chriss (14.89) and Chris Goodrich (14.81).

Livers, in addition to being NCAA champ in the triple jump, set the NCAA record in the event in the US-USSR meet last year, the longest triple jump in the world last year. As a freshman, Livers set the world record in the high jump at 7-1/4, but has not come close to that mark this year. He was PCAA champ last year, jumping 6-10, and has gone 7-1 this spring.

San Jose State could give Oregon real trouble in the high jump, with Keith Nelson and Sly Pritchett both having cleared seven feet this year. Oregon's Jon Ogard and Jan From both cleared that height.

In the sprints, San Jose's Ron Whitaker and Marcus Washington will give Andrew Banks and Don Coleman all they can handle. Whitaker red-shirted last year, but in 1976 he was second in the PCAA in the 200 and fourth in the 100. In 1975 he was fourth in the NCAA in the 200. Washington, a freshman, has run 10.4 in the 100.

In the pole vault, the Spartans have a 17-6 vaulter in Greg Woepse, though he has only cleared 16-6 this year. How well Oregon will do depends on how well Tom Hintnaus has recovered from missing the vaulting pit in practice before the UCLA meet.

The Ducks are also threatened in the javelin by Frank Dajak, the 1977 PCAA champ, who has a lifetime best of 248-0 and a best this year of 222-7. Oregon counters with Ron Perkins (season best of 223-3 1/2) and Todd Lovell (best of 220-11).

Oregon has a little breathing room in the shot put, with both Jeff Stover and Dave Voorhees having thrown better than Bob Feuerbach and Bob Gummerson (both 58-8 1/4). Vince Goldsmith of Oregon is right behind with a best throw this year of 58-6 1/4.

In the distances, Oregon should have a relatively easy time.

Women comb Northwest in search of AIAW marks

By KEVIN HACKETT
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Following three straight dual meets, the Oregon women's track team will spread out across the Northwest in an attempt to qualify various teams and individuals for the AIAW national championships to be held in Knoxville, Tenn. in May.

Coach Tom Heinonen's athletes will be competing in Eugene, Gresham and Seattle over the

IM track meet to start today

The University's Intramural department will begin its 1978 track and field meet Friday, April 21, with preliminary competition in five events, a final competition in the 880-yard run and sign-ups for the mile run.

The men's events will start at 3:30 p.m., while the women's competition in each event is scheduled to start following the running of each men's event.

All entries will be accepted at the Hayward Field track, with the maximum number of events any one person can enter set at three. Track spikes are not allowed.

Events scheduled to be today are the 70-yard hurdles, 440-yard run, 100-yard dash, 440 relay, long jump and 880-yard run. Contestants for the one mile run must register for the Tuesday's final today.

Men's and Women's Events

1. 70 hurdles (39") — Prelims Friday, April 21. Finals Friday, April 28.
2. 440-yard run — Prelims Friday, April 21. Finals Friday, April 28.
3. One mile — Finals only but contestants must sign-up for event on Friday, April 21. Finals Tuesday, April 25.
4. 100-yard dash — Prelims Friday, April 21. Finals Friday, April 28.
5. 440-yard relay — Prelims Friday, April 21. Finals Friday, April 28.
6. Shot (12 pounds) — Prelims Tuesday, April 25. Finals Friday, April 28.
7. Long jump — Prelims Friday, April 21. Finals Friday, April 28.
8. High jump — Final event Tuesday, April 25.
9. 880-yard run — Final event Friday, April 21, 4:30 p.m.

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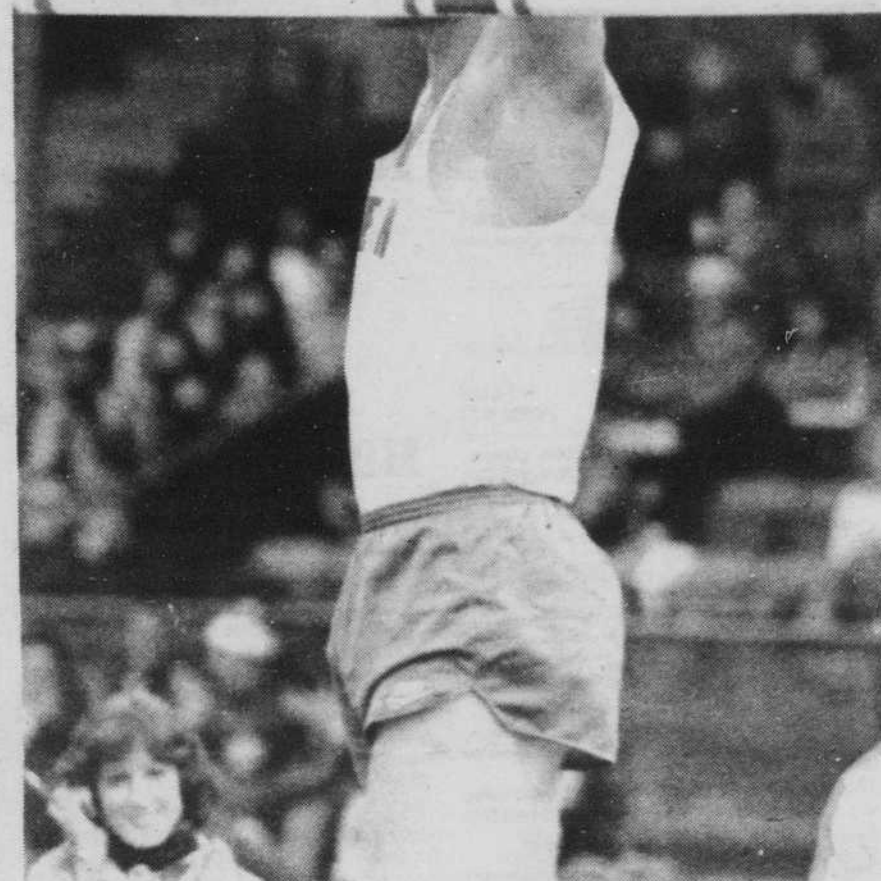


Photo by Mike Baer

Oregon high jumper Jan From will face three seven-foot jumpers from San Jose State this Saturday as the Spartans visit Hayward Field at 12:30.

Jack Patera to coach alums

Jack Patera, a former offensive guard at Oregon and now the head coach of the Seattle Seahawks professional football team, will coach the alumni in the varsity-alumni game that will cap Oregon's spring training drills.

The game is scheduled for Saturday, May 13.



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