

Women's depth has them favored over Oregon State

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Oregon's depth should once again provide the needed edge against Oregon State Saturday at Hayward Field in the final women's dual meet of the year.

The Ducks are 2-1 in dual meet competition this year, defeating Washington and Washington State and losing to Seattle Pacific.

Last weekend Coach Tom Heinonen had his athletes competing in four different locales. Kori Hasselblad achieved a lifetime best of 3,215 points in the Oregon Pentathlon and the mile relay team of Debbie Adams, Melanie Batiste, Dawna Rose and Georgene Rose ran a season best time of 3:48.2 at the Seattle Relays.

Oregon State will come to town with several top individual competitors, particularly in the field events.

The meet's first event, the javelin, should be one of the more interesting of the day. Oregon's Patty Kearney will try to get back in the groove that has enabled her

to improve 22 feet in the event this year. After throwing consistently in the 140's all year, Kearney slipped in the rain and mud to only 135 feet at the Mt. Hood Relays last weekend. Kearney set the current Oregon record in the event of 154-11 against WSU two weeks ago. Kearney will be tested by OSU's Kitsy Hall. Hall, a freshman from Rogue River, holds the national prep record in the event of 165-5½.

Jean Melson, the state AA champion in both the shot and the discus last year, will challenge Oregon throwers Maggie Bonn, Kathy Picknell and Mary Stevenson. Melson, a freshman from Tillamook, will battle Bonn and Picknell in the shot. Melson has a season best of 42-1½ while Bonn's season best is a half inch short of that mark and Picknell is two feet behind them. Picknell and Stevenson should have an easier time with Melson in the discus.

Melson hasn't been able to crack the 140 foot mark this year. Picknell and Stevenson have both thrown over 140 in each of the last four meets.

Other Beavers to watch will be Cathy Kvavie in the 100 meter hurdles and Anne Fischer, who was the national junior college champion in the high jump last year.

Heinonen held most of his distance runners out of competition last weekend. He intends on letting them get their competitive edge back by running them in unfamiliar events.

Ellen Schmidt, who usually runs at 800 and 1,500 meters, will move up to the 3,000. Long distance stars Heather Tolford and Debbie Richie will move down to the 1,500 and 800 respectively.

"I want to keep things low key this week and then go for the really good times in the Twilight Meet next week," Heinonen said.

Fortunately, Blazermania hasn't hit the team this year and Heinonen said his athletes are remaining relatively injury-free. Stevenson and Schmidt were both bothered by muscle pulls early in the year, but Heinonen said they've both recovered nicely.

Oregon tennis is still the underdog, but looks to change that in Washington

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For three days, the Oregon men's tennis squad will attempt to put an underdog image to rest.

Tuttle leads, Ducks fifth

PHOENIX — Led by Scott Tuttle's scoring seven-under-par, Oregon rests in fifth place after the first round of the Sun Devil-Phoenix Thunderbird Classic here.

Tuttle, the tournament co-leader, was followed by nine other golfers who broke the seventy barrier. Arizona State leads the first round with a 344 total, followed by Brigham Young with 350. Oregon's 355 trails fourth-place USC by three strokes.

The Oregon senior's 65 was his lowest round as a collegiate and came at the McCornick Gold Ranch, the Sun Devil's home course.

Team scores — Arizona State 344, Brigham Young 350, San Diego State 352, Southern Cal 352, Oregon 355.
Individual scores — Oregon, Scott Tuttle 65, Jeff Sanders 72, Scott Krieger 74, Doug Hixson 76, Jon Hesselwood 77.

Duck coach Buzz Summers will have his troupe searching for respectability when they open in the Husky invitational tournament in Seattle starting today and concluding Sunday.

But the tournament will have a new approach.

"This tournament has a little different format," says Summers Wednesday afternoon. "We will be playing on different tournament flights. All the number one men from each team will play each other as will the number two men and so on down the team roster. The same procedure will be done for the doubles.

"Then the individual championships for each flight will be determined and the team championship decided."

Whatever the format is, Summers' Ducks, who headed for Seattle early Thursday afternoon, have a goal in mind.

"We are definite underdogs," Summers says. "The Huskies will be favored along with Idaho. We will be fighting for third. If we do that I will be pleased."

Washington, an 8-1 winner over the Ducks this season, will feature

a parade of talented players headed by Tom Wall, Chris Romney, and Californian Rick Grant. The Huskies' rival from Pullman, Washington State, will counter with an international lineup among the top three. Along with Cougar number one man Roger Tyzer from Australia, will be Canadian Jim Lees and South African Trevor Schneider.

"They are going to be waiting for us," says Oregon's Tom Greider of the Cougars, who the Ducks edged 5-4 at home earlier this year.

Among others scratching for the title will be the University of Portland, who features a pair of fine Canadian netters. But Summers sights a Pilot liability.

"They are being hurt by the rain," he explains. "They have not been practicing for several days now." Portland does not have indoor court facilities.

Among others will be Seattle University, a 7-2 victim to Oregon this season and whom Summers describes as "not quite as strong as the other teams."

Rounding out the eight-team lineup are Boise State and Pacific Lutheran.



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Senior shotputter Maggie Bonn will be competing in the final dual meet of her career as the Ducks take on OSU in the other half of the double attraction at Hayward Field Saturday.

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