

Athletics West tests Ducks in Twilight

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Oregon steeplechasers Mike Friton (R) and Don Clary will be racing themselves this Saturday night at the Twilight meet. Sprinter Don Coleman (background) may also see action after a two-week layoff.

Oregon must win this weekend against hot Huskies in Seattle

Mel Krause is hoping for the best.

Oregon's head coach will lead his squad into Seattle tomorrow to face Washington's Huskies in a do-or-die three game series. One game is scheduled to start today at 3 p.m. with a double header on tap for Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m.

The Ducks trail Washington State by five games with six left to play in the Northern Division season. Winning all three games against the Huskies is especially important to Krause and Oregon, especially since the Ducks dug themselves into a hole by dropping

four tilts to WSU last weekend.

Krause's squad will be facing a Washington team that has improved since it lost three straight to Oregon at Howe Field, April 7 and 8, in the Northern Division opener for both schools.

The Huskies are in the midst of their best play of the season. Last weekend Oregon State found how hot Washington is, losing three of four games on its own field. The Huskies rapped out 18 hits in a second game 12-6 victory in that series.

Oregon will be held by Tom Dodd, who is hitting over .350 and

has nine homers, five off Jim Willis' school record. Dean Kegler, (7-2) will start one of the games for Oregon, as will Glenn Fisher, who threw a two-hitter against Lewis and Clark Tuesday. Adam Berlin is a probable starter this weekend.

Eugene All-Stars beat Oregon

Led by former Oregon State star Roger McKee, the Eugene All-Stars tennis team held an edge in doubles competition to beat Oregon, 5-4, in action yesterday. McKee topped the Ducks' number one singles player, Jim Wilson, in straight sets, and came back with George Carlson to beat Wilson and Tom Goldman in the doubles competition.

Russ Childers and Tom Greider captured the lone doubles match for Oregon.

Eugene All-Stars 5, Oregon 4

Singles — Roger McKee, AS, d. Jim Wilson, Oregon, 6-2, 6-2. Russ Childers, Oregon, d. George Carlson, AS, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2. Tom Greider, Oregon, d. Vic Christenson, AS, 6-4, 0-6, 6-4. Eric Lehto, Oregon, d. Bill Hoyt, AS, 6-2, 6-1. Jerry Farmer, AS, d. Tom Goldman, Oregon 2-6, 6-2, 6-0. Lee Young, AS, d. Don Holman, Oregon 6-2, 6-3.

Exhibition singles — Rune Bogir, AS, d. Jim Lowell, Oregon, 7-6, 6-2. Mike Demong, Oregon, d. Larry Vollum, AS, 6-2, 7-5.

Doubles — McKee-Carlson, d. Wilson-Goldman, 6-4, 6-2. Childers-Greider, d. Christenson-Hoyt, 7-6, 7-5. Farmer-Young, d. Lehto-Lowell, 6-4, 7-5.

Exhibition doubles — Demong-Holan, d. Bogir-Charg Jackson, 6-4, 6-4.

Ducks face Kamikazes in wheelchair basketball

A wheelchair game between the members of the Oregon basketball team and the Eugene Kamikaze Wheelchair Club will highlight the Oregon Wheelchair Games this weekend.

The Kamikazes, a 19-member team including five university students, will provide chairs and a battle a contingent from the Ducks team at Mac Court. Game time is 8 p.m. Friday.

On Saturday, 50 handicapped competitors will play against each other in the 1978 Oregon Wheelchair game. Table tennis is scheduled at 9 a.m. at B-14 Gerlinger followed by weight lifting at Hayward Field at 11 a.m. Other

events include swimming and water polo at Leighton Pool and a 3.5 cross-country race at 5 p.m., before the Twilight Meet.

On Sunday, Olympic and National competitors will battle in track and field events at Hayward Field. At 9 a.m. the field events are scheduled to be followed by an obstacle course race at noon. The track events will start at 1 p.m. and finish at four p.m.

Tickets for the basketball game priced at \$2 are available at the athletic department and at the door. The other games are free and the public is encouraged to see the wheelchair action.

Athletics West will showcase its stable of some of America's top distance runners this Saturday at the Twilight meet at Hayward Field, but coach Harry Johnson said his athletes won't be trying to set the world on fire during their first meet of the season.

"We're not going to run big, hot races," said Johnson of his runners. "We'll be trying to find out where we're at. I've got no expectations about results."

Leading the Eugene-based club are 1976 Olympian Craig Virgin and runner-up in the 1978 Boston Marathon, Jeff Wells.

Virgin, who was the 1975 NCAA cross-country champion, and Wells will be joined by teammate Jeff Lodwick, another 1978 Boston Marathon runner, in the 10,000. Oregon's only entrant in the event will be junior Steve McChesney.

According to Johnson, Wells and Lodwick might not run too well because they are still feeling the side effects of the marathon.

"It takes about three weeks to recover," said Johnson about Wells and Lodwick. "I don't know what to expect from them. I told them to take a conservative approach to the race and feel their way around."

In the 3,000, Athletics West will have Tiny Kane and Mike Manke. Kane has a personal best time of 3:39.3 in the 1,500 and Manke was fourth in the 1976 Olympic Trials in the 1,500. Johnson, who said he is having his athletes running longer distances than they will run later in the summer, except for those in the 10,000, said that Manke will be in his first 3,000 ever. Entered in the event for Oregon will be Alberto Salazar and Bill McChesney.

Athletics West will challenge Rudy Chapa in the 5,000 with George Malley, who set the American record in the steeplechase last year. When asked if Malley would give Chapa a good race, Johnson said "Rudy is very fit; I don't know where George is at. I'd be a fool if I told him to run with Chapa. I told him to run with his training in perspective."

Johnson, who said his team consists of post-graduate runners, is gearing the team's training for summer meets in Europe. "It doesn't make much sense to run in Oregon in March and April. I even question racing in May. I don't expect us to be in some of the races. Athletics West athletes are entered only in the 3,000, 5,000 and 10,000.

Oregon coach Bill Dellinger expects the Athletics West gang to run tough despite the lack of competition this early in their season.

"(Steve) McChesney is not capable of running with Virgin," said Dellinger. "The 3,000 will be interesting between Matt Centowitz and Salazar and Kane and Manke. It will be a tough race."

The Twilight Meet is basically an intra-squad meet with some invited competitors. One of those invited is Colin Anderson of the University of Chicago Track Club, who has put the shot 66 feet. He will give Jeff Stover, Dave Voorhees and Vince Goldsmith stiff competition. Voorhees, Stover and red-shirt Ray Burton will compete on Sunday in the UCLA-Pepsi Invitational Meet in Los Angeles against some of the best collegians in the country.

Pole vaulter Tom Hintnaus, who missed the vaulting pit again on Saturday warming up for Oregon State meet, will be back in action in the Twilight. According to Dellinger, Hintnaus discovered he was having problems with one particular pole and has switched. "It was his decision that it was the pole and not him and that is helping his confidence," said Dellinger.



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