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Matt Centrowitz (129)



Photos by Mark Stewart

Centrowitz looks for hot finish

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Immediately thoughts come back of a 3:36.7 1,500 meter time, set in 1976, and still the best for that distance in the Pac-8. Something even more vivid is Centrowitz's second place finish in the 1,500 in the 1976 Olympic Trials, allowing him to represent the U.S. in that event in Montreal.

However, since that time, Cen-

trowitz has not reached the level of success he attained in 1976. Last year he suffered from a sinus problem at the beginning of the year, then, just when he was riding himself of the problem, he was involved in an auto accident and didn't run too well after that.

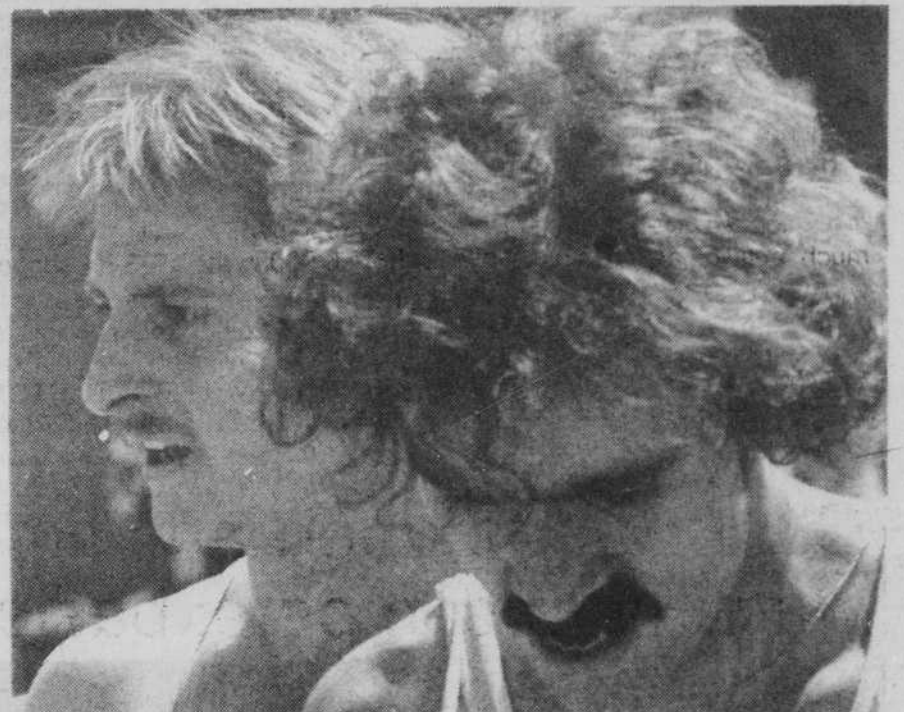
He performed poorly in last year's NCAA championship, finishing sixth in his heat of the 1,500.

Things didn't look too good for Centrowitz, but he showed his true colors by marking up his best time of the year in the Prefontaine Classic, finishing in 13:42.69 in the 5,000 meter run.

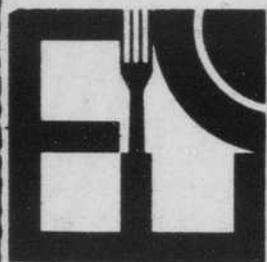
Centrowitz and his coach, Bill Dellinger, are hoping for the same kind of late-season performance from the senior.

Centrowitz finished fourth in the Pac-8 1,500 meter race won by teammate Rudy Chapa in Corvallis last weekend, but he's hoping to do better in the NCAA meet to be held here June 1-3.

Chances are he will.



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