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Oregon following expected lines in NCAA



Don Clary of Oregon qualified for Saturday's steeplechase final, as he passed Utah's Mickey Morris and the rest of his heat to win in a time of 8:45.67. Clary was one of nine Oregon qualifiers.

Nine Ducks qualify Thursday but Coleman fails in 100 meter try, Rono sets NCAA meet marks

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Oregon athletes performed about as expected and Washington State's Henry Rono set two NCAA meet records during the first day of qualifying at the NCAA meet Thursday.

Rono set the new marks in qualifying heats of the steeplechase and 5,000 meters. His steeplechase time of 8:18.63 was 22 seconds better than the second place finisher in the heat, and broke the record set 1976 by James Munyala of Texas-El Paso, by six seconds. Rono's 5,000 time of 13:21.9 also broke the Hayward Field mark set by Steve Prefontaine in 1972. Prefontaine also owned the old NCAA 5,000 record.

Nine of the 16 Ducks that qualified for the meet successfully made it through the first day of qualifications. Of the seven who could not perform well enough to move on to either the semi-finals or finals in their events, sprinter Don Coleman was the only real surprise of the group. Coleman finished fifth in his heat in the 100 and needed to finish fourth to continue competing. He was disap-

pointed with his performance.

"I'm not in shape," Coleman said dejectedly after his heat, which was won by USC's Clancy Edwards. "I've had no training because of the rain. Last week after the Pac-8 meet was pitiful. I had a chance to go train in Arizona or (Las) Vegas last week and I didn't take it." He was also disturbed at being assigned lane eight.

"I don't know how I got lane eight. You don't know where you are in lane eight."

But Coleman's teammate, Andrew Banks, qualified for both the 100 and 200 semi-finals today, running both times in the same heat as two-time 100 champ, Auburn's Harvey Glance, who also won the 200 in 1976. Banks was pleased with his efforts.

"It was good that I had to do that," Banks said of his 200 sprint, where he had to come back from seventh to fourth place, to earn a spot in the semis. "I knew where Glance was and that helped me. I came off the curve well. I can come off the curve with anybody."

Two Ducks finished first in their heats, Don Clary in the steeplechase and Matt Centrowitz in the

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