

Ducks and Kenyans square off Saturday

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Oregon's men's cross country team gets its first taste of scoring competition in Saturday's Pac-10 Northern Division meet in Pullman, Wash.

While coaches from Oregon, Oregon State, Washington and Washington State aren't taking the meet too seriously because they're looking ahead to the Pac-10 meet in two weeks, the meet will feature the first head-to-head competition of the year between Oregon and Washington State.

"I'd prefer not to run against Washington State the next three weeks, but it (the northern division meet) will let us know where we stand," coach Bill Dellinger says.

Just because Dellinger may be looking past the meet toward the Pac-10 and national meets, that doesn't mean the athletes are looking past Henry Rono and crew from Washington State.

"I'm looking forward to running against them," junior college transfer Ken Marten says of the Cougars' Kenyans. "I've never ran in competition like this before and I want to see what it's like. They are world-class guys and I really want to see where I stack up."

Don Clary said he thinks that running against Washington State on its home course will be a plus for the Ducks because the Kenyans can't cope with a varied terrain.

"Last year we beat them badly because they couldn't run on the hills," Clary says. "They run better on a flat course."

Another factor that the Ducks think will help them is that they know what to expect — both running against the Kenyans and national class competition — because of their experience.

"The Kenyans will try to take us out hard and burn us out," Clary says.

The Kenyans have a technique they use to leave other runners eating dust — the surge. But this year Chapa and Salazar will be ready.

"Al and myself talked about it last year," Chapa says of the tactic. "We've been working on it hard this year."

"Every year we've become a little more calloused to the tactic they use," Salazar said.

"They have really worked over the first two years," Chapa continues. "I'm more confident and sure of myself and will try to race more aggressively this year. We know what they will do. We know where they will burst."

Both Chapa and Salazar, and to a lesser extent the rest of the team, have been working on the surging technique. Basically, the surge is an attempt to break a competitor's spirit by speeding up over a short distance and leaving him behind.

"The fact they (Chapa and Salazar) didn't get to go to Europe (to run) for the summer has them a little hungry," Dellinger says. That and an article in Track and Field News last year which stated that injuries to Washington State and a sub-par performance by Texas-El Paso allowed Oregon to sneak in the back door for the title, has the team more than hungry for another championship. Saturday will be the first step in the Ducks' quest for a second straight title.

Team analysis—

OREGON — The team is fit, but could be a bit tired from not having tapered for the meet. The Ducks return all five scorers from last year's meet, when all five finished in the top 10. Depth and experience could be deciding factors — Salazar finished ninth, Clary 12th, Chapa 27th and McChesney 28th in last year's national meet, which the Ducks won. Top newcomer is junior college transfer Ken Marten from Lane CC, who finished fourth last year in the national junior col-

lege meet. COACHES CONSENSUS — FIRST.

OREGON STATE — The Beavers are improved from last year, according to coach Steve Simmons, but most team members are walk-ons. They finished fifth out of 22 teams in the Ft. Casey Invitational earlier this fall in Washington. Senior Dan Fulton, who finished ninth, was Oregon State's top scorer. The last time the Beavers won a NCAA title was 1963, but it will take more than a miracle for the Beavers to win another this year. COACHES CONSENSUS — FOURTH.

WASHINGTON — Injuries have decimated the Husky ranks. Bill Stolp, the number one runner the past two years, has a chronic tendonitis condition that will hamper his effort, Chris Villani has a blood disorder and Mark Van a touch of pemonia. Bill McClement has become the Huskies number one runner by default, but does

not have the talent of Stolp. Coach Dixon Farmer said McClement is aggressive and has savvy, but it will take a lot of both to overcome the talent of Oregon and Washington State. COACHES CONSENSUS — THIRD.

WASHINGTON STATE — The Cougars have four world-class runners from Kenya in Henry Rono, Joel Cheryiot, Samson Kimombwa and Josh Kimeto. Rono set the track world on fire last summer with world records in the steeplechase, 3,000, 5,000, and 10,000 meters, but he is tired and not in top condition. Neither are Cheryiot nor Kimombwa. Kimeto is in good condition, but has historically not been one of the better Kenyans. Fifth-man Rob Evans has little experience at 10,000 meters, which makes the Cougars' depth suspect. Unless Oregon falters seriously the Cougars will see Lemon and Green ahead. COACHES CONSENSUS — SECOND.

New recreational facility planned

A recreational facility to be located between the Willamette River and the railroad tracks near the footbridge leading to Autzen Stadium is in the early stages of planning according to David Row of the University Physical Plant.

The facility will consist of four soccer fields, one rugby field and other smaller courts for volleyball.

The playing fields, which will be of a special natural turf that dries quickly for year-round use, are being built for Club Sports, physical education classes and intramural activities, "not for intercollegiate sports," Row stresses.

After having discussed the idea for two years, the Club Sports, P.E. department and Student Services organizations felt the playing fields would provide the additional space so badly needed.

The construction will cost approximately one million dollars and will be paid for with money from the student building fund and other general funds.

Women booters set for action; men resting after sound defeat

The Oregon women's club soccer team will have two league matches in Washington this weekend, while the men will have the weekend off.

The women face Washington State in Pullman Saturday morning, then come back Sunday to face Whitman in Walla Walla.

Oregon has played both teams this year, falling to the Cougars 6-1 and defeating Whitman by a

game-winner came with about 10 minutes remaining in the contest.

The men's league record dropped to 2-3 when they were defeated 5-0 by Simon Fraser at the Canadian school's field. Oregon's defense, which had played well in recent victories over Pacific Lutheran and Western Washington, couldn't withstand the offen-

sive onslaught of the nation's fifth-ranked team.

The men will be idle until Nov. 4, when they play host to Seattle at Autzen Stadium.

"It was a combination of their superior ability and our inexperience," said Duck Coach Mike Davis. "We didn't play too badly actually."

1-0 score last Sunday. The Ducks, owners of a 3-3 Northwest Collegiate Soccer Conference record, will have momentum coming off two recent home victories.

Sharon Refvem scored Oregon's lone goal in the victory over Whitman, while Nancy Lasse booted home the game-winner in the women's Monday night 2-1 win over Lewis and Clark.

The game had been tied 1-1 at the half with Oregon's goal coming from Leilani Luke who had started the year as goalie until suffering an injury in the loss to Washington State. Lasse's

sports haps

Sailing

The sailing team will hold a meeting in the EMU tonight at 7:30. The room number will be posted on the EMU bulletin board.

Golf

The Oregon men's intercollegiate golf team will participate in the three-day, 72 hole Stanford Invitational beginning today.

Outdoors

The Eugene Mountain Rescue will present a slide show at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Room 107, Lawrence Hall.

The pre-trip meeting for the Duffy Lake clean-up will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the Outdoor Program office, Room 23 in the EMU.

Intramurals

The manager's meeting for the first and second place football teams for drawings for championship playoffs will be held today at 3:30 p.m. in 116 Eslinger Hall.

The two-mile cross-country meet will be held at the intramural track at 3:45 today.

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