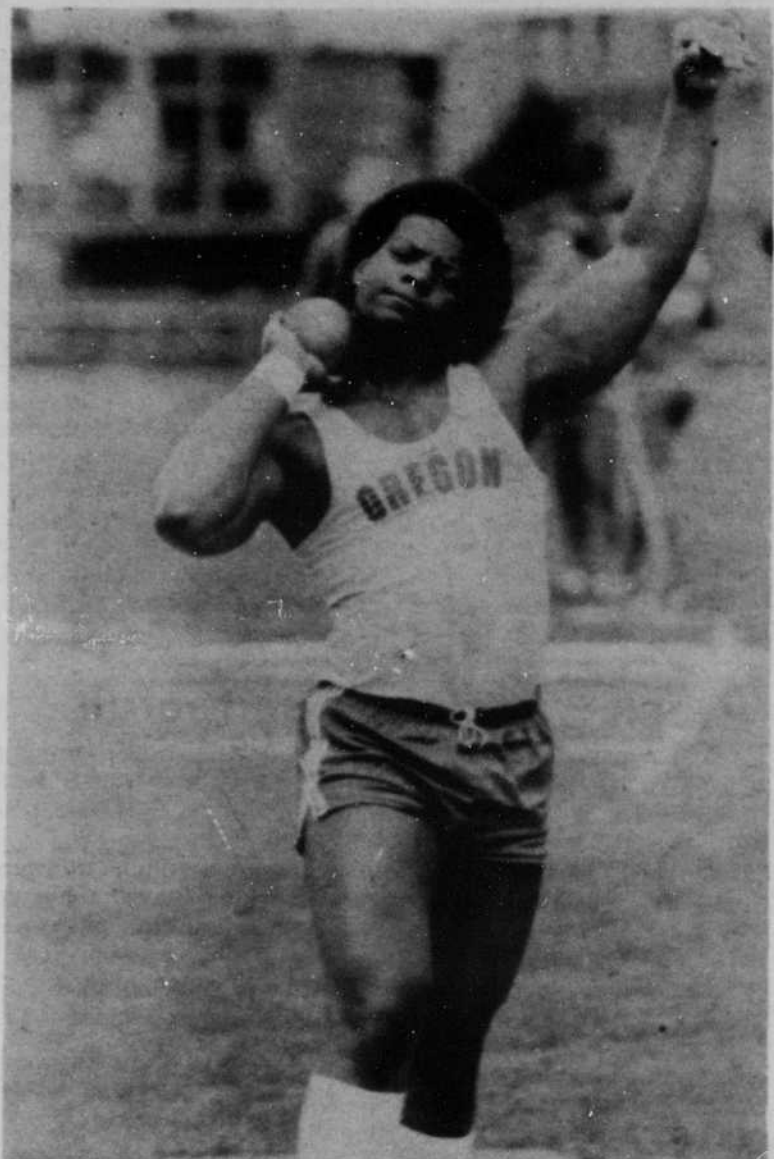


Ducks seek second dual win over UCLA



The Ducks' Vince Goldsmith, who set a personal best of 61-6 in the shot put last week, will be in the limelight again this Saturday as Oregon takes on UCLA at Hayward Field.

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This year's track season — only three weeks old — already seems to be approaching a climax for the Oregon Ducks and the UCLA Bruins.

The two teams will challenge each other with some of the top athletes in the nation Saturday at Hayward Field as the Ducks go after their second straight conquest of last year's NCAA runners-up.

"In a meet like this," says Oregon coach Bill Dellinger, "every event is a key event. In every event, we have a chance of winning and in those we can't win, we have to take second."

As in past Oregon-UCLA meets, the Ducks should dominate the middle and long distance while the Bruins will rule the sprints and jumping events. Oregon coach Bill Dellinger agrees.

"To offset their strength in the horizontal jumps," says Dellinger, "we have to counter with at least a 1-2 (first and second place finish) — if not a sweep — in the 800 meters, 1,500 and 5,000."

"The Bruins have three long jumpers — Chip Berson, Dokie Williams, and Scott Stauch — who have gone over 25 feet, while the Ducks' top man this year is Jon Ogard with a season best of 23-4. In the triple jump, UCLA has three jumpers over the 51-foot mark, while Oregon is led by Gary Lacey's season best of 50-4.

Oregon's return to power in the distance events was underscored at last week's dual meet with the University of Washington. When Rudy Chapa ran to a school record of 13:19.2 in the 5,000 meters. This week, though, Chapa will run both the 800 and the 1,500, while Alberto Salazar runs the 1,500 and 5,000. Leading the Ducks in the steeplechase will be Don Clary, who ran the race in 8:42.11 two weeks

ago against Brigham Young. Larry Hurst, who won the event last week when Clary competed in the 5,000, has a season best of 9:01 and a career mark of 8:40.8. UCLA may offer a challenge in that event, according to Dellinger.

"UCLA has a good steeplechaser (Roger Watkin, with a best of 8:50.88), but I noticed they did not run him last week (against the University of California), probably resting him up for this week's meet."

With the number of mismatches in many of the events, most of the attention will be centered on the team race. The Bruins had taken 10 straight dual meets from Oregon until last year, when the Ducks won, 83-71 at Hayward Field.

This year, the Ducks have gone over the 100-point mark in three successive dual meets against Cal-Irvine, Brigham Young and Washington, while the Bruins field a 4-1 record. UCLA defeated California last week, 86-68, after an 83-71 loss to Tennessee in Los Angeles.

The premier event at this year's meet may be the shot put, as UCLA will send Dave Laut, last year's NCAA champion, against the Ducks' Jeff Stover. Stover set a personal record of 65-3 against the Huskies last week. Laut also set a personal record of 66-55 last week and is favored, but Dellinger says Stover has a good shot at upsetting Laut.

"Jeff's been throwing well all week and I think he'll have a good day against UCLA," says the coach, "but he's also throwing against the top shot putter in the nation."

The shot put won't be a two-way affair, though, as Laut and Stover are joined by UCLA's Marcus Gordien (63-6.75) and Oregon's Vince Goldsmith (61-6). Gordien and Goldsmith each set personal bests last week.

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In fact, the Portland coach says the Blazer's 107-103 loss in Phoenix in the opening game of the best-of-three series Tuesday night should give his team confidence.

"We didn't play very well down there and we still almost won," Ramsay said as the Blazers went through a workout Thursday at the University of Portland.

"We just have to execute our offense well," Ramsay said.

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