UW meets Ducks on unfriendly field

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Pity the poor Washington Huskies, who got bombed 100-63 in Seattle last year by the Oregon track team.

They must face the Ducks again this year, but this time in the unfriendly confines of Eugene's Hayward Field, and against an Oregon team that head coach Bill Dellinger calls "stronger than a year ago."

And when Dellinger says the Ducks are stronger this year, he's not talking about potential — he's talking of the marks Oregon has already posted in a pair of invitational meets in Baton Rouge, La., and Eugene.

"I think we cover all of the events this year," says Dellinger. "Some are thin but we cover them better than last year."

Two surprises for Dellinger were the performances of a pair of freshmen at the LSU Invitational last weekend.

Lamar Hurd triple-jumped 50-3¼, the fifth-best mark in Oregon history, and Don Ward clocked 50.99 in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles, moving him into second on the all-time Oregon list.

Dellinger and assistant coach Dennis Whitby had expected the pair to eventually achieve performances of last weekend's quality, but not this early in their freshman seasons.

"He's got the tools," Whitby says of Ward. "He came to us as a very raw talent. But I wasn't surprised by his time, because he has tremendous confidence in his abilties."

While Ward came to Oregon with national-level credentials, including being the top high school intermediate hurdler in the nation (the preps run 300 meters rather than 400), Hurd enrolled as a Duck after having received only regional recognition.

Hurd won three titles at the state meet in Washington - both jumps and the high hurdles — but only had bests of 23-7 in the long jump and 48-6 in the triple jump.

"Initially we offered only a partial scholarship," says Whitby. "As he got better we offered him more and more. We finally offered him a full ride, because we needed a long and triple jumper really bad."

The 100 and 200 are the Huskies strong suit, with last year's national prep leader, Bernard Jackson, teaming with former junior college star LaNorris Marshall and the 1980 Oregon prep champ (in both events), Byron Howell.

"They are sharp. They are coming off a heavy indoor program," says Whitby. "We know they are good at 60 (meters), but a lot depends on how good they are at 200."

Oregon's main obstacle to Washington's hopes in the 100 and 200 is transfer student Larry Bradley, who sat out last season after going to the semifinals in the 200 at the NCAA championships the previous year.

The 400 offers the Ducks' Parrish Nixon (47.93 last weekend, lifetime best of 47.46) against Jackson (lifetime best of 46.77), John Kozol (47.03) and Zvonko Stankovic (46.73).

In the javelin, the Huskies have a pair of 250-plus throwers, while the Ducks will counter with defending Pac-10 titlist Reidar Lorentzen (265-0 last weekend, lifetime best of 286-6) and possibly Frode Stormry (lifetime best of 254-0), who is recovering from an injury.

Finally, the Ducks will have two 60-plus shot putters - Vince Goldsmith and Dean Crouse - facing Jeff Johnson, who has a best of 58-7 ½.

"Looking at the marks, they look about the same while we look to be improved," says Whitby.

New faces, returnees ready for track duel against Huskies

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As the women's dual meet track season gets underway Saturday, coach Tom Heinonen is eager to immerse the Duck newcomers in the Hayward Field madness.

The women's track team will face the University of Washington in their first dual meet of the year.

"We want the freshmen to get their feet wet in front of an Oregon crowd," Heinonen said at Wednesday's rainy practice. "They're scared."

But even if they're a bit nervous, Oregon's freshmen don't lack talent.

Last weekend at the Martin Luther King Games, two newcomers tied or broke school records in their events.

Karen McDonald broke Kathy Picknell's discus record of 161-6 with a 161-9 toss at the King Games. McDonald's best is 163-2, set while at Watertown High School in South Dakota.

And in the high jump, Trisha King tied teammate Jeanne Borchardt's 5-8¼ record. King's personal best is an inch higher at 5-9¼, set while attending California's Menlo-Atherton High.

In addition, freshman Quenna Beasley moved to number three on the Oregon shot put list with a 46-5½ effort.

With the new faces and a strong crew of returnees, Heinonen doesn't expect any problems in taking the team title in the Washington dual Saturday. The first field event begins at noon.

Some individual events, however, should give the track-happy crowd a good show.

The Huskies' strongest performer is distance runner Regina Joyce, who will probably run a 1,500/3,000 meter double Saturday. With the 1981 season barely two weeks old, Joyce has already run a 9:20 3,000 and 4:34.2 mile, which converts to about a 4:12 1,500 meter.

"Wherever Regina Joyce runs, we're going to be challenged," Heinonen said.

Oregon will counter Joyce with Eryn Forbes and Lisa O'Dea in the 3,000. O'Dea has already run a AIAW-qualifying 9:36.6, and Forbes has run 9:31.39.

Oregon's Leann Warren, who Heinonen said is "going great guns" in light of her winning performance in the King Games' 800, will try the 400 against Washington.

Warren's best open 400 is 54.22, although she clocked a 52.8 relay leg last weekend. Her toughest competition will be teammate Grace Bakari, who has a best of 53.1.

A duel to watch on the field will be the javelin between Oregon's Sally Harmon and the Huskies' Deanna Carr. Last weekend, Carr defeated Harmon in the Stanford Invitational, but Harmon, a sophomore, has a lifetime best of 169-10 while Carr's PR is 167-4.

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