

Women spikers take breather against thin Cougar contingent

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Last week against UCLA, Oregon's women's track team fretted over how to win the meet. This Saturday at Washington State, it will not be a matter of how, but by how much.

The Ducks, 1-1 in dual meets after the 70-57 loss to the Bruins, will take a breather in Pullman against a team that is so thin it has no entries in two events.

Oregon will rest Quenna Beasley (shot put, discus), Kari Easton (high jump), distance runners Eryn Forbes and Lisa O'Dea and sprinters Grace Bakari and Melanie Batiste. In addition, Leann Warren (800) and Karen McDonald (discus) will compete in the Kansas Relays Saturday.

"It gives some athletes who have been pressed hard a

chance to train through for the Cal meet (Saturday after next)," Heinonen says, "and it gives a lot of our athletes who haven't broken into our top three a chance to compete in their best events."

The teams have met only twice before and each time the Ducks took the Cougars to the slaughter (104-23 in 1977, 105-17 in 1978).

"Their team is developing," Heinonen explains. "They were several years behind us several years ago. They have progressed since then, but they're still behind."

But even if the team score is a foregone conclusion, there will be some interesting individual events.

In the javelin, Oregon's Sally Harmon (153-10) will duel WSU's Jeanne Eggart (159-10). Eggart finished fourth in the

Olympic Trials last year.

The 400 hurdles will be tight race with Oregon's Lisa Nicholson (63.14) and Sharon Stapleton (64.22) and WSU's Carrie McCarthy (63.24) and Nancy McCarthy (64.24).

WSU's Leslie Duck is the Cougars strongest performer in the running events. In her specialty, the 800, Duck has run 2:15.68 this season and has a personal best of 2:09. She will be challenged Saturday by Oregon's Joslyn West, who has similar credentials (2:16.2/2:09.45).

Oregon's Lexie Miller, who won three events in each of the last two meets, will compete in the long jump and 100 hurdles. In the later event, Oregon has one of the West Coast's strongest tandems in Miller and Kris Costello. Each clocked a 14.04 last week, which qualifies them for the AIAW national meet.

Top prep athletes sign with Duck track squads

Oregon's track teams signed two top prep athletes Thursday, adding depth to an already strong men's weight crew and earning another top distance runner for the women.

Brian Crouser, the 1980 state champion in the shot put, discus and javelin, will join his brother Dean on the weight squad. Brian, who attends Gresham High School, has personal bests of 60-3 in the

shot, 178-0 in the discus and 237-11 in the javelin — a mark that places him third in the nation among prep athletes.

Claudette Groenendall, from North Salem High School, leads the state this year in the 800 and 3,000 meters and was the 1979 state champion in the 1,500. Her personal bests are 2:12.7 in the 800, 4:28.41 in the 1,500 and 10:07.1 in the 3,000.

Baseball, tennis join Olympics

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Tennis and baseball were officially approved as demonstration sports for the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Four national teams will play baseball and there will be tournament pools of 16 men and 16 women in tennis.

Tennis was an Olympic sport from 1900 to 1924. Baseball has never been on the Olympic program but was a demonstration sport at Tokyo in 1964.

Meanwhile, the 26 international federations which control Olympic sports unanimously rejected the offer by the Greek government to provide a permanent site for the Olympic Games.

Many members of the IOC have said the cost of a permanent site would be prohibitive and that it is better to spread the Olympic message by staging the Games in different parts of the world.


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