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Injuries mar Kansas dual

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Saturday's men's track meet with Kansas was projected as one of Oregon's major stumbling blocks for an undefeated dual meet season.

The Ducks had ended last year as the fourth-ranked dual meet team in the nation while the Jayhawks, on the strength of their 86-68 win over Oregon, were ranked second.

Washington State took care of any hopes for an undefeated season this year when they knocked off Oregon, 86-77, last Saturday.

But looking at an injury-marred Kansas roster, it is doubtful the Jayhawks can hand the Ducks two losses in a row.

Kansas' problems began last fall, when hurdler Jim Scannella decided to transfer to California. Sophomore 800-meter runner Ray Marks, who beat the Ducks last year, had problems with grades and left school.

Pole vaulter Jeff Buckingham, who vaulted 17-9 last spring, was forced to redshirt. He was joined by Matt Friedman, who had a best in the discus of 202-5.

Quartermiler Mark Rau (46.9) broke his ankle during the indoor season and is just now rebounding back into shape. Steeplechaser Paul Schultz (8:47.97) twisted his ankle earlier this month.

Finally, the Jayhawks' two finest sprinters, Deon Hogan and Anthony Polk, were sidelined by muscle pulls at the Kansas Relays last Friday.

Polk is out indefinitely, but Hogan will run in the 400 against Oregon. He won the 100 and 200 in last year's dual and brings a career best of 45.38 in the 400 to Hayward Field.

The end result of Kansas'



Photo by Steve Dykes

Alberto Salazar is expected to add points to the Oregon total in the 5,000 as he takes a stab at the American record.

various injuries, grade problems and transfers is that what could have been one of the top dual track encounters in the country this spring should be an easy Oregon win.

Oregon has problems of its own, however.

Sprinter Larry Bradley suffered a severe muscle cramp in his thigh against the Cougars on the way to a 10.57 win in the 100. He was scratched from the 200 and 1,600 relay at Pullman by coach Bill Dellinger, but the injury isn't as serious as originally believed and Bradley will compete in the 100, 200 and both relays.

But pole vaulter Jon Switzer, who has a career best of 17-9 feet and missed the Washington

State meet with a pulled hamstring, will sit out this Saturday's meet and may not be ready until the Duck's meet with California May 9.

Lamar Hurd, Oregon's freshman school record holder in the triple jump, will be hampered by a bruised heel. He injured it against Auburn two weeks ago on his first jump and failed to go over 50 feet against the Cougars.

There is good news, however, as javelin thrower Frode Stormyr will return to action against the Jayhawks. And there is speculation that Alberto Salazar, with a 13:22.31 best in the 5,000, will go for the American record of 13:15.06 in that event.

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'Must win' games await Ducks

Oregon will be in a "must-win" situation this weekend when they face Washington for a four-game series in Seattle.

The series consists of doubleheaders today and Saturday, with Dean Kegler and Mike Talia scheduled to pitch the first two games. Coach Mel Krause is unsure who will pitch Saturday.

The Ducks, 1-4 in the Northern Division, need to take at least three of the four games

from the Huskies to have any chance in the division race. Washington State is the current division leader with a 4-2 mark.

"It's a very important series," Krause says. "Especially since we lost two games at home to Oregon State. Now we have to make up those two losses on the road."

"At the very least, we have to split, and preferably win three." Oregon's fate again lies with

its pitching, particularly since the Huskies are hitting over .300. Jeb Best's .505 mark paces the potent Washington attack.

"We have to get better pitching from our starters," Krause says.

Both double-headers are scheduled to start at noon with a seven-inning game followed by a nine-inning nightcap.

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