

Cal losses toss almost everything to Ducks

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Before the season began, the Oregon women's track team figured they had the perfect schedule — easy meet, tough meet, easy meet, tough meet, easy meet.

So far, everything has gone to plan — a gut-wrenching loss to UCLA sandwiched between cakewalks over Washington and Washington State.

And Saturday at Hayward Field there's Cal-Berkeley, the next "blood-and-guts meet" as coach Tom Heinonen puts it. Right?

Wrong.

The Bears are only a shell of the 1980 team that finished second to Oregon in the national dual meet rankings. Injuries and personal problems have

diminished Cal's ranks to the point that only 12 athletes will make the trip to Eugene.

The scenario is similar to the Oregon men and the Kansas team they meet in the co-ed dual. Just as the Jayhawks were the only team to beat the men in 1980, so did Cal defeat Oregon at the Cal Invitational for the Ducks' only loss last year.

This time around, the team title is hardly in doubt. Cal won't enter the shot put, discus, 800 meters or either relay. The meet hasn't even begun and already the Ducks are ahead by 37 points.

"And that's a shame," says Heinonen, "because Cal had a terrific team coming back, but lost almost all of their people."

But even if pre-season hopes for a close team contest have

been deflated, there will be several strong matchups on the individual level.

Probably the best of these will be the javelin, where Oregon's Sally Harmon (161-3 last week) will meet Cal's school record holder, Kristen Engle (162-2 last week).

"Sally's had great competition every week," said Heinonen, referring to WSU's Jeanne Eggart, UCLA's Susie Ray and Jacque Nelson and Washington's Deanna Carr. "She's the

only person on our team who has."

"Both the 100 and 200 will be good," Heinonen says. "Kim White (12.04/24.24) will put our sprinters to the test."

Oregon will shuffle its sprinters Saturday, putting 400 specialist Grace Bakari in the short races and moving Lena Fritzson into the 400.

Two of the longer races will be interesting. In the 5,000, Oregon's Eryn Forbes (16:21.5)

will duel the Bears' Cindy Schmandt, who ran a 9:25 3,000 last week. Forbes' best time is only seconds shy of Molly Morton's school record of 16:18.3.

In the 1,500, Oregon's Leann Warren will shoot for the TAC meet qualifying time of 4:20. Her best this year is 4:26.39, but she ran a 4:15.16 personal best at the Olympic Trials last year. Last Saturday, Warren ran the fastest 800 in the nation this season with a 2:01.30 effort at the Kansas Relays.

Softball squad drops two at California Invitational

Playing only their second game in two weeks, members of the Oregon's women's softball team were unable to hold off two experienced California squads Thursday.

In the opening game of the California Invitational in Berkeley, the Ducks lost 4-0 to Sacramento State. They dropped a 6-3 contest to Fresno State in their second game.

Against Sacramento, the Ducks played a tough defensive ballgame, holding their opponents to a scoreless tie going into the fifth inning.

But the California school scored all four of its runs on four hits in the fifth inning.

The Ducks ended the game with no runs, three hits and six errors.

Oregon's next game, a noon contest, began dismally as Fresno State opened up with a run in the first and followed with three runs in the second. Oregon's first run came in the third inning.

Ahead by three going into the sixth inning, Fresno scored twice more to put the game away. Oregon scored its final runs in the seventh, finishing the

game with three runs, five hits and two errors.

"We played two really tough ball clubs today," said softball coach John Feeney. "They've been able to play lately and we haven't. This is where it shows."

Oregon, now 5-8 for the season, will face the University of San Francisco and tournament host Cal-Berkeley today.

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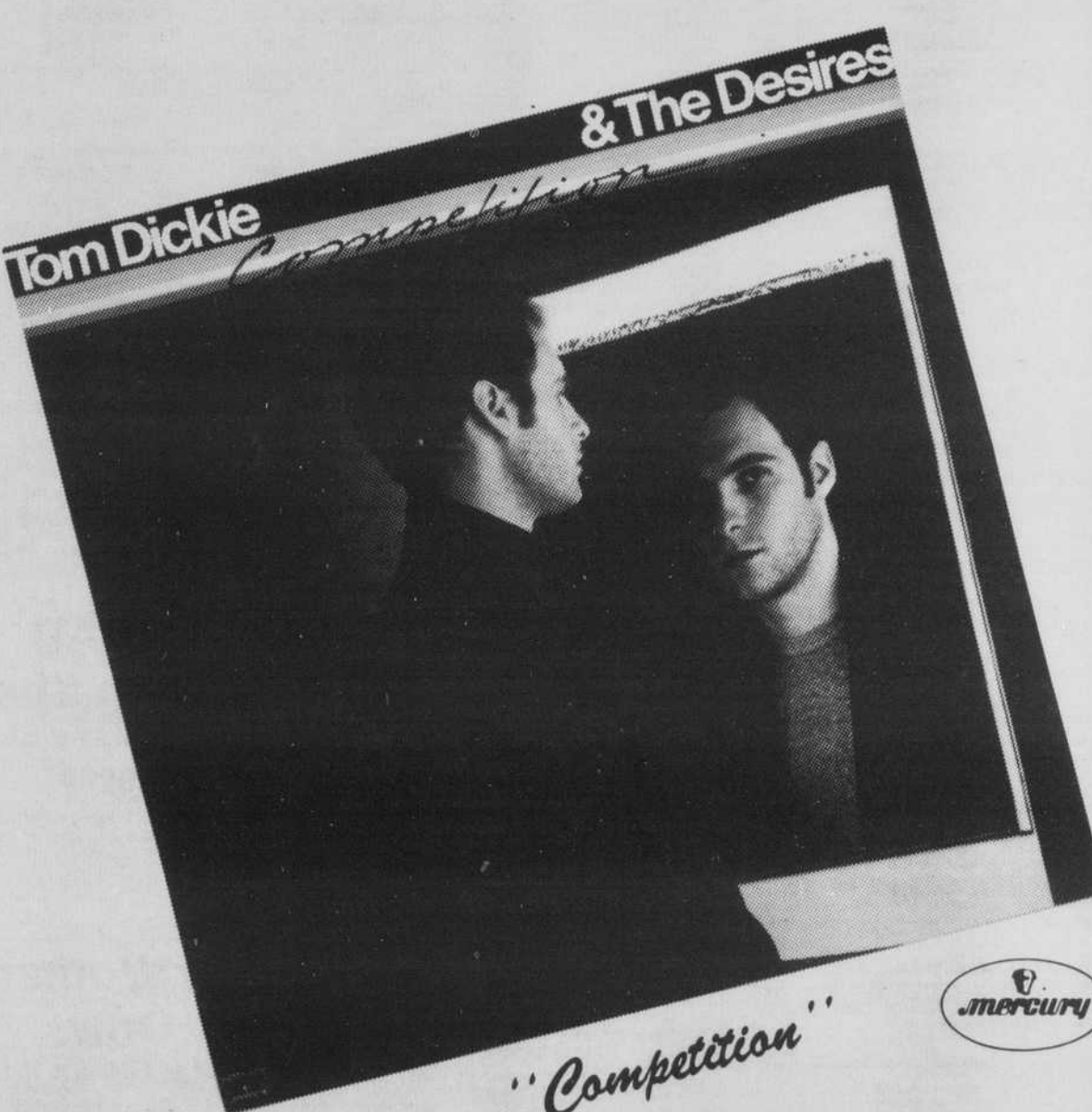
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