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Javelin headlines events in reborn division relays

A meet that was shelved five years ago, the Northern Division Relays, returns this Saturday to Hayward Field.

The meet began in 1920 to decide the Northwest track champion. Later, it served as a preliminary to the Pacific-10 championships.

Saturday's meet also will be scored for the first time since 1973. After that year, the meet became non-scoring and was renamed the Northwest Relays.

This year's meet, which begins at 5 p.m., includes the Ducks, Washington, Washington State and Oregon State.

The highlight of the evening's competition could be the javelin, which includes the top three throwers in the country and five of the top seven.

Oregon's Reidar Lorentzen leads the field with the top collegiate mark this year — 265-0. Rich Wolf of Oregon State is only one inch back at 264-11 while WSU's Laslo Babits is ranked third in the country at 262-10. Washington has Mike Mahovich at 260-0 and Robert Moulder (251-8), third in the NCAA meet last year.

Others include Tom Diehl (259-8) from Washington State, Oregon State's Ron Uhl (244-10) and Oregon's Frode Stormyr (240-9).

In the discus, Oregon's Dean Crouser is the leading thrower in the country with a 213-0 toss. Teammate Vince Goldsmith will be the top entrant in the shot put with a mark of 63-10½ while Crouser comes in at 62-1¾.

Washington State is expected to dominate the jumping events where the Cougars have the Northwest's top three marks in the high jump, topped by Doug



Photo by Steve Dykes

Oregon's Reidar Lorentzen, with the top javelin toss in the country, will lead a stellar field at Saturday's Northern Division Relays.

Nordquist at 7-4½. WSU has two triple jumpers over 54 feet, Ian Campbell and Joseph Taiwo; and the region's top long jumper, Peter Halson (25-8).

Oregon coach Bill Dellinger says the meet will be beneficial because it will give the sprinters and field athletes a competitive

meet one week before the Pac-10 while giving the distance runners a break. Most distance runners will either enter a relay or run a non-scoring open event.

"It was a good meet when we had it before, and I see no reason why it can't be a good one now," Dellinger says. "We haven't really had a good relay meet on our schedule, and with the team scoring, this should be an interesting one for the fans."

Olympics needs huggers

Oregon's Special Olympics needs huggers — someone to congratulate each athlete after the race — this weekend.

This year's Special Olympics will bring more than 1,400 mentally retarded athletes to Eugene for 14 track and field events today and Saturday.

Besides the athletes, volunteers are considered the most important aspect of the Special Olympics since they make every athlete feel like a winner, Special Olympics literature says.

Anyone interested in

volunteering their time should report to Hayward Field's west grandstand at 4:30 p.m. today or 7:45 a.m. Saturday.

The volunteer pool will operate all day so volunteers can come and go as their schedule permits. But the greatest demand for volunteers will be Saturday morning for the 50-meter dash and the softball throw.

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers working over the noon hour.

Opening ceremonies will begin at 5 p.m. Friday.

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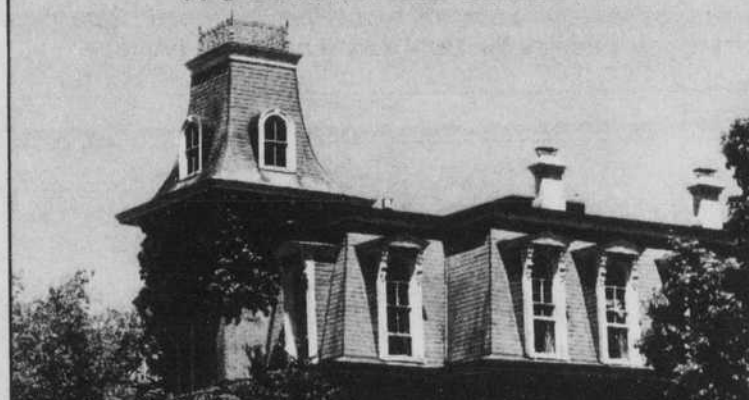
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