

Mile heads Twilight Meet

Fast field could snap 4-minute mark

The buildup, as usual, will be for the mile run tonight at the Twilight Meet at Hayward Field.

The steeplechase will be the first event, starting at 5:30 p.m.

But it is the mile run, the last event, that attracts attention. Competition in the Twilight Mile will probably pare down to Tom Byers of Athletics West and Bill McChesney, an Oregon redshirt running for the Oregon Track Club.

Byers has clocked a 3:57.2 this season. McChesney ran 3:59.1 last year and seems to be in much better shape this season, as exemplified by his near-record performance in the 5,000 at the Northern Division Relays.

Breaking the four-minute barrier is a tradition in this race. In the 11 times the race has been run, 15 runners have run under four minutes. Matt Centrowitz continued the tradition last year with a winning time of 3:59.7.

Others in the Twilight Mile include steeplechase star and former Oregon athlete Ken Martin; Oregon's David Mack, the Pac-10 champ at 800 meters; Rudy Chapa, the second-place finisher in the Pac-10 1,500; Mike Friton, who took second in

the Pac-10 steeplechase; and possibly Jim Hill, who ran a 3:41 1,500 at the Northern Division Relays.

Another highlight on the track will be the 10,000, which will feature 1972 Olympic marathon champion Frank Shorter and Duncan McDonald of Athletics West. Shorter's best in this event is 27:46.

The best show on the field will be the javelin with Oregon's Reidar Lorenzten and the OTC trio of Duncan Atwood, Bob Roggy and Rod Ewaliko. Ewaliko won the Olympic Trials last June with a throw of 291-0. Roggy is a former American record holder and Lorenzten won the Pac-10 title last Friday.

There will be three women's events — the 3,000, 400 hurdles and discus. The first event will include Rosa Gutierrez, the state Class A champion from Glendale High School who has signed a letter of intent with the Ducks.

Since the meet is co-sponsored by the athletic department and the Oregon Track Club, students with valid I.D. will be charged \$1. General admission seats are \$2.

Women spikers start nationals

Probably the best group Oregon has ever brought to the AIAW track nationals will begin competition today in Austin, Texas.

Thirteen Ducks made the trip to the sweltering heat of Austin. Oregon finished in a tie for tenth at last year's nationals, held at

Hayward Field. The team favorite this year is UCLA, followed by Tennessee, North Carolina State and Florida State.

Oregon coach Tom Heinonen has figured the Ducks can score anywhere from 20 to 40 points, which should place them well into the top 10.

Today's competition will only include qualifying heats, with finals starting Friday. Saturday's events all will be finals.

Leann Warren looks to be Oregon's strongest hope for a high finish in the team race. Warren will attempt a difficult 800 and 1,500 meter double. If she makes it to the final race of each event, which she should barring mishap, Warren will have to run five races. Two of them will be today — 1,500 semis and 800 trials.

But Warren has the credentials to pull it off. She owns the year's top 800 time (2:01.3) and holds the collegiate record in the mile (4:30.36).

Lexie Miller will attempt a double in the hurdle events. She has best of 13.67 in the 100 and 58.41 in the 400, which both rank in the top 10 nationally.

Others competing for Oregon will be Grace Bakari (400, mile relay), Melanie Batiste (200), Quenna Beasley (discus), Ranza Clark (800), Kris Costello (100 hurdles), Eryn Forbes (5,000), Lena Fritzon (mile relay), Rhonda Massey (mile relay), Karen McDonald (discus), Lisa O'Dea (3,000).

Golfers 25th at NCAA

Oregon's men's golf team completed the first day of the NCAA national tournament in 25th place Wednesday, 22 strokes back of leader Oral Roberts University.

The Ducks totaled 309 strokes after playing 18 holes at the Palo Alto, Calif. course. Oral Roberts leads the field with a 287 strokes.

But the University of New Mexico and the University of Houston closely trail the favored Cougars. New Mexico came in with 288, followed by Houston with 289. Arizona State and Texas A&M tied for fourth with 293 strokes.

The Ducks are 25 over par, but 19 of those strokes came on the front nine, said Oregon golf coach Jim Ferguson. "We're

still close enough after one day to still move up considerably.

"And we only have one player who's ever played at nationals before."

The Ducks are lead by freshman Shell Joyner, who came in at 38-37 for a 75 total. Joyner is nine strokes behind Oral Roberts' Joel Rassatch, 33-33-66.

Following Rassatch are Rick Dalpos, Purdue, 34-35-69; JayDon Blake, Utah State, 33-37-70 and Mike Putman, New Mexico, 34-36-70.

Oregon's Scott Kreiger shot a 40-37-77, followed by Steve Bowen (41-37-78), Eric Johnson (40-39-79) and Dave DeLong (37-43-80).

The team's will continue the 72-hole tournament today.

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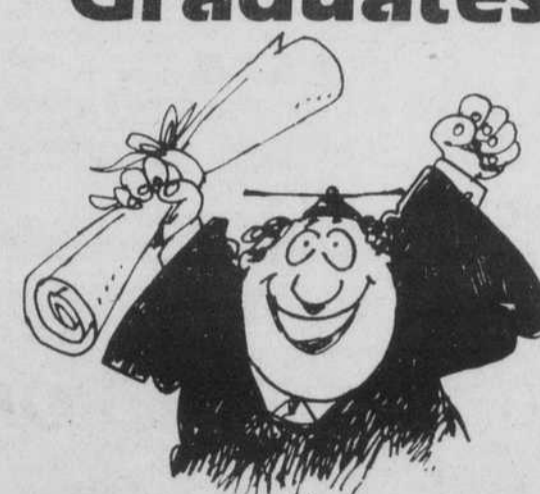
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