

# Salazar likes field

Former Duck  
calls 10,000  
one of finest

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Alberto Salazar

Describing it as "one of the finest 10,000 meter fields ever assembled on the American continent," former Oregon runner Alberto Salazar Tuesday outlined plans for the KPNW Kendall Datsun Invitational 10,000-Meter Race scheduled for Saturday, April 10 at Hayward Field.

Speaking at an early morning press conference at the Valley River Inn, Salazar had high praise for the field being assembled for the race that will follow the Oregon-Louisiana State men's dual track meet.

Along with Salazar, marathon world record holder and holder of the second fastest 10,000-meter time for an American, leading the field is four-event world record holder Henry Rono from Kenya. The former

Washington State star holds the 3,000-meter, 5,000-meter, 10,000-meter and steeplechase marks.

Salazar reported that Rono should be ready for the race. "He gets into shape very easily."

Also heading the field will be 14-time NCAA champion runner Suleiman Nyambui from the University of Texas at El Paso. The Tanzanian native was the Olympic silver medalist at the 1980 Moscow games in the 5,000-meters.

Nyambui's college teammate and world record holder for 10,000-meter on a road service, Michael Musyoki of Kenya, will run as well.

Other runners entered with international credentials include Duncan Macdonald, former American 5,000-meter record holder; Adrian Royle, 1981 TAC cross country champion; Domingo Tibaduiza, three-time Olympian from Columbia; and Dan Dillon, five time member of the U.S. World cross country team.

"I've said this before, but I think that this is potentially the best 10,000-meters field I've ever seen," said Salazar.

Salazar, who works for the Nike Corporation, sees this race as just the beginning in a series of world-class competitions to be held in Eugene. "This is just the first event, but I would like to see it become a continuing thing, with maybe 1,500 or 5,000 races included as well."

Salazar, who has pledged to help the Oregon track and field cause, says that all proceeds for the event will go the Oregon Athletic Department. "There are a lot of things that could be done to bring people to meets," he said "In these hard economic times, you have to go out and sell track, even in Eugene."

The athletes he contacted, "jumped at the chance to run in Eugene," said Salazar.

The two-time New York Marathon champion plans to use the race as a warmup for the Boston Marathon. "This (race) will be just before the Boston Marathon," said Salazar. "I'll be in shape to run 10,000 then, whereas after the marathon, I won't run in anything for a couple of months."

Runners who have been contacted yet are unconfirmed for the race include Frank Shorter, Olympic gold and silver medalist in the marathon, Herb Lindsey, the top-ranked U.S. road runner by RUNNER magazine, and Mexican star Rodolfo Gomez, runner-up to Salazar in the New York Marathon.

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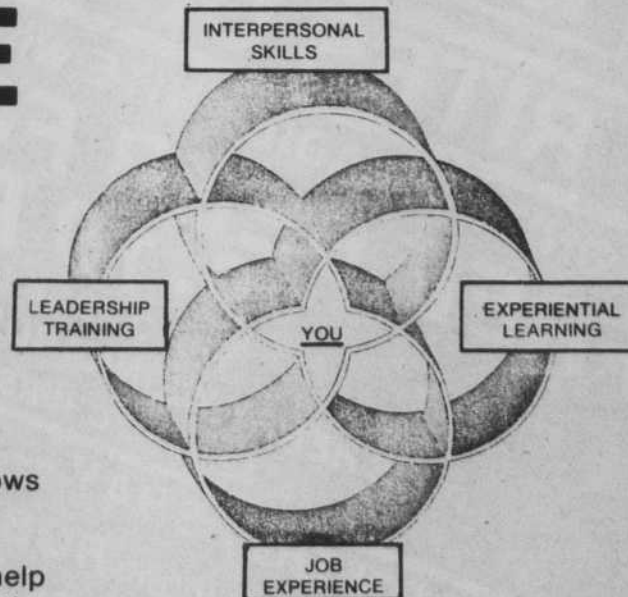
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