

# Women take on OSU

Ducks' depth should defeat Oregon State

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The Oregon women's track team, on the strength of its depth alone, should find Saturday's meet with the Oregon State Beavers little more than a warm-up for next weekend's big meet in Montana.

The Beavers have some good athletes, but they don't compare as a team to the powerful Ducks, who are preparing to defend their regional crown at the Northwest Women's Collegiate Sports Association championships in Missoula May 7 and 8.

"Oregon State will be much like Washington this year," said Oregon coach Tom Heinonen, whose team beat the Huskies 79-47. "They've got some national-class athletes who'll push us in several events, but overall they can't match our depth."

Oregon will be trying to keep their hopes for national dual-meet championship alive by beating the Beavers. After their close, early-season loss to last year's national champion Tennessee, and their wins over UCLA and Arizona, the Ducks have a shot at the title if they can perform well against OSU.

But the Beavers led by their heptathlete, Sonya Crowther will be trying to put a hurdle in the Ducks' path. Crowther set the OSU record last week in the heptathlon and is entered in the long jump (19¼), the 100-meter hurdles (14.18), and the high jump (6-0).

Asa Pennington, the Northwest 100 champion last year, should be strong in the sprints. Connie Case will give the Ducks competition in the 1,500 (4:30.1) and 3,000 (9:34.16). OSU will be hurt though, with sprinter/long jumper Colleen Gibson out because of an injury.

But Oregon's depth will be too much for the shallow Beavers. The Duck's real competition won't



Photo by Bob Baker  
**Leann Warren returns to action against the Beavers Saturday, after missing last week's meet with Arizona with a virus.**

be so much against the Beavers, as against the clock, with Ducks struggling to qualify for the NCAA meet. Oregon already has 13 athletes qualified in 23 events.

The team score against the Beavers will probably be further apart than it normally would because Heinonen, who usually moves his athletes around to different events to make for better competition against weaker

teams, will have his athletes in their specialties so they can meet the NCAA qualifying times.

Cathy Hayes leads the Ducks with the fastest times in the nation in both the 3,000 and 5,000. Leann Warren, who also has a national best time in the 800, will run against the Beavers after missing last week's meet against Arizona because of a virus.

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