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# Guide to the Pac-10

## Emerald Sports previews the 1982 Pacific 10 Track and Field Championships

### ASU sprinters could win it all

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Sprinters like it hot.

And no other place has been sizzling more this year than Tempe, Arizona, where Arizona State has had a year to heat up its speedsters to bid for a second consecutive Pacific 10 Conference Track and Field championship.

ASU's forte is the short distances, and they have no qualms about where their strengths lie. In fact, if most of the Sun Devils were to compete at the same time, they could be in and out of Hayward Field and on their way back to Tempe in less than a minute.

**100 METERS** — Arizona State has qualified a half-dozen athletes in this event, with four in a position to score. Dennis Whitby, Oregon's sprint coach, analyzes the race as boiling down to a battle of the Browns.

"It should be a race between Ron Brown (ASU; 10.20) and Eric Brown (the defending champion from UCLA; 10.23w)," Whitby said, "it could go to either one."

Oregon's George Walcott has a ninth-ranked time in the 200 this year with a wind-aided 10.40. But he'll probably be left out of the scoring as only the top six finishers in each event tally points.

**200 METERS** — Again, Whitby sees this as a fight between both Browns, giving Eric of UCLA (20.57w) the go-ahead over Ron of ASU (20.74). Whitby also considers Howard Henley of ASU (20.58) a top challenger although he hasn't clocked his best time since mid-March.

The Sun Devils also qualified six sprinters in the 200 with three solid chances to score, which includes LaMonte King (20.81), 1981 Pac-10 200 meter champion.

Walcott qualified for the Ducks in the 200, but has only the 10th-ranked time in the conference.

**400 METERS** — The favorite is Kasheef Hassan (45.40), the standout from Oregon State by way of Khartoum, Sudan. Whitby sees Hassan over ASU's Henley (45.49) in a reversal of 1981's Pac-10 400 meter finish.

Whitby also thinks the race for third will be hotly contested. "With (Chris) Whitlock injured (WSU; 45.80), third place will probably be between (Leon) Tubbs (ASU; 45.99) and (Tony) Banks (UCLA; 46.08)."

Oregon's Chris Wright is listed as the 12th rated performer in the Pac-10 for the 400.

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### Distance points to Ducks, WSU

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The Oregon men's track team is strong where most teams aren't.

Oregon coach Bill Dellinger, himself a three-time all-American distance man for the Ducks from 1954 to 1956, believes his team's strength in the distance events is handicapped, however, by the 24-man team limit at the Pacific 10 Conference meet.

"Distance runners can't as easily double and possibly triple in events like the sprinters can," Dellinger says. "The 24-man limit favors the teams with sprinters."

Washington State appears to be the only other school with enough firepower to challenge Oregon for distance supremacy in the Pac-10. The Cougars and the Ducks hope to offset their weaknesses in other events by piling up points in the 800, 1,500, 5,000, 10,000 and 3,000-meter steeplechase.

**800 METERS** — Oregon's David Mack returns to defend his Pac-10 crown in the 800, still hoping to qualify for the NCAA meet in Provo, Utah. The Oregon junior has a lifetime best of 1:46.03, but has only managed to clock a 1:48.2 so far this year.

Mack, however, won't be the only 800 entry threatening to take the Pac-10 title. Washington State's Sotirios Moutsanas, fourth last year in the Pac-10 and ninth in the NCAA meet, has the best time in the conference this year with a 1:48.44 and also has a career best of 1:46.66.

Washington's Rob Webster, actually has the best time in the Conference. Webster leads the pack of entrants with a 1:47.96, while Arizona State's Pete Quinonez and Mike Schwarz enter the race with 1:48 times under their belts.

**1,500 METERS** — Arizona State's Dan Raby gave the Sun Devils a big lift last season with an upset triumph in the 1,500 a year ago. But if he does it again, it will have to be another upset. This year's 1,500 field could be one of the strongest in a while.

Seventeen runners are currently ranked ahead of Raby, and at the top of the list is Oregon State's Mark Fricker. Fricker and Oregon's Jim Hill are definitely the class of this field, but the OSU star, who has a 3:38.9 time in the 1,500, could be all alone at the finish line if Dellinger decides to save Hill, who has a 1,500 time of 3:40.42, for the 5,000.

**5,000 METERS** — Hill is the Pac-10's top returning NCAA placer in distance events on the basis of his seventh-place finish in the 5,000 a year ago.

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