

National title

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and up, than any other team, male or female."

Added to that, some of his crew has been showing quite well at summer meets and road races. Eryn Forbes broke school records in the 5,000 and 10,000, Warren smashed Mary Decker-Tabb's collegiate record in the 1,500 and Rosa Guterrez won several San Francisco area road races.

The good signs have been dampened somewhat by leg injuries, none Heinonen could consider devastating, but.

Warren has been sidelined for a month and a half, Lisa Martin stayed away from summer competition altogether after red shirting last track season, and Kathy Hayes has been hobbled lately.

Not one to appear overly pessimistic, Heinonen says there may be a "blessing in disguise" lurking among the injuries — it may help his runners peak later — at the regional and national meets.

Heinonen is concerned, though. "Leann and Hayes are a bit behind schedule... no, they are behind schedule," Heinonen says, but the 37 year-old coach's hair won't become gray after the first four or five meets, even if the Ducks face Stanford at the Cal Invitational early on.

"They decimated us last year," Heinonen recalls, "but we got them later."

As Heinonen puts it, "nobody is going to remember who won the Cal Invitational." Or more succinctly:

"Nobody remembers who won the

other races, the day after nationals." And the day after nationals, if Heinonen is correct, nobody will forget the Ducks.

Oregon's top eight:

At the national meet, senior **Leann Warren** rose from 140th as a freshman to second as a junior. Such progression gives Heinonen reason to smile. "If she can hang with the leaders, she's the one with the fastest kick," Heinonen says. "Kick" means a sub-53-second quarter-mile. Warren holds collegiate records in the 800, 1,500 and 3,000.

Eryn Forbes, another senior, finished 13th at the NCAA nationals last year. Forbes is a four-time all-American, once in cross country, three times in track. She holds the school mark in the 5,000 and 10,000.

Right behind Forbes is sophomore **Kathy Hayes**, who broke the collegiate mark in the 3,000. Hayes finished 16th at the national meet and was all-America in both track and cross country as a freshman.

Fourth on the Oregon list is **Lisa (O'Dea) Martin**, a native of Australia. Martin finished 22nd at the national meet and was named to the all-America team, her second such award. Martin was national junior college champion in the hurdles at Clackamas Community College.

Another stellar sophomore for the Ducks is **Rosa Guterrez**. Named all-America in track and cross country, Heinonen is pleased with her transition from Glendale, an 'A' level high school to the major college ranks. Guterrez finished 58th at the NAAs.

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The women's cross country team features four returning All-Americans and the entire national second place team.

Oregon's best recruiting years, is **Claudette Groenendaal**. Running at the number six spot, Groenendaal raced to 67th at Nationals.

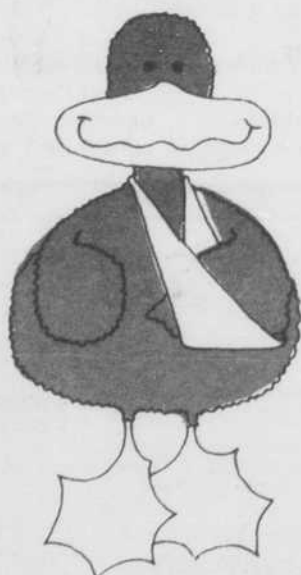
Fighting for the last position are Canadian sophomore **Ranza Clark** and senior **Kathi Sommer**. Clark finished 88th at nationals and made all-America in track. Sommer, a transfer from Seattle Pacific ran seventh for the Oregon squad the first half of the year.

The new two:

Heinonen seems to have a knack for

snagging Oregon's stellar prep runners. After last year's coup when he loaded his squad with the cream of Oregon's crop, Heinonen was not content to sit back and wait. Thus far, **Kim Roth** from Sprague signed on with Oregon. Roth has four prep titles under her belt as well as a 10th place finish in the Kinney nationals.

Ellen Schlotter of Medford also hooked up with the Ducks. Schlotter was second to Roth in the prep 1,500 race and finished the '81 prep cross country season in fifth.



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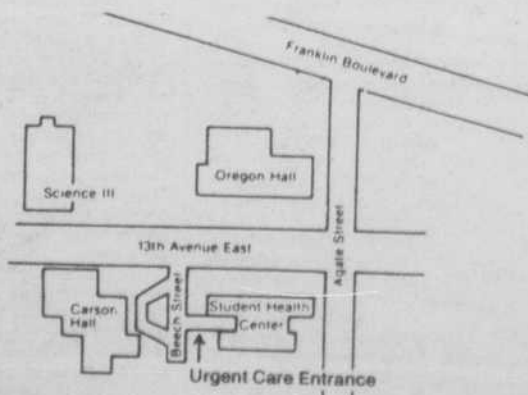
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