

## Oregon favored to win Pac-10 cross country

By Rich Skeen Of the Emerald

Oregon's men's cross country team, winner of five of the last seven Pac-10 championships, puts its 1982 title on the line Saturday when it travels to Palo Alto, Calif., for the 1983 Pac-10 meet.

The Ducks, led by All-American, Jim Hill (who won last year's individual title), are playing the familiar role of meet favorites.

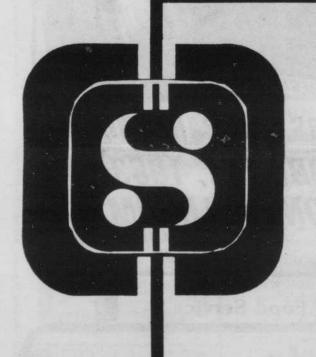
Oregon coach Bill Dellinger gives no indication that he disagrees with the pre-meet prediction.

"I think our team is better than last year's," says Dellinger, who has coached the Ducks to four National Collegiate Athletic Association championships and eight Pac-10 crowns. "We're ranked seventh nationally, and we can be better than that, especially if everyone remains healthy."

Dellinger, however, may be missing two top runners Saturday. John Zishka (heel injury), fourth at last year's Pac-10s, is questionable for Saturday. Vance Blow, Oregon's No. 4 runner last fall, has a virus and may be redshirted.

But the Ducks have able replacements for Zishka and Blow. Besides Hill, Harold Kuphaldt (21st at 1982 Pac-10), Matt McGuirk (26th) and Brad Simpson (43rd at 1982 NCAA's)

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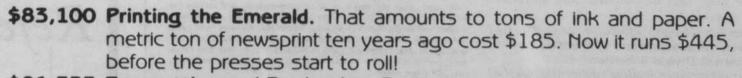
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