No. 1 ranked runners travel to Wisconsin

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Oregon's top-rated women's cross-country team invades Madison, Wis., Saturday for the Wisconsin-Burger King Invitational. The meet will determine how the Ducks rank against some of nation's best cross country teams.

The University of Wisconsin, ranked number two behind Oregon in the NCAA cross-country polls, will be the host team

"They'll (Wisconsin) be the biggest challenge so far," says senior Ranza Clark who will be one of seven Ducks to make the trip to the Midwest.

Saturday's field will feature No. 6 Brigham Young, No. 8 Iowa State and No. 11 Kansas State. Also expected to perform strongly is Florida, ranked ninth in the nation, a team Oregon coach Tom Heinonen figures may be the "sleeper" of this year's Invitational.

"They are billing this race as the 'mini-nationals," says Heinonen. "Six of the teams are ranked in the top eleven. Half of last year's top finishers from the NCAA Championship race will be there, including seven of the top ten individual finishers."

Included among those returnees is Oregon senior, Kathy Hayes, who placed third in last year's national championship race. Hayes was named NorPac Conference Athlete of the Week for her performance last Saturday in the Willamette Invitational.

Series goes to Motown

DETROIT (AP) — The San Diego Padres keep getting out of jams largely because of a bullpen that knows how to handcuff hitters.

And the Detroit Tigers are happy to get out of California.

The Padres, who tied the World Series at one game apiece, worked out at Tiger Stadium Thursday, an off day, in preparation for Friday night's Game Three (5:35 p.m. PDT). Right-hander Milt Wilcox of the Tigers will face left-hander Tim Lollar of the Padres.

Games Four and Five will be held here Saturday and Sunday and, if necessary, the final two games of the best-of-seven Series would return to San Diego Tuesday and Wednesday

hights.

Kurt Bevacqua, whose baserunning blunder may have cost the Padres a run in their 3-2 loss in Game One, had the game-winning hit Wednesday night, a three-run homer in the fifth inning that erased a 3-2 Detroit lead.

"We jumped out to an early lead, but they showed a lot of character," said Kirk Gibson, MVP of Detroit's three-game sweep of Kansas City in the American League playoffs. "They've come back throughout postseason play, and they just did it again. But we've got a good feeling about

coming home 1-1."

Darrell Evans said he was not satisfied with the split in San Diego, "but we've played well in Detroit all season long."

The Padres trailed Chicago 0-2 in the best-of-five National League playoffs before rallying with three straight victories in an unprecedented comeback to win their first pennant.

"Kathy is way ahead of where she was last year," says Heinonen.

The Ducks' seven-member team to run in Wisconsin was determined by the results of the Oct. 6 Willamette competition in Salem. Oregon will send Hayes, Kim Roth, Claudette Groenendaal, Gretchen Nelson, Birgit Petersen, Ranza Clark, and Lisa Johnson.

According to Heinonen, both the Ducks and the Badgers of Wisconsin have excellent onetwo combinations. The Ducks have Hayes and junior Kim Roth, who finished 27th at last year's NCAA's. The Badgers feature Cathy Branta and Katie Ishmael who finished sixth and 18th respectively in last year's NCAAs.

The Ducks won't have to worry about being overconfident Saturday, but the lack of competition in the early meets may have some effect on the team's performance.

"It's important for the team to win over some good competition," says Hayes who is an early favorite in the race.

"You have to jump in some time," says Heinonen in reference to the Ducks' most difficult meet this season.

Wisconsin will be up for the meet because the Badgers are having homecoming weekend. The meet has been heavily promoted in Wisconsin. And the Badgers' familiarity with their home course can only help them.

The Ducks head to Madison rated number one, but Clark sees no added pressure because

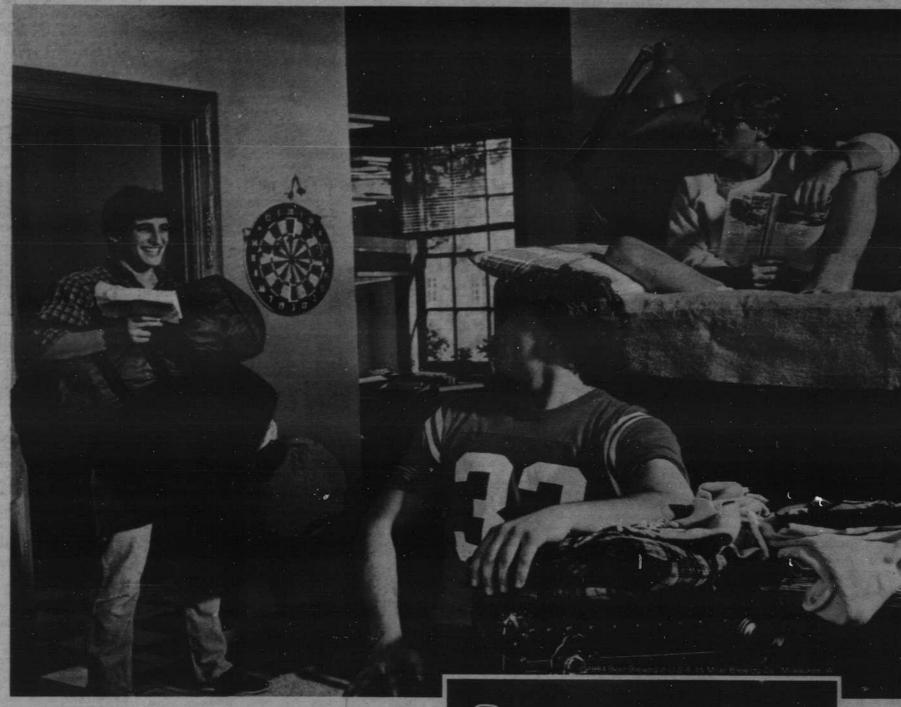
of the rating.

"We look at our number one position as a confidence-builder, rather than as pressure on the team," says Clark.

The men's team will also be

The men's team will also be in action this weekend. Coach Bill Dellinger's Ducks will be racing in the Tokatee Invitational in Blue River this Saturday. Chris Hamilton and John Zishka lead the Ducks into the meet which will determine who will participate in the Pac-10 men's cross country race in late October.

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