

# Women harriers defend title today

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Of the Emerald

The Oregon women's cross country team prepares to defend their national championship today at University Park, Pa.

The Ducks go into the race on the rolling hills of the Penn State University Golf Course as an underdog to the University of Wisconsin and Stanford University, last year's runner-up to Oregon for the NCAA title.

Oregon coach Tom Heinonen is happy the Ducks aren't favorites for the team title, because it takes a lot of pressure off the team.

"Any coach would want that (listed as favorites)," Heinonen says, "But we wanted to win the regional championship (Stanford beat Oregon 26-40) because that goes into the books too."

According to Heinonen, the team is excited and looking forward to the opportunity to defend their title despite the setback at the Region 8 meet in Tucson, Ariz.

16 teams are in the race, and four of them, Stanford, Wisconsin, Oregon and North Carolina State University are the favorites. The Cardinal of Stanford is considered the team to beat because they have three strong runners in the likes of Regina Jacobs, Alison Wiley and Ceci Hopp.

Wisconsin, which finished fifth last season in the NCAA's, has what is considered the best one-two combination in the meet in Cathy Branta and Katie Ishmael. The Badgers beat the Ducks earlier in the year at the Wisconsin-Burger King Classic.

Besides Oregon, North Carolina State, a third-place team last year, is considered a dark horse to win it all.

The Ducks have already lost to two of these teams, Stanford and Wisconsin. But experience will be on the Ducks' side because they know what it will take to beat the two favorites.

Oregon's seven-member team is basically the same one that competed at the Region 8 Championship in Tucson

last Saturday. Kathy Hayes, Kim Roth, Claudette Groenendaal, Leann Warren, Gretchen Nelson, Lisa Johnson and Ranza Clark.

The one significant change in the lineup is Clark. She replaces Birgit Petersen as the team's No. 7 runner.

"Birgit is solid and would be a scorer on any other team in the country," Heinonen says. "But Ranza has the chance to break into our top five scorers. She could be our ace in the hole."

And if Clark is the ace in the hole, then Leann Warren is the wild card for the Ducks' hopes. Returning from serious knee surgeries over the last two years, Warren has been improving dramatically each race she's run.

"She just gets better and better. She's competing strongly and more confidently each time," Heinonen says.

For four Ducks, this will be their last race in an Oregon uniform.

"We've got four seniors on our squad. That's more than any other team in the championship meet," Heinonen says. "I

hope they realize what that means."

For senior Kathy Hayes, the Duck's No. 1 runner and the No. 3 finisher in last year's NCAA Championship race, it's not only her last race as a Duck, but also a chance to atone for her poor showing at the Region 8 race. She finished tenth in Tucson, in a meet she termed "pitiful."

Whether or not the Ducks can defend their national championship remains to be seen. But regardless of the outcome in Pennsylvania, Heinonen is emphatic in his belief that the 1984 season will not be a failure if the Ducks do not reclaim the championship.

"All you can ask in a championship race is to race as well as you have all season," says Heinonen. "Cross country is not like football where one team wins and the other loses. We're going to finish the year as one of the top teams in the country, and that can't be considered a disappointment no matter what happens on Monday."

## Freshman wrestlers look impressive on the road

Oregon wrestling coach Ron Finley saw some impressive performances at the Lumberjack Open wrestling tournament in Arcata, Calif., Saturday, where eight teams from various West Coast schools were competing.

Finley, recently named "Coach of the Year" by USA Wrestling, the national governing body of the sport, felt the Duck wrestlers competed strongly.

"We placed in seven of the ten weight classes in the tournament," said Finley. "Am I satisfied with that? Very much so."

The showing by the freshman group on the squad offers great promise for the future of Oregon wrestling.

"I'm really pleased with the performance of the freshmen," said coach Finley. "That's what we're really excited about right

now."

Freshmen Ducks placing were Roberto Pelayo, who took third place in the 118-pound weight class; Glenn Jarrett, third in the 126-pound weight class; Greg Kimura, second in the 134; Mike Harter, second in the 177 and Cal Thomason, who took third in the 190-pound weight class.

Senior Keith Beutler, seeing his first action since redshirting

last season, won the 167-pound title.

Besides the impressive showing at the Lumberjack open, Oregon won a dual meet against Humboldt State University and Chico State University the night before to go to 2-0 on the season.

The Ducks' next meet is against Portland State University on Nov. 30 at McArthur Court.

## Monson signs up third recruit

Oregon men's basketball coach Don Monson signed a third player to a letter of intent for the 1985-86 basketball season. 6-2 guard Kevin Mouton signed with the Ducks.

Monson also earlier last week signed 6-foot-10 Greg Senior and 6-9 Ian Craig to early letters of intent during the the fall letter-of-intent signing period.

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### MEETINGS

**THE INCIDENTAL FEE COMMITTEE** meets today at 3 p.m. in Room 337 EMU. The public is invited to attend.

**STUDENT CAMPAIGN FOR DISARMAMENT** meets today in Room 108 EMU at 5:30 p.m. New members are welcome.

**MOHAWK VALLEY "RIGHT TO LIFE"** meets tonight at 7:30 at the Marcola Church of Christ. Special speaker is Curt Mack from Agape Force. For more information call Faye at 933-2848.

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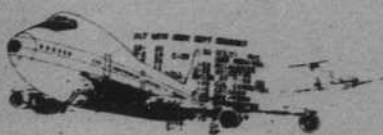
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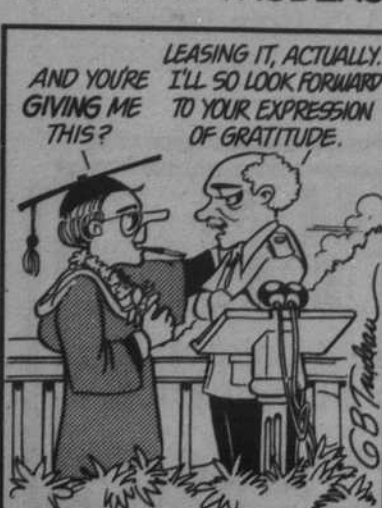
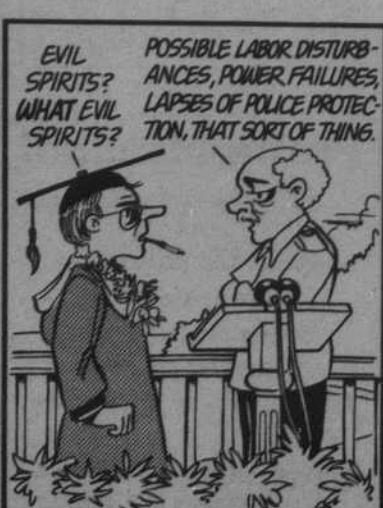
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