

Oregon women to entertain the South for Pepsi meet

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The South will rise again. Perhaps it already has. Tennessee and Texas, two proven track and field powerhouses, march into Saturday's Pepsi Invitational with their muskets loaded — with talent.

Oregon, 3-0, and Washington State University comprise the other half of a field never before assembled. Are the Ducks ready for battle?

"Tennessee and Texas are in another league," Oregon coach Tom Heinonen said. "We're not really in the ballpark unless they don't bring the people they've entered."

The scoring system, which differs from the men's meet, also concerns Heinonen. Points will be awarded 5-3-2-1 for individual events and 5-3-2-1 for relays.

"An athlete who finishes fifth in a field of eight doesn't score any points," he stressed, giving an example. "That takes away any chance that we have of beating a team with depth."

Despite the dilemma, Heinonen will field his best athletes. "Let 'em race and let 'em compete," he said. "We're looking at great competition, a chance to get some good times, good marks and compete against the best."

The Cougars are in the same situation. Their hopes may be further dampened if star performer Conny Eckl is unable to compete because of a leg injury.

Meanwhile, Texas is waiting for the opportunity to put its longhorns to use.

"Texas has both strength and depth," said Heinonen, whose squad demolished WSU 81-55 last week at Pullman. "They're solid across the board."

Texas is led by Anna Schweitzer and Liz Natale. Schweitzer, who finished fourth in last year's NCAA 5,000 meters, is one of six Longhorn women who have qualified for this year's NCAA outdoor championships. Natale placed second in the NCAA 3,000 meters a year ago. Other athletes who scored in the NCAA meet last year include 800-meter specialist Karol Davidson, hurdlers Sametra King and Karen Nelson and 10,000-meter runner Sandy Blakeslee.

The Vols may not have quite the depth Texas has, but they have some outstanding individuals. "Tennessee has the best athletes," Heinonen said.

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Reid (63-8) in the shot put, and J. R. Quinn (195-2) in the discus. They also bring their traditional stable of world-class sprinters, led by Allen Franklin (10.2921.01) and Terry McDaniel (10.3520.67).

Washington State will not challenge for the team title, but the same Cougars that posted wins against Oregon a week ago return, led by hammer thrower Stefan Johnson (230-10) and javelin thrower Jim Miller (244-10) and distance ace Jacinto Navarette (13.52.0 at 5000 meters).

"The holes we exposed last week in Pullman will probably keep (WSU) out of it," said Dellinger. Texas and Tennessee will try to mount an unsurmountable advantage in the sprints and jumps, then hold off the Ducks.

"We've got some guys that could break in," said Dellinger, referring to sprinters Mark

Dannis (10.50w21.1) and Pat Lanning (21.246.55), triple jumper Latin Berry (52-8) and long jumper J. J. Birden (25-2). While none of them will be favored to win, they will be counted on to prevent 1-4 sweeps by the Longhorns and Volunteers.

The strength of the field should help everyone reach new heights. "There's nothing like direct competition to bring out your best," said Dellinger.

Gillespie concurred. "I would be willing to bet that we have a lot more than four NCAA qualifiers on this team after Saturday," he said.

Although the meet is in its first year under the new format, it is already attracting national attention. Track and Field News included the Pepsi Invitational on its 'meets to catch' list.

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MEETINGS

The ASUO Constitution Court will meet today at 4 in Room 129 at the Law School to discuss court jurisdiction.

LECTURES

The geology department presents Dr. Alexandra Navrotsky of Princeton University, who will speak on "Energetics of Lower Mantle Phases," today at 2:30 in Room 307.

Volcanology.

"**Marine Animals as Weeds**" will be the topic of a lecture at the Eugene Natural History Society meeting at 8 tonight in Room 123, Science I. Dr. Jim Carlton from the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology in Charleston will speak.

MISCELLANEOUS

A march to support the preservation of Southbank Riverside Field will begin at

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