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and sat out the last half of the year.

Although Australian Colin Dalton stayed in his native country this spring after training for the Commonwealth Games, the Ducks have both Foster and Peterson back in the 1,500.

Foster had the team's fastest time at 3:42.12 and was second in the Pac-10 and TAC Junior Championships in 1989, but failed to reach the finals in the NCAA meet.

Peterson qualified for the NCAA meet two years ago in the 1,500 and just missed out on a return last season. He is also the team's top 800-meter runner.

Dellinger is unquestionably pleased with the team's depth, having a number of runners who can compete in a variety of distances.

"We have a number of guys who can run the 5,000 ... and the 1,500," he said.

Not only do the Ducks have strength on the track, but in the field as well.

Seniors Latin Berry and Spencer Williams, the best pair of horizontal jumpers in school history, lead the way in the long jump and triple jump.

Last year Berry won his second Pac-10 long jump title and upped the school record to 26-8 1/4 while finishing fifth at the NCAA meet. After winning the conference triple jump crown two straight years, Berry was second at the Pac-10 meet and increased his lifetime best to 53-10 1/4.

The school record holder in the triple jump is Williams, who came on in the latter half of the season a year ago while working his way back from an ankle injury that caused him to miss all of the 1988 season.

Williams was third at the Pac-10 meet in the triple jump and then finished fourth at the NCAAs, taking the school record away from Berry — who didn't make the finals — with a leap of 53-11 1/4.

Despite the loss of deSouza, the Ducks have some strength in the throwing events with sophomore Art Skipper in the

javelin and junior Scott McGee in the hammer.

Skipper set the school record in the javelin with a best of 228-2 last season and also qualified for the NCAA meet and finished second in the Pac-10 meet.

This year Skipper has started out strong, already throwing 238-4 at the Oregon Preview to easily eclipse his own school record and the NCAA standard.

McGee made big strides last



Latin Berry

season and finished fourth in the conference meet and sixth in the NCAA meet. Like Skipper, McGee has started strong this season, qualifying for the NCAA meet at the Oregon Preview and throwing for a PR of 220-6 at Sacramento State last weekend.

In the shot put and discus, Dellinger said he was looking at "two or three guys" to replace deSouza.

Sophomore Nick Anastassiades and junior Mike Coffino are the likely contenders to replace deSouza while decathlete Pedro daSilva will help out.

In the decathlon, the Ducks probably have their best hope of an individual NCAA champion in daSilva.

The sophomore from Brazil finished second at the NCAA meet after leading after nine events a year ago after battling back from injuries. With a year of recovery behind him, da Sil-

va could likely break his PR of 8,266 points and the collegiate record of 8,322 points.

"He will be the favorite in the decathlon if he stay's healthy," Dellinger said. "He has to be our shot putter also."

Da Silva will compete in probably six individual events during the dual meet season to give Oregon help in several areas.

Another area of concern for Dellinger is the high jump where Pac-10 champ Andy Young, also the school record holder, graduated. Junior Sean Sullivan was a seven-foot jumper in 1988, but was injured last season. Redshirt freshman David Schiffer could also help.

In the pole vault, the Ducks are especially strong with four vaulters already over the Pac-10 qualifying standard of 16-4 1/4.

Leading the way is junior Brian Cullen who made the NCAA meet last season and has already cleared 17-7 and senior Shawn Meyle who scaled 17-feet a year ago.

Back on the track, the Ducks have some good talent in the hurdles and sprints, traditionally weak areas for Oregon.

Sophomore Bob Gray returns in the high hurdles and junior Brian Wright is back in the intermediates, giving the Ducks two of their best hurdlers ever.

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