

Oregon, Nebraska teams face off

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After last week's break from the dual meet wars, the Oregon men's track team returns to the frontlines against powerful Nebraska Saturday at Hayward Field.

As always, it won't be an easy meet for the Ducks. While Oregon was named the top dual meet team by *Track & Field News* last year and also finished fourth at the NCAA meet, the Cornhuskers were the third-

ranked dual meet team and finished seventh at the NCAA meet.

And Nebraska will have most of those same talented individuals on hand Saturday.

Distance runners Joe Kirby, Harold Graham, Frank Graham, Dieudonne Kwizera and Jacques van Rensburg won't make life easy for the Ducks' distance corps, and the Cornhuskers will also be extremely tough in the sprints, relays, shot put and discus.

"We need to break up their

points in the sprints and it's important that we come through this meet and not get any more injuries," Oregon coach Bill Dellinger said. "It's important that we compete well and maybe get some PRs to continue some of our progress."

The Ducks might need to make a lot of progress just to win the meet.

Kirby finished third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at last year's NCAA meet while Harold Graham was seventh. Those two will go head-to-head with Oregon's Danny Lopez and Rick Mestler.

Kirby has the nation's fastest time this year at 8:38.95 and owns a personal record of 8:38.23. Harold Graham has run 8:47.40 this year and owns a PR of 8:41.81.

Meanwhile, Lopez has run 8:42.35 this year (lifetime PR of 8:39.73) and Mestler has run a PR of 8:43.29 this season after finishing eighth at last year's NCAA meet.

The 1,500 and 5,000 meter races appear to be just as competitive.

Kwizera, the NCAA runner-up at 800 meters last season, owns a lifetime best of 3:37.05

Future looks bright with new wrestlers

By Tracy Sumner
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The recruiting season for college wrestlers isn't even over yet and already Oregon coach Ron Finley is crowing about his 1990 recruits.

"I think this could be the best recruiting class we've ever had," Finley said. "It's loaded with talent. It's going to make a real impact on our program and it should make a real impact on our national status."

Oregon signed two of what Finley called "blue chip" recruits to letters of intent Tuesday, inking Mat Sprague of Benson (Portland) and Pat DeCamillis of Arvada, Colo.

Oregon also signed Tom Glenn of West Albany, Ore. to a letter of intent Tuesday. Last month, the Ducks signed Cory Sonnen of Woodburn, Ore. and Scott Buzzard of Cascade (Ore.) High School.

Sprague, a two-time AAA state champion at the 168-pound class, had an 80-2 record in an injury-shortened high school career. He chose Oregon over Minnesota, Oklahoma, Purdue and Oklahoma State.

"I think he's going to make an immediate impact," Finley said of Sprague. "He's one of the most talented high school recruits in the country this year."

Finley, who expects Sprague to wrestle at 158

pounds in college, said Sprague's injury problems are behind him and that he is in sound health. Sprague won a state title during his freshman year, but was injured during his sophomore season. He returned late in his junior campaign and won the state title his senior season.

DeCamillis, who chose Oregon over Oklahoma and Wyoming, was a three-time Colorado state champion and is expected to compete for the 190-pound spot left open by the graduating Joe Rissone.

"The spot at 190 is wide open with the graduation of Rissone," Finley said. "DeCamillis is definitely going to compete for the position. He'll give us depth at the position for sure."

Tom Glenn, who was a two-time state placer at 158 pounds, followed family tradition in coming to Oregon. Scott Glenn, Tom's brother, will be in his senior season next year. Bruce Glenn, Tom and Scott's father, wrestled at Oregon between 1962-66.

Sonnen was a three-time AA state champion at 150 pounds while compiling a 103-6 record, including a 25-0 record his senior year.

Buzzard, whose father Bob was a two-time all-American at Iowa State, was a two-time AA state champion at Cascade. He had a 122-8 record in high school, including a 66-0 mark over his last two seasons.

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