

Nebraska to pose tough challenge

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Fans will likely be treated to one of the most exciting track and field events of the year Saturday when Nebraska comes to Hayward Field to challenge Oregon.

The Oregon women have lost more than one dual meet already this year, something coach Tom Heinonen has not seen happen in his 14 seasons at the helm.

Nebraska has a good shot to hand Oregon a third loss. Oregon's javelin duo of Kim Hyatt and Paula Berry have been relatively unchallenged this year, but things could change this weekend.

Nebraska's Nora Rockenbauer had the nation's second-best toss last year at 193-5. She threw a season-best 174-6 against Washington two weeks ago. The mark is nearly five feet better than Hyatt's season best of 169-8, and tops Berry's season high of 168-4.

The Cornhusker's No. 2 thrower, Sabrina Eames, has a season high of 164-11. The one scoring point granted to third place in the event could be closely contested.

Rosie Williams, Oregon's premier sprinter and last year's Pacific-10 Conference champion in the 200, is set to return to action after a week of rehabilitation workouts. The 100 and 200 specialist is tentatively entered in the 200 and will anchor the 4x400 relay team.

Williams is undefeated in the 100 and 200 this year, but the junior will receive a stiff workout in the 200 from Nebraska's Ximena Restrepo.

Restrepo, of Colombia, has clocked a 53.35 in the 400 this year. She placed eighth in the 200 at last year's Pac-10 but has yet to attempt the event this season.

Nebraska's Kim Walker posted a 23.75 in the 200 this year, a mark good enough to break the NCAA provisional standard.

The meet will also boast a rematch between

Oregon distance runner Liz Wilson and Nebraska distance extraordinaire Sammie Gdowski.

Wilson and Gdowski faced off in the NCAA 5,000 a year ago, with Wilson taking seventh and the Nebraskan grabbing fourth.

The two also met at the 1988 Pepsi Team Invitational at Hayward Field, where Gdowski topped Wilson in the 3,000 by more than three seconds.

Other strong events for the Cornhuskers are the 800, 1,500, and high jump. Nebraska has NCAA provisional qualifiers in each event.

Lisa Darley has a season best of 2:07.29 in the 800 with teammate Fran Benschel close behind at 2:07.90. Benschel has also met the provisional standard in the 1,500 with a 4:22.76 clocking.

Oregon's top two 800 runners, Carol Holmen and Kim Hutson, have bests in the 2:09 range good enough to qualify them for the league meet. Both look to cut those times with the impressive competition Saturday.

In the high jump, Nebraska's Meredy Porter has cleared 6-0, a mark good enough for the NCAA provisional. Oregon's Laurel Roberts met the standard as well with a 5-10 1/4 mark, and will look to attain the automatic mark of 6-0 1/4 Saturday.

Kamala Kohlmeier, Oregon's iron woman, will run the 400 hurdles for only the second time this season to give the Ducks a boost in the event. Kohlmeier will also compete in her usual events, the long jump and 100 high hurdles.

The junior posted a career-best point total of 5,066 in the heptathlon in the Oregon Invitational last week, narrowly missing the NCAA provisional standard of 5,100.

Freshman Kelly Blair totaled 4,942 points in her first collegiate attempt in the event. The mark qualifies her for the Pac-10 meet along with Kohlmeier.

The Ducks now have 17 Pac-10 qualifiers for a total of 23 entries but have yet to qualify an athlete for the NCAA meet.

After dumping OSU, ballclub faces Bears

Julie Cavanaugh had four hits, scored four runs and stole six bases to lead the Oregon softball team to a pair of 7-0 wins over Oregon State Thursday in Corvallis. The wins upped the Ducks' record to 29-21.

Tracey Simmons added two runs on three hits in the first game while Joely Eilers added two RBI. Kim Manning went 2-for-3 batting in the second game, scoring two runs and getting three RBI.

Katie Wiese pitched seven innings, giving up two hits and striking out five to get the win in the opener. Anna Poore pitched a four-hitter for the second victory.

The Ducks, ranked 18th in the latest national softball poll, face a tough challenge today when they host the eighth-ranked California Golden Bears in a 1 p.m. Pac-10 double-header at Howe Field. Cal has swept all three of the meetings between the teams this season.

While Oregon has struggled for much of this season, California is a team coming into its own over the second half of the year. Cal had a 10-10 record on March 9,

but has gone on a tear since then, winning 27 of 41 to go 37-24 coming into today's games.

Even more impressive is that the Bears have won eight in a row, giving up just three runs over that stretch.


Pitching has been the mainstay for Cal all year. The Bears' hitting (.234 team average) isn't overpowering, but for a good portion of the season their pitching has been. California has a team ERA of 0.61, good for fifth in the nation.

They are led by the 0.39 ERA and 21-11 record of Michele Granger. Granger, a sophomore, has four no-hitters on the season, a new school record. She also leads the nation in strikeouts.

To underscore the effectiveness of the Bears' pitching staff, Cal's worst pitcher statistically is Robyn Bergess, who sports a 10-7 record and a 0.94 ERA.

Offensively, Cal is led by the bat of shortstop Sue Jacquez. Jacquez improved her team-leading batting average to .316 by going 12-31 during the winning streak.

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