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The biggest question mark is what will happen with those Oregon tracksters who are NCAA provisional qualifiers. The NCAA set both automatic and provisional standards this season to allow events with few automatic qualifiers to be competitive with additional entries.

However, it won't be known until just before the NCAA meet how many provisional qualifiers will be accepted.

Five Oregon thinclads have met NCAA provisional standards, including Hudson in the 5,000 meters, pole vaulter Brian Cullen, Latin Berry in the long jump, Spencer Williams in the triple jump and Pat Haller in the 10,000. Hudson (5,000), Cullen, Berry (long jump and triple jump) and Williams were all NCAA qualifiers last season.

Oregon should be able to benefit from Saturday's competition to add to their list of both NCAA and Pacific-10 Conference qualifiers as the Twilight Meet annually draws some of the top track talent in the country.

Hayward Field record holders Brian Crouser (javelin) and Lance Deal (hammer) indicated after the Oregon Invitational that they would return to Hayward Field for Saturday's meet. Alberto Salazar, who began his comeback in the 10,000 at the Oregon Invitational, also hinted afterwards that he would run the 5,000 at the Twilight Meet.

Dellinger said he hopes for about 15 NCAA qualifiers and will be hoping that Williams and Berry can move onto the automatic qualifying list.

Williams, bothered by a sore groin all season, competed in the triple jump in last Saturday's dual meet against Nebraska and had a winning wind-aided leap of 53-1½, just off the NCAA automatic standard of 53-3¾.

More importantly for Williams, though, is that he needs a Pac-10 qualifying mark of 24-3½ in the long jump Saturday if he is to compete in that event at the Pac-10 meet May 19-20 in Seattle.

Berry has made the NCAA provisional list in the long jump with a best this season of 25-7¾, but needs a jump of 26-1 or better to qualify automatically.

Beset by a bruised heel and the National Football League draft, Berry has only gone 51-10½ in the triple jump this season after qualifying for the NCAA meet in that event the previous three seasons.

Three other Ducks are also shooting for NCAA automatic qualifying spots.

Eric Peterson, who qualified for the 1,500 two seasons ago, has had his best and most consistent season time-wise, and should go below the automatic standard of 3:42.20 if the race is aided by a rabbit pace. The 1,500 will be run instead of the traditional Twilight Mile for the second year in a row in hopes of gaining NCAA qualifications.

Brian Wright, who qualified in the 400-meter hurdles a year ago, is looking for a return trip this year. Wright has run 51.15 this season while the automatic standard is 50.75.

Cullen set a PR of 17-7 earlier this season, but the NCAA automatic standard has been raised from 17-6¾ to 18-0½ this season. Cullen had his best outing in over a month last Saturday, clearing 16-10¾ on his first attempt and just missing at 17-4.

Despite the season quickly winding down, Dellinger doesn't believe there is any pressure on people to meet the qualifying marks.

"If there is any pressure, it comes from within," he said, "because I don't believe in putting pressure on them other than going out and competing and doing their best."

Sprinter Klaus Weigeldt, who has missed most of the season because of a hamstring injury, will run the 400 meters in an attempt to meet the Pac-10 standard of 47.84. Last year Weigeldt had a best of 46.47 and finished fourth at the conference meet.

Lopez, who ran a collegiate-leading 8:28.44 in the steeplechase last Saturday, will go for a Pac-10 qualifying time of 1:51.44 in the 800 meters. The Ducks already have three conference qualifiers in that event, but they rank only 14th, 15th and 18th on the list.

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