

Weather may be a factor in Hill meet

Today's Ralph Hill Open might not materialize as everybody had hoped.

Athletes from Oregon and other colleges will attempt in today's meet at Hayward Field to meet NCAA automatic qualifying standards for next week's NCAA Championships at Durham, N.C.

But because of expected rainy weather, Oregon coaches Bill Dellinger and Tom Heinonen might hold several athletes out of competition and wait until this weekend to take a last chance at NCAA qualifying marks.

Although the men currently have 10 automatic qualifiers and the women four, several NCAA veterans have not yet qualified for a return trip to nationals.

On the men's side, Brian Cullen (pole vault) and Brian Wright (400 hurdles) will be looking for their second straight trip to nationals. Eric Peterson a 1,500-meter

runner, who went to the NCAA meet two seasons ago, is also looking toward an NCAA appearance.

For the women, sprinter Rosie Williams is seeking to return to the NCAA meet in the 200 while high jumper Laurel Roberts and discus thrower Stephanie Smith will be seeking their first NCAA appearance.

But Heinonen is sending the trio to the Long Beach Invitational in California this weekend instead, where weather conditions and competition will be better.

The biggest question is how many qualifiers on the NCAA provisional list will be accepted for the NCAA meet.

Cullen, Peterson, Williams, Roberts and Smith all currently stand on the NCAA provisional list.

Field events begin at 4 p.m. with the women's discus. Running events begin at 5:30 p.m. with the women's 100-meter hurdles.

Athletes honored as students

Oregon seniors Terry Obee and Stephanie Kasperski, as well as sophomore Dan Vidlak, were honored as the University's top student-athletes as part of the athletic department's annual recognition banquet held Tuesday afternoon in the EMU Ballroom.

Obee was named the recipient of the Emerald Athletic Trophy as one of the school's top senior student athletes. Kasperski was given the Jackson Award as the Ducks' top female scholar, while Vidlak was awarded the Higdon Trophy as the University's top sophomore exhibiting excellence in athletics, scholarship and citizenship.

Obee completed his collegiate football career as the Pacific-10 Conference's all-time leader in punt returns and yardage, as well as Oregon's career leader in receiving yardage.

Earning a 2.77 GPA, the second-team all-league selection and two-time all-academic pick will graduate in June with a degree in business before attempting to continue his football career as a free agent with the Seattle Seahawks.

The Emerald Trophy, which

originated in 1951, is sponsored jointly by the University's department of athletics and the school's student newspaper, the *Oregon Daily Emerald*.

Kasperski graduated in March with a 3.98 GPA in biology after establishing the Pac-10 career rebounding record. The 6-foot-7 West German native previously was named the GTE women's basketball academic All-American of the year in addition to receiving the scholar/athlete of the year

award from the U.S. Basketball Writers Association.

Vidlak finished eighth in the country in the year's NCAA wrestling championships at 118 pounds to earn all-America acclaim. The two-time NCAA qualifier led his team in victories this season with a 28-9-0 record to be named the Ducks' MVP as a sophomore.

Recording a 52-15-1 record in two seasons, the Grants Pass science major owns a 2.96 GPA.

Women's crew wins

Five members of the Oregon Club Crew team earned a trip to the Women's National Collegiate Rowing Championships with a first-place finish in the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships last weekend.

Rowers Kathy Geske, Shannon Powell, Karen Griggs and Cynthia Engel teamed with coxswain Rochelle Suzuki for the first-place finish in the Women's Lightweight Varsity-4 event in the Sacramento meet last weekend.

The win earned the women a trip to the National meet June 1-3 in Madison, Wis. Teams

from all over the nation will participate in the event.

Other finishers for Oregon Club Sports last weekend were the men's Varsity-8 at fourth in the Petite finals, the women's Open Varsity-4 at fifth in the grand finals, the men's Lightweight Varsity-4 at fifth in the grand finals, and the women's Novice-8 at fifth in the qualifying races.

The women's Open Varsity-4 team earned a berth in the grand finals by taking first in their qualifying race. Men's Lightweight Varsity-4 took third in the qualifying heat.

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