SPORTS

Oregon to host doubleheaders

Don't be surprised to catch some of the Oregon softball players looking a little out of sync when they host three doubleheaders this weekend.

That's because after playing 30 consecutive road games, the Ducks will be experiencing their home opener against Stanford today at 3 p.m.

If the weather holds up. Oregon (0-4 in the Pacific-10, 15-15 overall) will play doubleheaders against third-ranked Arizona on Saturday and eighth-ranked Arizona State on Sunday after playing two games against the Cardinal on Friday.

If Oregon is to move out of the conference cellar, the Ducks will need a stronger de fense and more consistent pitching. While the team's pitching and defense have struggled most of the season. the same cannot be said for the Ducks' offense.

Led by first baseman Julie Cavanaugh and shortstop Kim-Manning. Oregon's offense trails only top-ranked UCLA in the Pac-10 with a .293 batting average.

Cavanaugh, a native of West Germany, leads the hit parade with a .361 batting average to go along with 12 stolen bases

and 23 runs scored

Manning is right on Cavanaugh's tail with a .344 aver age, six home runs and 22 runs batted in, but she has struggled in the field, making 21 errors and compiling a 798 fielding percentage.

The majority of the pitching duties have fallen to freshman Rachelle Taylor after all-conference pitcher Katie Wiese was dropped from the team for academic deficiencies.

Taylor has pitched much better this season than her record would indicate. Her 0.66 earned run average is sixth-best

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Oregon's 4 x 100-meter relay team, with Mike McClendon receiving the baton from Devon Hosey here, will face a stiff challenge from Alabama at the Pepsi Team Invitational

Ducks face talented teams at Pepsi meet

By Ashley Conklin

The NCAA Championships aren't scheduled to open at Hayward Field until May 29.

But track fans can catch an early glimpse of some of the best track talent in the nation Saturday at the four-team Pepsi Team Invitational, which starts at 12:10 p.m.

"Other than the NC-2A meet, some of the best competition in the whole country will be here (at the Pepsi meet)." Oregon men's Coach Bill Dellinger said. "I think you'll see some really good competition if the weather is conducive."

Oregon and Washington State will again take part, but the meet is even more attractive with Alabama and Indiana joining the field. While both the Duck men and women have won all four previous Pepsi Invitationals. Dellinger doesn't see his team as the favorite this time.

"Washington State has the best marks and the best personnel." Dellinger said. "They cover the events pretty well.

"They look like they're serious about coming down here and winning," he said. "From their entries, it looks like they're going to double some people.

On the other side, Oregon women's Coach Tom Heinonen sees his team as remaining undefeated in the Pepsi meet.

Heinonen said he did a cautious pre-meet form chart Wednesday night that had the Oregon women winning the meet by 18 points.

Eighteen points is a pretty big margin in this meet." Heinonen said of the international scoring system used for the meet.

Individual events will be scored on a 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis with each team restricted to only two entries per event. Relays will be scored on a 9-6-4-2 basis.

Heinonen doesn't see the women's meet shaping up to be quite as good as the men's, but he isn't apologizing for that.

"It's a damn good meet," he said. "I don't think it will be as strong as the guys, because Washington State-Oregon might be the top two teams in the nation.

'All I know,'' Heinonen said. "is that there are solid athletes in every event.

The Washington State men bring a very experienced and talented team to Eugene in hopes of unseating Oregon as the team



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Tony Li and E.J. Guo will be back to defend their titles in the high hurdles and 5,000 meters, respectively, and George Ogbeide. who won the 100 meters last season, is also back

Since last season, the Cougars have added Augustin Olobia, the indoor NCAA 55-meter champ, in the sprints and Samuel Kibiri in the 1,500 and steeplechase

Alabama also is strong in both the sprints and distances. Brad McCuaig and Clive Wright have already turned in provisional NCAA qualifying times of 10.33 and 10.39, respectively, in the 100 this year. Both also ran on last year's NCAA winning 4 x 100-meter relay team.

Anchoring the distance events is German Beltran, last year's Southeastern Conference 5,000-meter champ.

The best distance runner in the Pepsi meet will likely be Indiana's Robert Kennedy, the indoor NCAA mile champ, who was also the outdoor 1,500-meter champ last season.

Two Oregon freshmen. Coley Candaele and Andy Maris, will go against Kibiri and Kennedy in the 1,500.

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While the Ducks have been vulnerable in the sprints before, Ron

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