

Teams face different challenges

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The challenges for the Oregon track teams will be vastly different in Saturday's dual-meets with Washington State in Pullman, Wash.

The Duck men will try and win their sixth straight dual-meet against the Cougars, but it won't be easy considering Washington State dominated the competition in last week's Pepsi Team Invitational and won the team title by outscoring the Ducks 223½ to 181½.

On the women's side, Oregon is expected to keep its undefeated streak against the Cougars intact after taking the Pepsi title by 38 points over the Cougars.

Despite Washington State's overwhelming strength, Oregon men's Coach Bill Dellinger isn't expecting his team to roll over and die on the Mooberry Track.

"We're not going up there conceding the meet," he said. "Most of the people know we're going to have to compete."

While Washington State might have what Dellinger called the best dual-meet team in the country, there are enough strengths on both teams that could swing the meet either way.

One of Washington State's big advantages in winning the Pepsi meet was a 1-2 finish, respectively, from Robert Price and John Hill in the 3,000-meter steeplechase over Oregon's Rick Mestler and Tye Van Schoiack.

Should the reverse happen Saturday, the Ducks could be on their way to an upset of the Cougars.

Two of the best individual matchups will be in the hurdle events.

Oregon's Bob Gray, a provisional NCAA qualifier in the high hurdles, will go head-to-head again this week with Tony Li, fifth at last year's NCAA meet. In the 400-meter hurdles, Oregon

all-American Brian Wright will try and hold off Li, who added that event this season.

However, the best event of the day could be the 4x100-meter relay, as it was last week when the Cougars set a school and Hayward Field record of 39.24, while the Ducks came within an eyelash of the NCAA automatic qualifying mark.

One Duck who won't be in Pullman is distance runner Pat Haller, who will be at the Mount San Antonio College Relays in California in an attempt to get into a fast 5,000-meter field and possibly run an NCAA qualifying time.

Also at Mt. SAC will be javelin thrower Paula Berry. Berry, ranked sixth in the country, will face a national-caliber field of throwers Sunday, including Marilyn Senz, ranked third in the U.S., and fourth-ranked Erica Wheeler.

The Ducks won't miss Berry, though, and will use the dual-meet to move some people around and give others somewhat of a break.

"We're not going to the ends of the earth to win this meet," Oregon Coach Tom Heinonen said. "We want to ease up and rest some people because we've gone to the well several times in a couple of meets in a row."

Laurel Roberts, the Ducks' top high jumper, will be held out of that event while heptathlete Kelly Blair will run the 400 hurdles for the first time in her career.

Moreover, sprinters Rosie Williams and Camara Jones will run in only two events each, and neither will compete in the 400 meters.

"Certainly we want to win the meet," Heinonen said, "but we want to prepare people for meets later in the season."

Lisa Karnopp and Lucy Nusrala, who both turned in outstanding performances last week, will battle the Cougars' Luiza DoNascimento in the 1,500 meters in what should be the best women's event.



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Javelin thrower Kim Hyatt, who qualified for the NCAA meet at last week's Pepsi Team Invitational, won't have to compete Saturday against teammate Paula Berry.

Basketball team signs two point guards for next season

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Oregon's basketball team has landed two highly-touted point guards during the past two days as the Ducks try to replace the departing Terrell Brandon.

Coach Don Monson an-

nounced Tuesday that he had signed Andre Collier, a junior college point guard from California, to a letter of intent. Wednesday Monson added Johnnie Reece, the Colorado prep player of the year this past season.

Brandon, the Pacific-10 Con-

ference player of the year this past season, announced earlier this month that he would forego his senior season for the NBA draft.

With no other point guards on the team, Monson quickly set out to find a point guard to fill the void left by Brandon. In-

stead, he got two.

"I think what it does is it solidifies our team a little bit," Monson said Wednesday. "I think now we might be a little bit better than last year at that position because we had no one to help Terrell and back him up."

Collier was the most valuable player of the Coast Conference this past season at De Anza College in Cupertino, Calif. The 5-foot-10 Collier averaged 19.5 points and 8.2 assists per game for the league champs, and he

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