

# Duck teams racing for trophies

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Both Oregon track teams could snag team trophies at the NCAA Track and Field Championships this week at Hayward Field.

Coach Bill Dellinger's men's squad has an outside shot at the team title, and Coach Tom Heinonen's women's squad could surprise a few people. Each team would need to finish in the top four to win a trophy.

In the men's race, the Ducks will be in a dog fight behind Tennessee and Washington State to grab a trophy.

Dellinger said 30 points or more could get the Ducks a trophy, but he admitted that just about any team in this year's field could also finish in the top four.

"I think we can be right up there," Dellinger said. "It should be a good battle and will probably take up into the 30-point range to win a trophy."

"We're as good as everyone

else," he said. "I think Arkansas, LSU, Auburn, Texas and a number of other teams will also be there."

Leading the Ducks will be decathletes Pedro daSilva and Muhammad Oliver and Rick Mestler and Tye Van Schoiack in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

DaSilva and Oliver are fourth and seventh, respectively, in the national rankings. DaSilva was the NCAA runner-up two seasons ago but had to withdraw from last year's competition with a hip flexor injury.

Mestler was an all-American in the steeplechase the past two seasons and both he and Van Schoiack could score this season.

Oregon hammer thrower Scott McGee is the defending champ but will have a tough time beating French import Christophe Elle of Southern Methodist.

All of Oregon's other entries are good bets to score. They in-

clude Pat Haller in the 5,000, Colin Dalton in the 1,500, Shannon Lemora in the 800, Bob Gray in the hurdle events, Brian Wright in the 400 hurdles and Art Skipper in the javelin.

On the women's side, Heinonen will rely on javelin throwers Paula Berry and Kim Hyatt and distance runners Lucy Nusrala and Stephanie Wessell.

Berry and Hyatt rank 1-3, respectively, and Nusrala (5,000) and Wessell (10,000) are third in their events.

"We've got a chance at a top score, but we're relying almost exclusively on those four people," Heinonen said. "Three of them have scored before, and Lucy has run solidly all season."

Other Oregon entries include Rosie Williams in the 100, Camara Jones in the 400, Nicole Woodward in the 5,000, Laurel Roberts in the high jump and Kelly Blair in the heptathlon.

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Her entire performance at the Last Chance meet was impressive: all five of her legal throws traveled more than 180 feet.

"Undoubtedly, she's been consistent over 180," Heinonen said. "Paula is really miles ahead of everyone else."

The Oregon senior is throwing so well that the school record, the NCAA Championship meet record (206-9) and the American collegiate record (211-5) could all fall to Berry this week, Harmon said.

"I'm going for the sweep," Harmon said. "I'd put my money on the sweep."

Berry is still riding a crest of happiness from her performance at the Last Chance meet.

"I'm a pretty happy camper right now," Berry said

last Thursday. "And if I can get through my finals and all my papers that I have to turn in, I'm going to be OK."

Hyatt also has shown marked improvement recently, attaining a PR of 178-1 at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships May 18.

"We could get 1-2, but there's lots of other fine throwers out there," Heinonen said.

One competitor who will not be there is Arizona's Louise Perreault, who had the nation's second-best collegiate throw before withdrawing from the NCAAAs because of elbow surgery.

BYU's Hui-Chen Lee and defending national champion Ashley Selman of USC are ranked third and fifth among collegiate throwers and are expected to challenge for points.

The javelin qualifying throws begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, and the finals will get underway at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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