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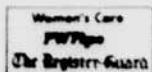


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Men's track expects strong return

□ Three of Oregon's Pac-10 title winners are returning this year

By Jake Berg
 Emerald Sports Editor

There should be few surprises from the Oregon men's track and field team this season.

The Ducks unexpectedly finished in third place at the NCAA Championships last season, but Oregon returns most of its scorers from that meet, so great things will be expected of the Ducks.

All three of Oregon's Pacific-10 Conference individual title winners from a year ago return to defend their titles in the championships at Hayward Field May 22 and 23, the first time in 10 years the Pac-10 meet will be held at Hayward.

Six of the men who scored 28 of the Ducks' 36 NCAA points are also back for Oregon's first dual meet Saturday at Washington. Only hammer thrower Scott McGee, the NCAA runner-up, is gone from this spring's lineup.

The decathlon may provide the Ducks' best 1-2 punch in their arsenal, as Pedro daSilva and Muhammad Oliver return for their senior years.

daSilva, who won the Pan American Games decathlon last summer, is a two-time Pac-10 champ, and Oliver, who was fourth at the NCAAs last spring, has already qualified for the NCAA meet this year with a 7,751-point personal record score.



File photo
 Pedro daSilva, Oregon's two-time Pac-10 decathlon champ, returns this season to defend his title.

"That mark I wasn't pleased with," Oliver said. "I did awful in a couple of events."

But Oliver also did well in a couple of events, too, setting personal records in the hurdles and long jump. Oliver may also be the Ducks' best high jumper, as he claimed the Pac-10 title in the event last spring with a modest 7-0 1/2 jump.

Oliver said it feels good to get the qualifying mark out of the

way early, so he can concentrate on the individual events. He said his personal goal is to break the 7,800-point mark, the Olympic Trials qualifying score, and both he and daSilva have a goal to break the Oregon school record.

"We kind of have a competition going to beat that," Oliver said.

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ADVERTISING CORRECTION

A typographical error appeared in the Track Town Pizza ad on page 6 of the Thursday, April 2 edition of the Emerald. The copy should have read:

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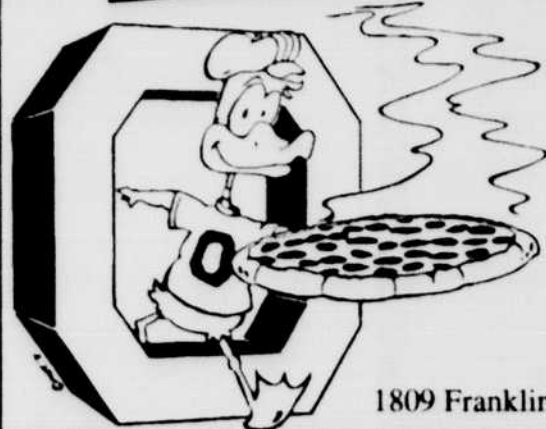
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Judy Riedl, General Manager, OREGON DAILY EMERALD

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 WEEK

Muhammad Oliver



Oregon decathlete Muhammad Oliver is the first Duck to qualify for the NCAA Track and Field Championships so far this season. The senior, who finished fourth at the national meet last spring, scored a personal record 7,751 at a decathlon meet in Tempe, Arizona March 18-19. Oliver also started at cornerback for the Oregon football team in the fall.

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