

Last chance for NCAA meet

By Jake Berg
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Tonight's George Varoff/Last Chance Open track meet means very little to the Oregon track teams in general.

Individually, though, it could mean much more.

The Ducks' final home meet starts at 6 p.m. at Hayward Field, providing the Oregon athletes with their final opportunity to get qualified for the NCAA meet, which begins next Wednesday in Austin, Texas.

Duck women's coach Tom Heinonen said a few events in the meet will be interesting, but he expects the meet as a whole to be "inconsequential."

"With a little 'i,'" he said.

Three events in particular, though, should provide the meat of the meet.

The javelin competition with 12 entries — men and women — will bring out some well-known names — Oregon's Kim Hyatt, Kelsey Stellick and Keri Esterbrook; former NCAA champs Jill Smith, Ashley Selman and Paula Berry; Tracie Millett, a former All-American from UCLA; and Sally Harmon, the Duck throws coach.

The 1,500-meter run will showcase Pacific-10 Conference champ Jennifer Carpenter of Washington State, most of Oregon's distance runners, and former Ducks Liz Wilson, Lisa



Senior Alan Foster will run in the 1,500 tonight at the Last Chance Open.

Karnopp and Eryn Forbes.

Heinonen said he hopes to use the run as a "tune-up" for his two top distance runners, Nicole Woodward and Lucy Nusrala, who will both be running in the 5,000 at Austin.

On the men's side, a fast-paced 1,500 has been put together to try and get senior

Alan Foster and freshman Tracy Hollister into the NCAA's.

Senior Shannon Lemora, who is less than a second off the automatic qualifying mark in the 800, and Erika Klein, the Pac-10 runner-up in the 800, will be looking for faster times in their respective heats.

RIM RESULTS

Volleyball
Score/League
May 12
Colleen Wellman d. Theta Chi/Gamma Phi 2-0/L1
KKG/Fiji d. Crushers 2-0/L1
Large Vibrating Eggs d. Lil & Co. 2-0/L1
Shaking the Tree d. Peloponnesian Clams 2-0/L2
The AAKs d. Tri Deltas — forfeit/L2
Chi Psi/Sigma Kappa d. Alpha Kappa Psi 2-0/L2
Posers Strike Back d. Sweetser 2-0/3D
Watson Wild Willies d. APASU —

forfeit/3D
Thornton d. Vietnamese Students 2-1/3D
May 19
Vietnamese Students d. Posers Strike Back 2-0/C3
Watson Wild Willies d. Sweetser 2-0/C3
APASU d. Thornton — forfeit/C3
Chi Psi/Sigma Kappa d. Tri Deltas — forfeit/C2
AAKs d. Peloponnesian Clams 2-0/C2
Shaking the Tree d. Alpha Kappa Psi 2-0/C2
Large Vibrating Eggs d. Crushers 2-0/C1

Kappa Gamma/Fiji d. Theta Chi/Gamma Phi 2-0/C1
Colleen Wellmann d. Lil & Co. 2-0/C1
May 26
KKG/Fiji d. Large Vibrating Eggs — forfeit/L1
KKG/Fiji d. Colleen Wellmann 2-1/L1
AAKs d. Shaking the Tree 2-0/L2
AAKs d. Chi Psi/Sigma Kappa/L2
Watson Wild Willies d. APASU — forfeit/L3
Watson Wild Willies d. Vietnamese Students — forfeit/L3

Tar Heel standout to assist Duck coach

Oregon men's basketball coach Jerry Green completed his staff Wednesday by hiring King Rice, the former starting point guard for North Carolina's NCAA Final Four team this season.

Rice, who was captain of the Tar Heel team that lost to Kansas in the national semifinal contest, will assume the duties of assistant coach July 1.

"Rice was highly recommended by (North Carolina) coach (Dean) Smith, who has done so much for me," Green said. "This position is for a young guy who is hungry to get into college basketball. King has known for many years that he's wanted to be a coach."

Green said Rice would perform a number of administrative duties to assist the Duck program, including scouting, team travel, on-campus recruiting, summer camp, and the pre-season conditioning program. The third assistant is prohibited from recruiting off campus by NCAA rules.

"He has to be someone to stabilize the office when two of us are out recruiting all the time," Green said. "He carries himself excellently and will work extremely hard."

Rice has been the Tar Heels' starting point guard for the last two seasons and led the squad in assists, finishing his career third on the school's all-time list and 11th on the Atlantic Coast Conference chart.

Rice averaged 6.2 points in 140 games at North Carolina, helping the Tar Heels to a 21-6 record during his senior season. He was voted the team's most inspirational player this year and was named the top defensive player after his junior season.

A native of Binghamton, N.Y., Rice graduated from North Carolina with a degree in radio, television and motion pictures. He joins full-time assistants Bobby Braswell and Mark Turgeon on the Oregon staff.

Men's ultimate team wins national title

By Erick Studenicka
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The entire team played 'out of their heads' for the entire tournament.

— Brooke Martin, ultimate team captain

The Oregon club men's ultimate frisbee team capped off an unforgettable season by capturing the collegiate national title last weekend with a 21-15 victory over Cornell in Ft. Collins, Colo.

The women's team also had a successful weekend, finishing second at the national competition. The showing was especially strong, considering the team was ranked only eighth going into the tourney.

The Duck men won the title by winning six of seven tournament games during the Memorial Day weekend. The team's only loss came, ironically, to Cornell in an early-round qualifying match.

"It's an amazing achievement," said team captain Brooke Martin. "It's the highest level a collegiate ultimate team can reach."

In order to reach the final, Oregon defeated several nationally ranked schools such as East Carolina, Georgia Tech and North Carolina-Wilmington. The Ducks pounded California 19-6 in the semifinal in order to set up the rematch with Cornell for the national title.

Martin said the entire 18-man squad played "out of their heads" for the entire

tournament, but he singled Doug Welsh out as the dominant player of the tournament.

"Welsh did it all the entire weekend. He played deep, he handled the frisbee, and he played great defense," he said.

Other top scorers for the Ducks in the tournament included Rick Melner, Jack Reynolds and Jim Savage.

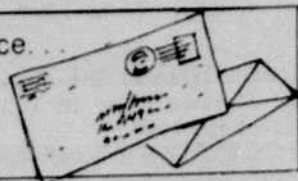
The championship is the first in the history of the ultimate team. The squad reached the finals in 1985 and 1986, but this year's team is the first to win the national championship.

"We really have an experienced team that has been playing together for a long time," Martin said. "Nearly everyone is a senior and will be graduating, so it was nice for everyone to go out as national champions."

Although the collegiate season is finished, the squad will make a final appearance in the Solstice Tournament in Corvallis on June 20.

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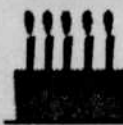
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