

By Erick Studenicka **Emerald Sports Reporter**

Who is the fastest sprinter in the state of Oregon?

Oregon assistant coach Pat Lanning, who is also the meet director of Friday's Eugene indoor track meet, is hoping to answer that question.

'Friday night we are going to have an invitation-only 50-meter race limited to those runners who either live or train in Oregon at least six months out of the year," Lanning said. "It will be our 'Fastest Man in Oregon' race.

Expected to participate from the Oregon track team are Ronnie Harris and Derrick Deadwiler. Harris and Deadwiler were also both wide receivers on the football team last season.

LaMont Woods, the 1991 Oregon state high school sprint champ, is also expected to make his season debut for the Ducks.

Lanning does not anticipate Harris having any trouble dropping from his usual distance. 400 meters, to the 50-meter sprint distance.

'Even though Harris is usually thought of as a 400-meter runner, he still has one of the fastest 100-meter times for any Oregon runner in the past six or seven years," Lanning said.
"This race will be good for Ronnie to see how fast he is before he goes to football tryouts this spring.

Harris has a lifetime best of 10.63 seconds in the 100, and Deadwiler's best time is 10.66.

Other top runners expected to contend for "The Fastest Man in Oregon" title include former Oregon hurdler Bob Gray and Paul Scarlett, a former sprinter from Brigham Young who now lives in Port-

Lanning said that the middledistance races will also feature some big names from the world of track.

'Greg Whiteley, who took fourth place in the Olympic Trials 1,500, is expected to run," Lanning said, "and there is a chance Mary Slaney might

Slaney, a Eugene resident, is the former 1,500- and 3,000meter world champion who at one time held seven American

Assistant coach John Gillespie said Oregon would enter several athletes in field events Friday, but he was unsure whether the Ducks' distance runners would participate.

The meet, held at the Lane County Convention Center Exhibit Hall, will begin 5 p.m. Friday. The first event scheduled is the 50-meter high hurdles. with the middle-distance races set to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Ducks to take on No. 1 Penn State

The football team had its shot at the No. 1 team in the country when it played Washington in October. Now it's the wrestling team's turn to take on No. 1 when it meets Penn State Saturday in Norman, Okla.

Penn State had been ranked No. 2 going into last weekend's national dual meet championships, but the Nittany Lions surprised Nebraska and Iowa to take the title. Eight of the 10 wrestlers in the Penn State lineup are ranked in the top 10 in national rankings.

Oregon has had its own recent success with four dual meet wins in the past two weeks. The upper-weight classes have been especially impressive for the Ducks, as 190-pounder Jeff McCoy and heavyweight Chris Anderson have combined for a 13-3 dual-meet

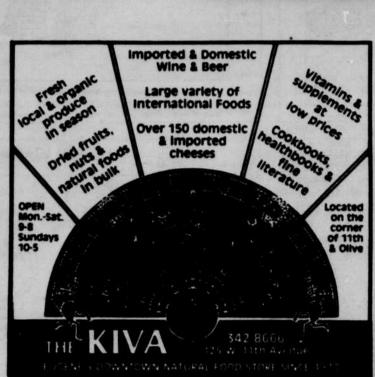
Oregon wrestling coach Ron

Finley is looking forward to the 190-pound match Saturday.

"We'll get to see who the real wrestling McCoy is, as Jeff will meet Penn State's Kerry McCoy," Finley said. "Jeff beat Kerry earlier in the season at the Mat Town Classic tourna-

The Ducks will also meet Oklahoma, the 10th-ranked team in the nation, two hours after meeting Penn State.











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