Huskies on tap for Oregon's first dual

By Dave Charbonneau

The Oregon track and field teams will compete in their first team-scoring meets of the season when they face Washington Saturday at Hayward Field.

Both the men and the women have overwhelming advantages over the Huskies in the series' recent history. The men have won 17 of the last 18 dual meets between the two schools, and the women have won 14 of 16 meets against Washington.

The women will kick off the day at 12:10 p.m. with the javelin. This will be Oregon fans' first chance to see Ashley Selman compete for the Ducks in a team format. Selman won the NCAA title in javelin in 1990 while competing for USC. After a year off, Selman is expected to be one of Oregon's top scorers this season.

In the long jump, Kelly Blair will likely be the favorite after setting the school record in the heptathlon last weekend. With the absence of a heptathlon at Saturday's meet, Blair will also compete in the 100 and the high jump.

The most competitive events in the women's competition will be in the 4x100 and 4x400 relay events. LaReina Woods, Camara Jones, Lisa Bedwell and Shawna Krasowski make up the 4x100 team

Jones will also compete in the 400-meter event for which she earned all-American honors last season. Jones will run in the event Saturday for the first time this season.

The men's portion of the meet will begin at 12:30 p.m. with the hammer. Freshman standout Ray Livingston will compete in the pole vault and the long jump early in the meet, giving the fans a look at the future of the Oregon team.

Some more recognizable Oregon faces will appear later in the meet with Heath Howington in the shot put, Eric White and Jason Walton in the high jump, Todd Bleakney and Devon Hosey in the triple jump and Ronnie Harris in the 200.

Grady O'Connor is questionable for the Ducks in the 400-meter hurdles, but Eric Ylitalo should be able to score valuable points in the event.



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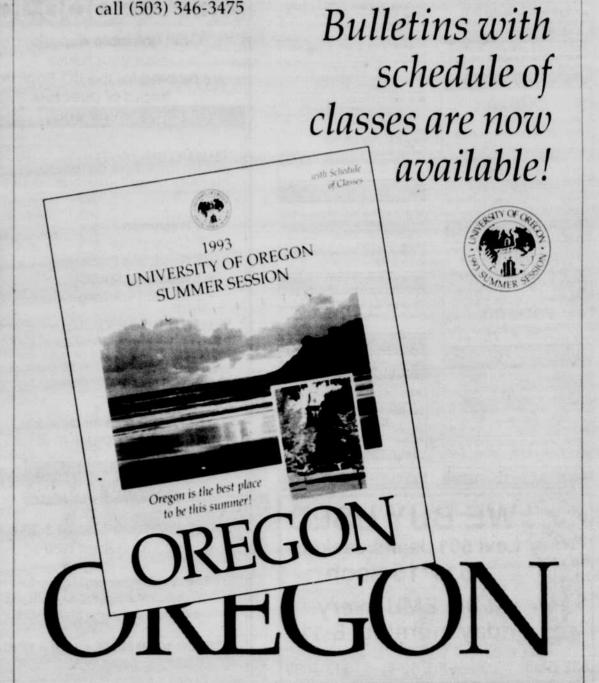




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