

# Men's track readies for relays

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The Oregon men's track team will send a few of its top athletes across the country this weekend to compete in the Penn and Drake Relays.

Both meets are designed with the goal of attracting some of the top relay teams in the country. The Drake Relays feature sprints, and the Penn Relays focus on longer, less-common relays.

The Ducks will send DeWayne Ingram, Grady O'Connor, LaVon Pierce, Patrick Khoo, Ronnie Harris, and Heath Howington to the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa. Howington will compete in the shot put and discus, and the rest will be running in various sprint races.

In the 4x100-meter relay, Ingram, Pierce, Khoo and Harris will try to better the 40.70 time they clocked in a dual meet with Washington earlier this season.

Pierce, Harris and Khoo will also run in the 4x400-meter race along with O'Connor. The team has the second-fastest time for the Ducks this season in the race.

Harris has achieved career bests in both the 100 and 200 this season, and is not far off his personal record in the 400. Pierce is coming off one of his strongest outings as a Duck, when he won both the 100 and 200 at last weekend's Oregon Invitational.

Ingram has the second fastest time in the 100 for Oregon this season, and Khoo has performed well as a freshman, with the second-best 400 time and third-best time in the 200.

O'Connor will also compete in the 400 hurdles, and Jamar Williams will run in the 110 hurdles.

Oregon will send six runners to Philadelphia for the Penn Relays to compete in long-dis-

tance relay events.

Gordon Johnson and Scott Nicholas will run in all three events for the Ducks. In the distance medley relay, Karl Keska and Randy Lamm will also run for Oregon, with Keska and Tracy Hollister competing in the 4x1,500 and Nicholas and Lamm running in the 4x800-meter relay.

Nicholas broke his PR last weekend in the 1,500 as did Keska. Johnson has yet to run in the 1,500 this season, but holds Oregon's best time in the 800.

In the steeplechase, Oregon's lone entry will be Jason Humble. Humble is well off his PR in the steeplechase, but still has the top time for the Ducks in the event this season.

The relays will help the Ducks prepare for the Pepsi Team Invitational next weekend at Hayward Field against Washington State, Kansas State and Arizona State. It will be Oregon's final scoring meet of the season.



Photo by Randy Thieben  
Karl Keska will run in distance races at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia this weekend.

# Students come to blows at Mac Court

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Boxing skills ranging from the deft to sublime were on display in McArthur Court Wednesday night as the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity hosted the 14th Annual Intramural Boxing Championships, a.k.a. "The Smoker."

Brian Clendenin won the super flyweight title for a record third straight year over Matt Stockton in the evening's closest battle. Clendenin hones his boxing skills each winter by playing forward on the University club hockey team.

"I was going to be like Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier and just stop after winning two times," Clendenin said. "I didn't know I would box until Monday, so I haven't been training."

Freshman Chris Lazio gained some respect from his Phi Psi fraternity brothers by winning the welterweight title.

"I just joined the fraternity on Sunday," Lazio said. "I'm not a very good boxer, it was all heart."

Lazio was introduced to boxing by his father.

"My dad used to put on the gloves when I got into trouble," Lazio said. "He'd give me a few taps and say 'This is for talking back to your mom, this is for not mowing the lawn.' I learned to defend myself."



Photo by Michael Shindler  
Jason Steel (left) gets pummeled by Brian Clendenin Wednesday night at the 14th Annual Intramural Boxing Championships at Mac Court. Clendenin went on to win the super flyweight division for the third consecutive year.

Lazio said he had no desire to break Clendenin's title record.

"I probably won't do this again," Lazio said. "Clendenin has boxing skills, I just happened to win a street fight."

Other division winners included Isreal

Delden, Michael Matheson, Peter Stayner, and Travis Craven.

The event was a fund raiser for the Children's Miracle Network. Promoter Jason Cowley said he anticipated the event would raise approximately \$1,500 for the charity.

# Duck tennis receives awards

Oregon women's tennis head coach Tom Greider is the Pacific-10 Conference Northern Division Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year.

The Ducks recently completed their most successful season in history, going 24-5 to set the school mark for victories in a season and claim the fourth-best winning percentage in the team's 20-year history.

All-Pac-10 Northern Division honors for the Ducks went to the men's top player, Lee Kirner, and women's No. 2 player, Sherry Fairgrieve.

Kirner, who receives the honor for the third straight season, is third on the squad with 11 wins as the No. 1 singles player. The junior from Laguna Beach, Calif., has also teamed-up for 12 doubles victories for Oregon's 8-11 squad.

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