

# Track teams send five to NCAA meet

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After providing few highlights at the Pacific-10 Conference meet, the Oregon track teams will try to end their seasons on a more positive note when five Oregon athletes compete at the NCAA Championships beginning Wednesday in Boise, Idaho.

Leading the way for the Duck women will be Kelly Blair. Blair will be defending her NCAA championship in the heptathlon, which begins today with the 100-meter, high jump, shot put and 200 meters.

Although she is the defending champion in the heptathlon, Blair holds only the second-best point total this season (5,768 points). George Mason's Diane Guthrie has the top point total of the season with 5,863 points.

Blair won the event last season with 6,038 points. Guthrie, who finished third last season, has a PR of 6,040.

Also competing today will be freshman Milena Glusac in the semifinals of the 3,000. In her first season with the Ducks, Glusac holds the fifth-best time this season and is the top freshman qualifier in the event.

Glusac has been hampered by a stomach disorder for much of the second half of the season but has had a couple weeks to heal. Glusac could become the first freshman all-American in Oregon history with a strong showing in Boise.

The final women to compete for the Ducks will be javelin thrower Kelsey Stellick.

Stellick qualified for the NCAAs two weeks ago

at the Oregon Twilight when she had a PR throw of 173-1. The javelin competition begins Friday.

The Ducks are known for their strong javelin throwers. In the past six years, three of the NCAA champions in the event have been from Oregon, including last year's champion, Ashley Selman.

Stellick is coming off a strong performance at the Pac-10 Conference meet where she took second.

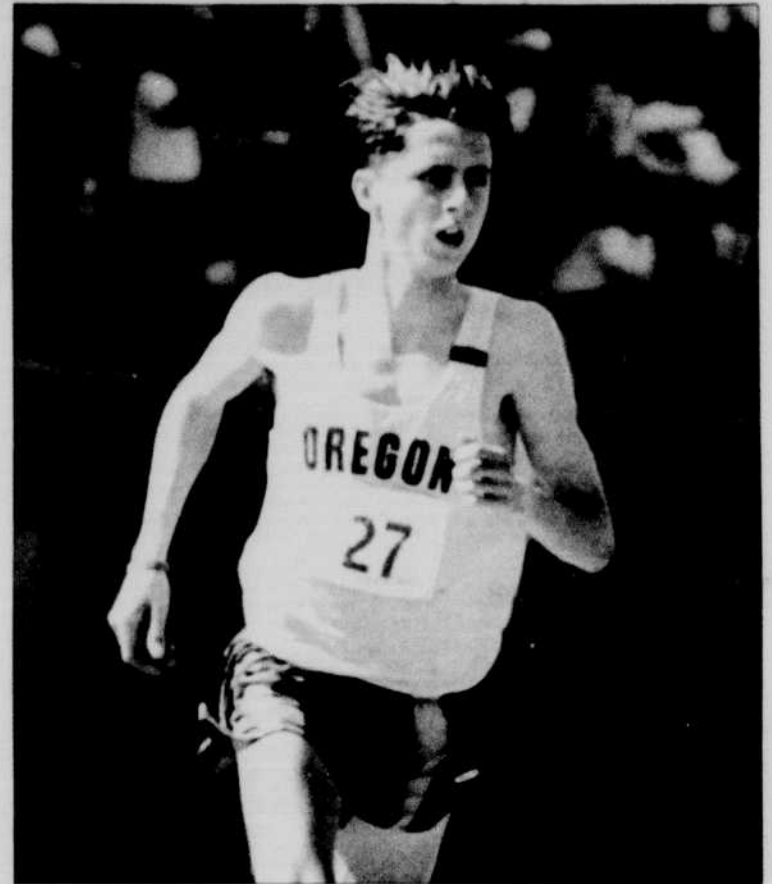
The two entrants from the Oregon men's team will run on Thursday night. Gordon Johnson will compete in the semifinals in the 1,500 meters, and Karl Keska will compete in semifinals in the 5,000. If Johnson and Keska qualify for the finals, they will run again on Saturday.

Johnson enters the NCAA meet with the seventh-fastest time in the nation at 1,500 meters this season. After running the 1,500 only once last year, Johnson ran the fastest 1,500 meters in the conference this year.

The senior ran the 800 at the Pac-10 meet and finished in fifth place. The men's team has had more success in the 1,500 meters than any other event at the NCAAs, amassing eight NCAA championships. Oregon's last all-American in the 1,500 was Colin Dalton in 1989.

Keska was among the top athletes in the conference at 5,000 meters this season. He finished sixth at the conference meet.

Keska's last two efforts at 5,000 meters have been 47 and 53 seconds off his season best. Fatigue may have been a problem for Keska, who last weekend had his first break from competition since mid-March.



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Sophomore Karl Keska will compete in the 5,000 meters Thursday at the NCAA Championships in Boise, Idaho. Keska will try to qualify for Saturday's final in the 5,000.

## 10 Olympic medalists will be part of Pre meet

It will be speed versus strength in the highlight women's race of the Prefontaine Classic on Saturday, June 4th at Hayward Field. Olympian Suzy Hamilton will step up in the distance to race against double national champion Annette Peters at 2,000 meters.

Hamilton recorded the second-fastest time of the year by an American at 1,500 meters in last Saturday's Bruce Jenner Classic, showing that she is regaining the form that won her an unprecedented four NCAA outdoor 1,500 titles. Peters, who won the Jenner 3,000 in 8:58.3, captured both the 3,000 and 1,500 meter titles in last year's USA Track & Field Championships in Eugene.

Just hours after the announcement he would enter the 100-meter race, Tim Montgomery pulled out because he will not be able to return from Europe in time for the race. The 100-meter race will include Andre Cason,

Jon Drummond and Bryan Bridgewater.

The fastest runner ever to compete in the Prefontaine Classic 5,000 meters, Kenya's Wilson Omwoyo, has entered the field for Saturday's race.

Added to the field Tuesday were Olympic 400-meter champion Quincy Watts and Bruce Jenner Classic winner Jason Rouser, who will both compete in a special 300-meter race. The addition of Watts brings the number of Olympic or World Championship medal winners in this year's Pre Classic to 10, including six gold medalists (Watts, Cason, Drummond, Maria Mutola, Sergey Bubka and Kevin Young).

A scratch from Saturday's meet is miler Joe Falcon, who felt his conditioning was not sufficient to challenge American-leader Steve Holman and defending Prefontaine mile champ Bob Kennedy, who are still in the stellar field.

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