

Men look for second straight victory

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The Oregon men's track and field team looks to gain its second scoring meet victory in as many weeks as it travels to Palo Alto, Calif., on Saturday to take on strong Fresno State and Stanford teams.

"Fresno is a good team and so is Stanford and its going to be a very interesting meet with some close scoring," head coach Bill Dellinger said. "I think it is going to be a close meet."

1995 MEN'S TRACK

Meet four:
Stanford/Fresno State

THEME:

Oregon competes in back-to-back scoring meets for the only time this season.

WINDED:

The Ducks will attempt to prevail in the sprints despite missing people.



While the team is going to Palo Alto in search of qualifying more athletes for NCAA participation, Dellinger said, that task does not overshadow winning the meet.

"I don't like to go into any meet and say we are not interested in winning it,

because we are," Dellinger said, adding that the meet's focus was divided between the win and qualifying individuals.

"We are going to do the best job of winning the meet and we are going to do the best job we can in terms of doing what is right for the individuals on the team and helping them to get better towards the end of the year," he said.

The team will get an added boost from freshman sprinter Pat Johnson, who was released from his spring football commitments and will travel with the team to the meet.

Johnson posted times in the 200-meter dash and the 400-meter dash last weekend against Washington that could qualify him for NCAA partici-

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ASU's Bennett to enter NBA draft, go pro

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Mario Bennett, whose knee injuries limited his career at Arizona State to 87 games over four seasons, passed up his final year of eligibility Thursday and declared for the NBA draft.

"I'm fully prepared for the challenge that is ahead of me, and I'm confident that I not only can make it, but make it big," he said.

Bennett, a 6-foot-9, 230-pound center who set a Pac-10 record with 115 blocks this season, said he decided after leading the Sun Devils to their first NCAA regional semifinal game in 20 years that he had accomplished what he could in college. He said getting into the NBA ahead of a rookie salary cap proposed for 1996 wasn't a major consideration.

"My decision wasn't really based on money," Bennett said. "People who hear that could say I'm lying or what not, but it just wasn't my financial status."

Coach Bill Frieder lost the pillar of the greatest team in his six years at Arizona State, a squad that finished 24-9, the most wins at ASU since 1981, and went 12-6 in the conference. But Frieder said he supported Bennett.

"I've talked to probably half a dozen NBA people from different teams on a regular basis, and you never know for sure, but we have a feel where he's going to be drafted," Frieder said.

He declined to say if he projected his star

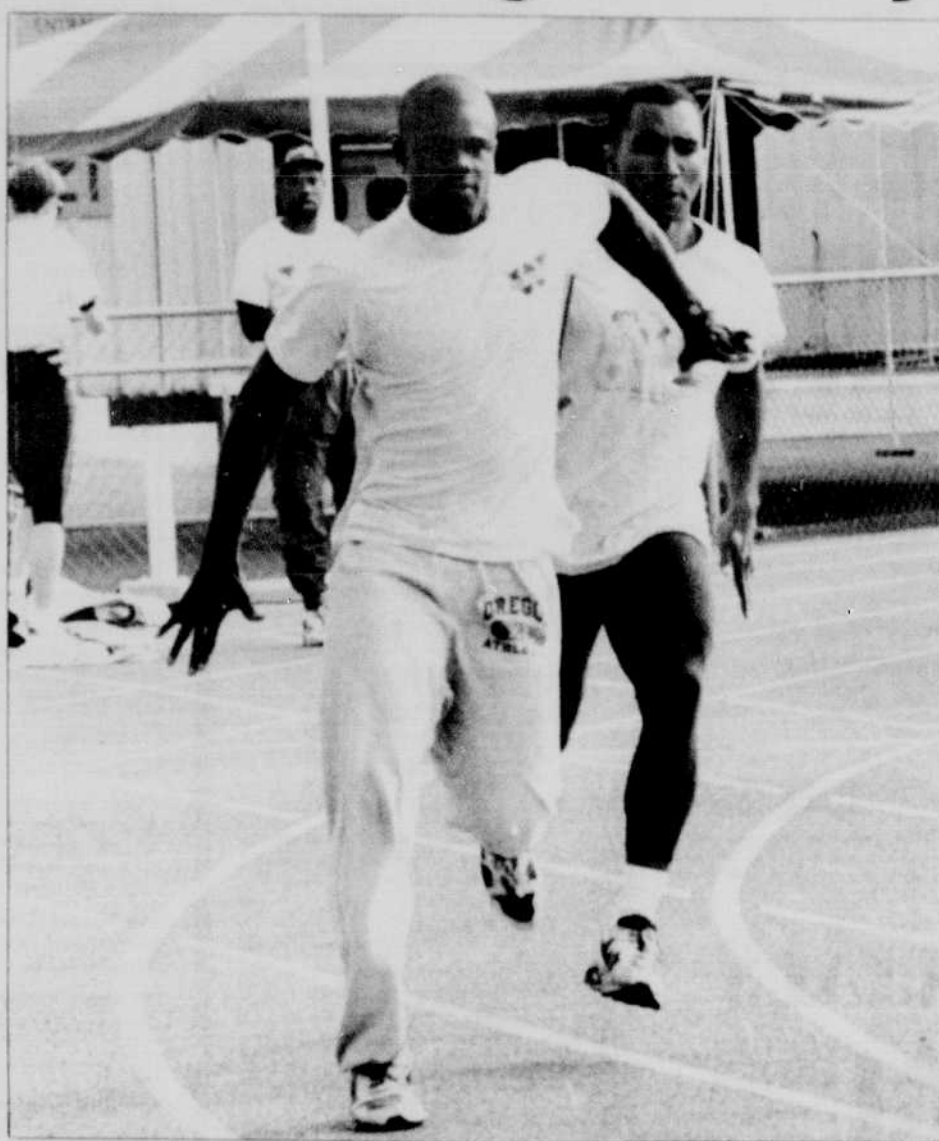


Arizona State's Mario Bennett is forgoing his senior season with the Sun Devils to take a stab at the NBA.

as a lottery pick.

"But we think he'll be drafted high enough that it's going to provide him with a real nice income and a great opportunity," Frieder said.

Bennett, who averaged 18.7 points, 8.2 rebounds and 3.5 blocks last season and had 219 dunks (2.5 a game) in his career, is a natural power forward. He said questions about his ball-handling, passing and readiness for the pros ignore the fact he played center to help his team.



Freshman sprinter Patrick Johnson, who has been excused from spring football practice to concentrate on track, could help the men's track and field team pull out a victory against Fresno State and Stanford this weekend.

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Track women try to keep things rolling at Stanford meet

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The Oregon women's track team will be looking to improve on an impressive start with Saturday's four-team meet in California.

The Ducks vaulted to 12 personal records and another 19

season bests in last week's 71-65 dual-meet victory over Washington in Eugene and are looking strong early in the season.

They will compete in their second team-scoring competition in as many weeks when they travel to participate in the Stanford

Quadrangular on Saturday in Stanford, Calif. Oregon will face Stanford, Fresno State and Idaho in rare competitive appearances. The Ducks last regular-season team-scoring situation with the Cardinal was in 1982, the Bulldogs in 1988 and the Vandals in 1991. Overall, the

1995 WOMEN'S TRACK

Meet four: Stanford
Quadrangular

THE FIELD:

Oregon takes on Stanford, Fresno State and Idaho.

MOMENTUM:

Coming off their best effort this season, the Ducks hope to continue the good work on the road in this, another team-scoring competition.



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Masters Scores

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Scores after Thursday's first round of the Masters, played on the 6,925-yard, par 36-36—72 Augusta National Golf Club course (a-amateur):

David Frost	32-34	— 66
Phil Mickelson	32-34	— 66
Jose Maria Olazabal	35-31	— 66
Jack Nicklaus	35-32	— 67
David Gilford	34-33	— 67
Corey Pavin	33-34	— 67
Chip Beck	34-34	— 68
Mark O'Meara	35-33	— 68
Scott Hoch	34-35	— 69
Hale Irwin	32-37	— 69
David Edwards	34-35	— 69
Ian Woosnam	34-35	— 69
Wayne Grady	36-33	— 69
Lee Janzen	34-35	— 69
Davis Love	37-32	— 69
Craig Stadler	35-35	— 70
Jumbo Ozaki	38-32	— 70
Mark Calcavecchia	36-34	— 70
Ben Crenshaw	34-36	— 70
Paul Azinger	36-34	— 70
Brian Henninger	37-33	— 70
Nick Faldo	36-34	— 70
John Huston	36-34	— 70

Others: Raymond Floyd 71, Bernhard Langer 71, Fred Couples 71, Colin Montgomerie 71, a-Tiger Woods 72, Curtis Strange 72, Peter Jacobsen 72, Greg Norman 73, Arnold Palmer 79.

Ducks shut down in tennis

Arizona ended a nine-game losing streak in impressive fashion as the Wildcats handed the Oregon men's tennis team a 5-2 defeat on Thursday.

Oregon's John DeVors was the only Duck able to manage a singles victory, taking care of Arizona's Jack Enfield 7-6, 6-3.

The Ducks, who drop to 28-6 with the loss, visit Arizona State today in another Pac-10 matchup.

With the win, the struggling Wildcats upped their record to 5-12 on the season.

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Baseball's consecutive games played leaders through the 1994 season:

- 2,130 — Lou Gehrig
- 2,009 — Cal Ripken*
- 1,307 — Everett Scott
- 1,207 — Steve Garvey
- 1,117 — Billy Williams
- 1,103 — Joe Sewell
- 895 — Stan Musial
- 829 — Eddie Yost
- 822 — Gus Suhr
- 798 — Nellie Fox

*active streak

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