■ THURSDAY'S TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

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■ DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with Jeff Tackett, catcher, on a one-year contract. Invited Brian Barnes, Brian Bohanon, Kent Bottenfield, Dwayne Henry, Terry Leach and Kevin Wickander, pitchers; Terry McGriff and Ron Tingley, catchers; and Kevin Baez and Franklin Stubbs, infielders, to spring training as non-roster players.

■ KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Traded David Cone, pitcher, to the Toronto Blue Jays for David Sinnes, pitcher, and Chris Stynes and Tony Medrano, infielders.

■ MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with Turner Ward, outfielder, on a two-year contract.

■ MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with Alex Cole and Pedro Munoz, outfielders, on one-year contracts. Agreed to terms with Carl Willis, Vince Horsman, Brad Radke and Todd Ritchie, pitchers, on minor-league contracts.

■ SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with Joey Cora, second baseman, on a one-year contract.

■ TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with Tim Crabtree, Paul Menhart, Dennis Gray and Ricardo Jordan, pitchers, and Howard Battle and Chris Stynes, infielders, on one-year contracts.

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■ CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with Chris Nabholz, pitcher, on a minor league contract.

■ CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with Pete Schourek, pitcher; Ed Taubensee, catcher; and Brian Hunter, first baseman, on one-year contracts.

■ COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with Mike Munoz and Kevin Logsdon, pitchers, and John VanderWal, infielder, on one-year contracts.

■ LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with Chris Gwynn and Mitch Webster, outfielders, on minor-league contracts and invited them to spring training as non-roster players.

■ MONTREAL EXPOS—Agreed to terms with Jeff Shaw, pitcher, on a one-year contract.

■ NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with Pete Harnisch, pitcher, on a three-year contract.

■ PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with Charlie Hayes, third baseman, on a one-year contract.

■ SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with Willie Blair, pitcher, on a minor league contract.

International League

■ SYRACUSE CHIEFS—Sent Sharnol Adriana, infielder, to Knoxville of the Southern League.

BASKETBALL

U.S. BASKETBALL LEAGUE

■ NEW JERSEY TURNPIKES—Announced its nickname. Named Dan Lunde general manager; Lawrence Diener president; and Stevens Institute of Technology as its home arena.

FOOTBALL

NFL

■ PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed Tom Newberry, guard.

HOCKEY

NHL

■ DALLAS STARS—Signed Shane Churla, right wing, to a three-year contract extension through the 1997-98 season.

■ HARTFORD WHALERS—Loaned Jim Storm, left wing, to Springfield of the AHL.

■ MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled Craig Ferguson, right wing, from Fredericton of the AHL.

■ TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Traded Denis Savard, center, to the Chicago Blackhawks for a 1996 sixth-round draft choice. Recalled Brantt Myhres, right wing, from Atlanta of the IHL.

■ TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Acquired Paul DiPietro, center, from the Montreal Canadiens for a conditional fourth-round draft choice. Assigned David Harlock, defenseman, and Ken Belanger, left wing, to St. John's of the AHL. Recalled Pat Jablonski, goaltender, from his three-game conditioning stint at Houston of the IHL. Designated Terry Yake, right wing, for assignment.

COLLEGE

■ COLLEGIATE TRACK CONFERENCE—Announced that Siena and Rochester Institute of Technology have been added to the conference.

■ AUSTIN PEAY—Signed Dave Loos, men's basketball coach, and LaDonna Wilson, women's basketball coach, to three-year contracts.

■ INDIANA STATE—Announced that Brian Faison, athletic director, has resigned effective May 10 to accept a position as director of development for the National Children's Cancer Society in St. Louis.

■ SAN DIEGO—Named Bill Dobson assistant football coach.

Ducks return home, take on Linfield

Mark McTyre
Oregon Daily Emerald

After a one-day road trip to Corvallis, which ended in a doubleheader split with the Oregon State Beavers, the Oregon softball team returns home to Howe Field today for a twin-bill with the Linfield Wildcats at 2:30 p.m.

The Ducks (13-16 overall, 4-6 Pac-10) are looking to equal their longest winning streak of the season, three, against the Wildcats who got off to a strong start, winning their first six games of the season before losing three of their last four. The Wildcats most recently played in the Pioneer Classic in Fremont, Calif. where they won four of seven games, one of those victories coming against Oregon Tech, a team the Ducks will face to conclude their regular season.

In the Ducks' doubleheader against Oregon State they fell 4-3 to a mental letdown in their first game, when starting pitcher Kim Kampfer (8-11) allowed three earned runs during the Beavers' final at-bat. However, Kampfer and company bounced back in the closing game, shutting out Oregon State 2-0.

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pation. And based on the potential that Johnson has shown, Dellinger said, the decision to let him run track will not only make the team stronger, but Johnson stronger as well.

"He wants to be the best sprinter that he can, and I'm really happy [Oregon head football coach] Mike Bellotti has the attitude that he has, and that is in the interest of what is best for the young man," Dellinger said. "In Pat Johnson's case, he has some pretty big dreams in track, and I think it is only fair that he get the opportunity to pursue those."

While Johnson and dual-sport junior LaMont Woods will both make the trip, freshman Gary Young — also a member of the Oregon football team — is out with a sore hamstring, disrupting the 4x100 relay team comprised of the three and senior Dino Philyaw.

Meanwhile, junior Jim Lile will defend his undefeated javelin record while sophomore Dusty Carlson will try to improve his personal best shot put of 58-9 1/2-feet. Junior Dan Zorich, who had Oregon's best hammer throw last weekend, will also play a key role in the Ducks' overall performance.

"I think we have to get good performances all the way down the line," Dellinger said. "I think everyone is going to go down there and compete pretty well."

But because the team is facing its second consecutive scoring meet, some of the long distance races, such as the steeple chase and the 1500-meter race, will have to be moved around in order to keep the runners in shape.

"We try to do what is best for the individual as well as try to win the meet," Dellinger said, adding that Daniel Das Neves, whose eight minute, 48.1 second steeplechase time was the best at Oregon in three years, will be moved to the 1500-meter race.

Fresno State previously beat Stanford this year, and is no stranger to track success, as it had two NCAA champions last year. The team is led this year by senior pole vaulters David Cox and Heath Fulk, while Stanford is led by its throwers, including sophomore Pete Swanson and senior Dave Popejoy.

"I think both Stanford and Fresno have good teams," Dellinger said. "Fresno has already beaten Stanford in a dual meet, so Fresno is the team."

TRACK

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women have accumulated a 9-0 advantage against the three opponents.

"This is a meet where a lot of points are scored, and the premium is placed on having a good second person in each event," Oregon head coach Tom Heinonen said. "The second person is just as important as the first person, and you've got to have two to be successful.

"Fresno and Stanford both are very good in some places, very respectable in others, and then they have weaknesses just like we do."

As part of the early season plan, many of the Oregon runners will be moved around for Saturday's competition and will take part in events they don't traditionally compete in.

Camara Jones will compete in the 100-meter dash and both relays on Saturday after a brilliant performance last week.

Jones' NCAA qualifying time of 52.53 seconds in the 400-meter dash against Washington stands as the third-fastest collegiate mark in the country. She remains unbeaten in five individual outdoor races this year with two victories in the 400 and the 200 to go with one victory in the 100.

LaReina Woods will tackle the 200-meter dash as well as both relays after winning the 100 last week while Nicole Commissiong looks to transfer her blistering pace to the 100 and the 200 events. Jamila Godfrey will handle the 400 duties as well as both relays.

Despite being away from track competition for two years, Jenna Carlson came within seven seconds of her lifetime best in winning last week's 1,500-meter run and is expected to compete in the 3,000-meter run this week.

Another distance runner will also step up in her comeback efforts for the Stanford Quadrangular. Melody Fairchild now has her track debut behind her with a solid showing in the 3,000 against Washington and will move to the 5,000-meter run.

Adding depth to skill, Kelsey Stellick is scheduled to give the high jump a try for the first time in two seasons in addition to competing in the javelin. Stellick came to Oregon as a proficient heptathlete but soon gave up the event to give the javelin more attention.

"We think we can do a pretty good job," Heinonen said regarding Saturday's meet, "but we're really not sure where we stand in this one. We may win it, we may not. We're just going to go and compete and not worry about it that much."

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