

# Women: Races promise to be competitive

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teammates, head coach Tom Heinonen says the athletes are taking this meet seriously.

"It means different things for different people," Heinonen said. "For LaReina Woods and Jamila Godfrey, it is a tune-up, unless conditions are good and they can bust a fast time in the 100 and 200."

Heinonen also pointed out that it doesn't take stiff competition for some athletes, especially the throwers, to have a good day.

"You never know when the big throw will come," Heinonen said. "A low-key setting could be the place. It's late in the season, and they are out of the weight room. They've been pretty dinged up over the last few months. It goes with the territory."

Because the meet is geared more toward the individuals than the team, some athletes will get to run in events they have not been able to compete in all year. Oregon will be filling the lanes with runners who have been concentrating on other events throughout the season.

"We aren't running either hurdle events or the 400, so we have all of our athletes coming into a few races," Heinonen said. "People like Emily Pokorny and Lorilyn Mendoza will have the chance to compete."

With a sunny day forecasted for Saturday, Heinonen believes there will be a chance for some good marks in the distance events.

"The 1,500 and 5,000 are fabulous races," Heinonen said. "They are super high-powered and are great opportunities to run fast under what

might be ideal conditions."

Among those competing in the distance events are senior Melody Fairchild, who will be going after an NCAA qualifying mark in the 5,000-meter run; sophomore Milena Glusac, who is looking for an Olympic trial standard in the 5,000-meters; and freshman Robyn Sutherland, who will be competing in the 1,500-meter run with the goal of making it to the Pac-10 Championships.

Some familiar faces will be missing from the Twilight meet. Junior Nicole Commissiong is traveling down to the Modesto Relays to try to improve her 400-meter dash mark. Although Commissiong has already provisionally qualified for the NCAAs, she is looking to at least match her personal best of 53.50 to better her chance of earning an NCAA berth.

The Ducks will also be sending their two heptathletes south as sophomore Jennifer Thomas and freshman Tish Henes will be competing in the Pac-10 multi-event competition at UCLA. Oregon will also have five or six women traveling to Portland Sunday take part in a meet at Lewis and Clark College, but those athletes will also be competing in the Twilight meet.

The meet will also feature some post-collegiate athletes who are attempting to gain a berth in the Olympic trials. Mary Slaney, Vicki Huber and Annette Peters are all scheduled to compete.

The season will end for several Ducks after Saturday's meet, but for others, the true competition is only beginning.

## Ducks in 16th place at NCAA West Regional

The Oregon women's golf team shot a 320 to tie for 16th place in the first round of the NCAA West Regional, putting the Ducks in a tough position to advance to the NCAA Championships.

Oregon must finish among the top 10 teams in the three-day tournament to advance for the second-straight year, meaning the Ducks need to move past seven teams in order to keep their season alive.

Freshman Kylie Wilson led the Ducks but shot only a five-over-par 77 to tie for 36th place. Sophomore Paula Patterson was Oregon's second-best golfer Thursday, finishing in 54th place with a score of 79.

According to head coach Renee Baumgartner, the Ducks were trying too hard to do too much on the first day.

"We didn't play well today and put ourselves back further than we would like," Baumgartner said. "We're going to try not to force things on Friday and Sat-

urday."

Senior Christel Tomori (80), freshman Karen Bristow (84) and senior Susie Roh (85) rounded out the Oregon contingent.

Arizona shot an even-par 288 to lead the 20-team field. The Wildcats were paced by freshman Marisa Baena, who shot an NCAA Regional record 65 despite pouring rain that caused a two-and-one-half hour delay. Defending NCAA Champion Arizona State finished second, four strokes behind Arizona and one stroke ahead of San Jose State.

Tulsa shot a 296 for fourth place, Stanford took fifth with a team score of 297 and Texas shot a 300 to edge out UCLA (301), New Mexico (302) and Washington (303) for sixth place.

The 54-hole tournament continues Friday and Saturday at The Champions Club in Omaha, Neb.

## Fowlkes ditches Cal for Fresno State

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Tremaine Fowlkes, the 1995 Pac-10 freshman of the year at

## sideline

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California, is transferring to Fresno State so he can play basketball for Jerry Tarkanian.


The 6-foot-7 sophomore forward will have to sit out next season under NCAA rules, so he will have two years eligibility left for the Bulldogs starting in the 1997-98 season.

Fowlkes said he based his decision primarily on the opportunity to be coached by Tarkanian, who holds the highest winning percentage in college basketball.

"It's a good program," Fowlkes told *The Fresno Bee*. "I've always wanted to play with coach Tarkanian. He plays my style of basketball. He always recruits players that have good personalities and are great off the court."

Cal released Fowlkes from his basketball scholarship last month.

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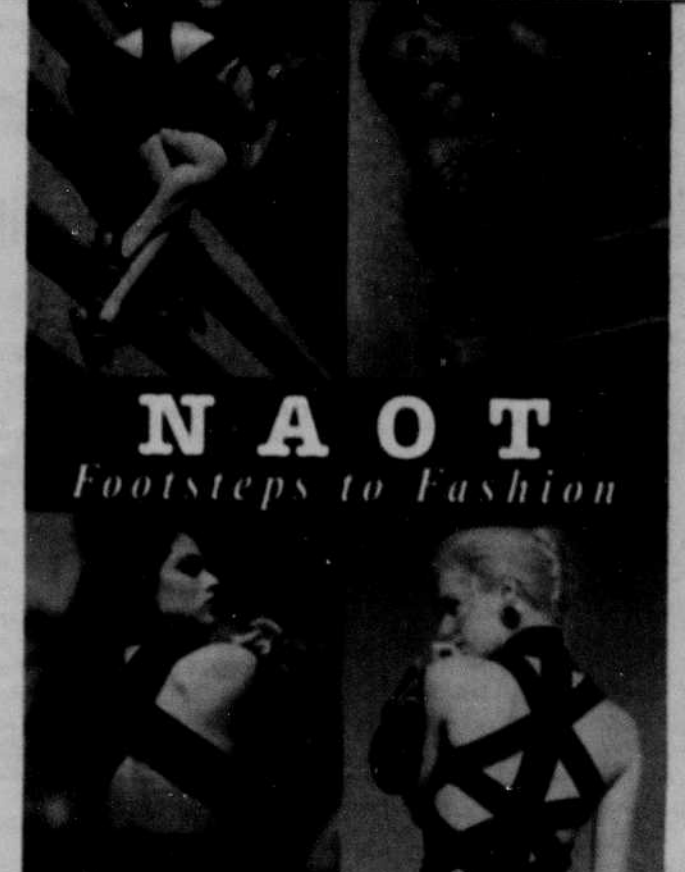
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