

Ducks get set to battle Washington

■ **WOMEN:** The dual meet with Washington at Hayward Field Saturday is expected to provide quality matchups

By Ben Kwasney
Sports Reporter

The Oregon women's track and field team has its hands full this Saturday in a dual meet with Washington at Hayward Field.

The Huskies have provisionally qualified nine individuals for the NCAA meet and look to give the Ducks strong competition.

"We need to make things happen to win this thing," head coach Tom Heinonen said.

Washington is 2-0 in dual meets this season and 7-0 overall.

"We're going to have to do some good things, and everybody's going to have to move up a place or two," multi-event performer Tish Henes said. "We can beat them."

Henes will be matched against Keisha Griffis in the 400-meter hurdles. Two weeks ago at the Drake Relays, Griffis ran a 58.33 seconds and Henes ran a 58.55.

Henes said she hopes to pattern Griffis and come out of the blocks hard for a personal best.

"I'm going to run fast, so if she's going to beat me she's going to have to run pretty fast, too," Henes said.

Oregon will get a double performance from Marie Davis in the 1500-meter run and 3,000-meter run. Davis is coming off a personal best in the 800-meter run at last Saturday's meet.

Kaarin Knudson and Vicky Fleschner, who both have NCAA provisional 800 marks, will have some competition from Washington's Lia Minelli, who ran a 2:09 800 at the Drake Relays.

Milena Glusac will return to action in the 3,000 after taking two weeks off after struggling with her comeback from injuries.

Aretha Hill of Washington, an Olympian in the discus, is expected to win the discus and shot put handily, Oregon throwing coach Sally Harmon said. But the hammer will be contested, she said.

"In the hammer I anticipate that somebody is going to have an inspired perfor-



Milena Glusac returns to help Oregon in the 3,000-meter run after a two-week absence to recover from injuries.

■ **MEN:** Washington comes to town for the final dual meet of the season with an undefeated dual-meet record

By Alex Pond
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After a two-week break from scored meets, the Oregon men's track and field team returns to Hayward Field Saturday for its final dual meet of the season against a loaded Washington team.

The Huskies come into the meet, scheduled to begin at noon, sporting a 5-0 dual-meet record, while the Ducks come in at 6-1.

"Washington is a very important dual meet for us," Oregon head coach Bill Dellinger said. "I think it's going to be one of the finer dual meets on Hayward Field this year."

With Washington's undefeated record and balance throughout the team, Dellinger said his Ducks will take on an underdog role Saturday.

On paper, it appears the Huskies have the biggest advantage over the Ducks in the sprints.

"They're going to hurt us in the sprints really bad," Dellinger said. "In the 100, 200 and 400 they're a lot stronger than we are."

The Huskies are led in those events by Ed Turner, who brings a time of 10.54 seconds in the 100-meter dash, 21.03 in the 200-meter dash and 47.35 in the 400-meter dash.

Dellinger said the Ducks will counter with Nat Johnson in the 400 and 200 and "probably either Anouxa [Vixathep], Kip East or [Jody] Mortimore in the 100 and one or the other in the 200 with [Johnson]."

In the 800-meter run and 1,500-meter run, the Ducks will have to deal with Washington's Brice Newton, an NCAA provisional qualifier in both events.

After being sidelined for more than a month because of a foot injury, Oliver Wirz will return to action in the 1,500 for the Ducks.

"He's going to be at a disadvantage in that he hasn't had any racing since Stanford [March 29]," Dellinger said.

Oregon's Daniel Das Neves, an NCAA automatic qualifier in the steeplechase, should get stiff competition from Washington fresh-

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Women's tennis team travels to San Diego for NAAs

■ **REGIONALS:** The Ducks take on San Diego State in dual play for the first time this season

By Ryan Frank
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The Oregon women's tennis team accomplished its goal of advancing to its first NCAA Tournament ever.

But now the 72nd-ranked Ducks have their work cut out for them.

Oregon opens its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament today against No. 35 San Diego State in the first round of the West Regional in San Diego.

The Aztecs (17-12) are the No. 4 seed in the region. The winner of the match will move on to face No. 1 seed Pepperdine in the second round of the eight-team tournament.

The two teams did not meet this season in dual-

match play, but did face each other in the Duck Classic in October. The two teams met in four matches, and the Aztecs won all four.

In today's regional match, Oregon's No. 1 singles player Alina Wygonowska should face 42nd-ranked singles player Maggie Cole, who is 16-11 against opponents' No. 1 players this season.

And Andrea Petrovic should face 92nd ranked Jeanette Bhaguandas in the No. 2 singles match.

In doubles play, the team of Allison Sosnow and Shanelle Kaneshiro is currently No. 36 in the nation and should draw Cole and Lisa Papi, the nation's

39th-ranked doubles team, in the No. 1 doubles spot.

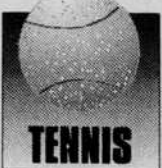
While Oregon head coach Jack Griffin is excited to be in the NCAA Tournament, he is hoping the Ducks can build on this experience.

"It is a stepping stone for us, but just a small step," Griffin said. "It's definitely going to help our confidence and recruiting."

And earning a trip to the postseason tournament is not all Griffin is hoping for.

"You never want to say that it is just good enough to get there."

The winner of the eight-team tournament will move on to the NCAA Championships at Stanford May 15-23.



UO Men's Golf

Oregon men's golf coach Steve Nosler was named 1997 Pacific-10 Conference Coach of the Year Thursday. Nosler, who led Oregon to a second-place finish in the Pac-10 Championships in his fifth season as head coach, won the award by a vote of conference coaches.

UO Men's Golf

The Oregon men's golf team has been invited to compete in the NCAA Division I Regional Championship May 15-17 at the Carlton Oaks Country Club in Santee, Calif. Oregon is coming off a second-place finish at the Pac-10 Championships and is ranked 38th.

UO Softball

The Oregon softball team swept a doubleheader against Oregon State Thursday. The Ducks took the first game 5-2 and followed with a 5-1 win in the first game. Jennie Cook and Petrina Martinez picked up complete game wins for Oregon.

UO Women's Golf

The Oregon Women's Golf team is tied for ninth after the first round of the NCAA Division I West Region Championship Thursday in Tucson, Ariz. Paula Patterson led Oregon with a day one with a par 72. The second of three rounds continues Friday.

NBA

PORTLAND (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers fired coach P.J. Carlesimo on Thursday after three seasons in which his teams posted winning records but couldn't get past the first round of the playoffs.