



Howard Moore hopes to move up from No. 8 of Oregon's all-time fastest runners.

UO men get back on track

■ Five of Oregon's big guns won't be there, but the men's track and field team plans to remain competitive

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Martin Smith said his Ducks will be wearing many hats at Hayward Field on Saturday.

No, don't go to the Oregon Invitational looking for a broad ensemble of fashionable headwear — that's not what Smith meant.

What he was saying is that unlike the 'team vs. team' mentality of last weekend's Oregon-Washington Dual, the Oregon Invitational itself will "wear a lot of different hats."

It's getting late in the season, and it's time for athletes to begin putting the finishing touches on their Pacific-10 Conference and NCAA-qualifying marks. For those who have strong enough marks, it's time to get experience in tough competition. Ducks who aren't going anywhere this season need to build momentum to carry over to next year.

But if Oregon's head coach had

to choose just one hat from the many, he said he'd wear the one marked "competition."

"If we can compete, everything else takes care of itself as a by-product of competition and racing," Smith said. "This meet is a good opportunity to get in some good competition and good races."

Some may think the Oregon Invitational is wearing not just a hat, but a costume as well, disguising itself as another Oregon Twilight.

The famed Twilight meet, scheduled for May 13, is designed to take advantage of dusk's superb, light-breeze running conditions.

Qualifying rounds start early in the day, but the main events don't happen until late afternoon. The earliest finals for a running event is the 4x100 relay, starting at 5:20 p.m.

Unfortunately for Tracktown fans, the Ducks will be without five key athletes. Nat Johnson, Colin McArthur, John Bello, Jason Boness and Cody Howell head to the Drake Relays in Drake, Iowa.

Other Ducks will be exchanging their hats for helmets. Sprinters Jermaine Hanspard, Samie Parker and Ricky Cottengim are playing

in Saturday's spring football game at Autzen Stadium.

But Howard Moore will be there, and so will Ross Krempsey. Both are coming off of strong performances in Oregon's loss to Washington last weekend.

Krempsey provided one of the most thrilling finishes of that meet, winning by a mere .05 seconds in the 800 meters.

"It's been awhile since I've had a good kick like that," Krempsey said. "For some reason, it hasn't been there since I pulled my hamstring freshman year."

"I'm ready to hit a good mark and get a good time."

Moore, who wore hats in four events last Saturday, has set the goal of moving up from No. 8 of Oregon's all-time fastest runners.

"Wherever I run this weekend, I will PR," Moore said. "I know my body now like I did my sophomore year. I want to move up on the list this weekend — that's my goal."

Steve Fein remains on the hat rack and won't compete this weekend. Smith said he's returned to track workouts, but he's still getting into competition shape.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 28). Finish old business first, or a new project could fall flat. Get the facts; then trust your intuition. Don't rush things in May; take them one at a time. Haste makes waste in April, too. The little voice in the back of your head could be shouting in June. Listen to it to minimize your losses. Study in July and recuperate in August. September's fun, and October is busy. Power past the opposition in November and dig for treasure in December. February could be a struggle, but don't give up. By March, you'll pass the tough part. Count your winnings then.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — You're more tuned in to your obligations now. A private conversation with a loved one could be quite important. Resolve an old misunderstanding before you go out to play. It'll help you win the game. If necessary, say you're sorry.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — You may feel like your efforts are being blocked every step of the way. You try one thing that doesn't work — and then another. The odds are good you won't succeed on your first try, or even your second. The overall outcome is positive, however. Keep at it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — Apply what you've learned recently in a work-related situation. For example, say you've been studying a foreign language and you meet a person who speaks that language. Even if you're not an expert, you could charm this person by trying, and you might make the sale. Get it? OK, go get it!

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — You'll be able to relax a little bit later on. Before that happens, you may have to concentrate hard on what you're doing. Be polite, of course, and persistent. You want what you want, so don't let there be any mistake about that.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — You may have been locked in a struggle for the past few days. You and your antagonist are evenly matched. If you and your partner work together, your odds of winning are good. Either way,

you're just about done with this and on to something new.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — You want to run full speed ahead, but something's holding you back. Actually, it will be better if you wait a little longer. It'll be easier to accomplish just about anything, soon.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 6 — Having trouble getting the money you want? It's not impossible, but it will take planning. You could take another job, cut your expenses, or both. An opportunity's coming up soon. Better make room in your schedule for it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — This could be a slow, cumbersome, difficult day. Traffic could be a snarling mess, and things may have to be done over two or three times. By the time the day's over, you may be pooped. Plan a relaxing evening with the family and a weekend near water.

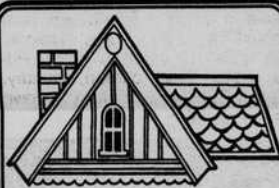
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — You have a busy workload. The innovations you're trying are not working well, either. Don't try anything new for a while. Tonight get together with a person who has more experience and talk it over. You may be doing something backward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — You may have a warm, cuddly feeling all over. Even a potentially difficult financial situation could seem like nothing more than a challenge. All you have to do is sell something. Home is where you should be tonight, with the folks you love the best.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — You have a dilemma. You're trying to fix something big, and it's not going as planned. A friend who has skills you lack could be an enormous help. Find another book on the subject, too. You can figure this out, but not all by yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — You're going to get stronger as the day goes on. You may have a serious advantage after this happens. Initially, you may be worried that you've done something wrong. Let that go. You're on your way to making your dreams come true. Keep studying.

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