

Women's track aims for high marks in Salem

■ Although not originally scheduled to compete this weekend, the women's track team heads to Salem

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While the Oregon men's track and field team is scheduled to compete against top-flight competition at the Texas Relays this weekend, the women's team and head coach Tom Heinonen were feeling a little left behind.



So, Heinonen decided to send his team to the Willamette Open in Salem Saturday.

The Ducks will face a similar field to the one that competed at their own Oregon Preview two weeks ago: small Northwest colleges, some community colleges and a smattering of post-collegiate talent.

But Heinonen said the meet should provide an opportunity for the Ducks to gain a little more experience and possibly sneak in one or two NCAA qualifying times before the important Washington Dual meet next weekend at Hayward Field.

"We're taking almost all the same people we took to Stanford," Heinonen said, referring to the Stanford Invitational meet in which Oregon competed over spring break.

The Ducks will try to continue the success they had at Stanford, where two Oregon athletes scored NCAA provisional marks. Distance runner Hanna Smedstad scored an NCAA provisional time in the 10,000 meter race, while Mary Etter threw an NCAA provisional distance in the discus.

Etter and Smedstad join javelin thrower Sarah Malone and pole vaulter Holly Speight as Ducks who have NCAA provisional marks. A handful of other Oregon athletes have notched Pacific-10 Conference qualifying marks, 11 in all.

Smedstad is the only one from that group who will not compete in Salem. Etter is tentatively entered in the shot put and discus, Malone is entered in the javelin and Speight is

entered in the pole vault.

Etter, for one, is looking forward to the tune-up.

"I'm way off top form," Etter said. "There's a lot of work to do, but it's just the beginning of the season."

In the track events, junior Jenny Kenyon and freshman Ann Sullivan will try to build on their recent success in the heptathlon. Both athletes recently qualified for the Pac-10 meet in that event.

Sullivan said that while she won't run the heptathlon in Salem, she hopes to use the meet to work on a few areas, as well as to prepare for the meet with Washington.

"I'm running the 400 hurdles, so hopefully I won't stutter at the Washington Dual," Sullivan said.

Sullivan is entered in the 100-me-



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ter dash and the 400-meter hurdles. Kenyon is entered in the 100, 200 and 100-meter hurdles.

Some Oregon athletes have come close to NCAA provisional marks and could crack that barrier at the Willamette Open. All-American pole vaulter Niki Reed, thrower Maureen Morrison and middle-distance runners Eri Macdonald and Annette Mosey could find themselves in the winners' circle Saturday against relatively easier competition.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 6). A tough competition is coming, so you'd better start training. You can whip your body into shape, but what about your heart? You're confident in April, and you look terrific. Count your money in May, and stash some away. A friend is inspirational, if a little strange, in June. Forget all that, and fix a nice nest in July. Love sparkles in August, but you're apt to get dirty in September. You can win when you face challenges in October, but perhaps you'd rather. In December, turn over a new leaf and walk down a new path. An idea that at first seemed odd is old hat by February. You're ready to take on a whole new game. 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 — Yesterday's frustrations lead to new breakthroughs, as you face your difficulties head-on. Nobody said it was always going to be easy. Be sure not to take a setback out on your partner, OK?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — Everything falls neatly into place like the little parts of a Chinese puzzle, and — voila! — the prize is yours. They'll wonder how you did it, but you don't need to tell them. See if they can figure it out for themselves.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — You may be bogged down in details most of the day. Take your time and get them right. You know the rules, so follow them. Avoiding reality will just be a waste of time. Thank heaven it's Friday!

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — Produce the facts to back up your claim. If you've done the homework, you can beat heavy odds. Then, turn down an invitation to mingle with the rich and famous. You'll enjoy the evening more with a good book.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — First, take care of the person who's paying your bills. There may be a shake-up in your social life later on. Somebody you thought would be there can't make it, and a new person is warmly

received. Relax, there's a happy ending.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — It's not easy to keep track of what's going on, but it is possible, and your chances are better than most people's. This is not due to luck; it's your willingness to work and your natural gift for penny-pinching that bring success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Some of your fears may become reality, but don't let that stop you. Instead, be better prepared. That's supposed to be the upside of worries anyway, remember?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — Watch what you say and do, because there could be a lot riding on these negotiations. Figure out who's got the money and what they need to have done. The treasure can be yours, but you'll have to work for it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — It's important for you to carefully follow the rules, protocol and dress code. Then, put yourself in a favorable position. Be ready for good things to happen, and be in the right place at the right time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — Go over your lesson one last time before turning it in. You can make it even more perfect. Meanwhile, stay out of a battle between a younger person and an older one. You'll be more helpful if you're objective.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — There's light at the end of the tunnel, and it's not a train; it's your escape hatch. But before you head out to the wide-open spaces, make sure you've left a path the others can follow. Bread crumbs might work, depending on the fauna.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 4 — It's possible that you could do quite well, almost by accident. For starters, hold on to what you've got. This isn't luck; it's more like bulldog determination. Keep looking like you didn't get enough, and see what happens.

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