



Men's track hits the road

■ The Oregon men return to familiar territory for Pac-10 and NCAA qualifying marks

By Robbie McCallum
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No matter where you go in track and field, the oval is always 400 meters long. What can change, however, is the weather. Whether it's a cold Hayward Field headwind, a hot and muggy Texas tailwind or sunny California, all have their effect on performances.

The Oregon men's track and field team will have experience on its side this weekend as it ventures into familiar territory in Texas and California.

The majority of the team will travel to Austin, Texas, the site of the Texas Relays where the Ducks competed three weeks ago. The rest of the team will compete in the Cardinal Invitational in Stanford, Calif., where the team traveled a month ago.

"I like running down in Texas," junior Micah Harris said. "That's where I ran my provisional time. It's good to know what the conditions are going to be like."

At the Texas Relays April 8, Harris ran into the Oregon record books, running an NCAA provisional time of 13.80 seconds in the 110-meter hurdles. This weekend, Harris, who is ranked 15th nationally, will look for the NCAA automatic mark of 13.72.

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Women hoping CA means NCAA

■ The women's track team hopes to continue to improve its marks this weekend as it hits the home stretch of the season

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Monday was May Day, and depending on this weekend's results, the Oregon women's track and field team could be yelling "Mayday" by Sunday night.

The Ducks will travel to Irvine, Calif., Sunday for the Steve Scott Invitational. Two Oregon runners will compete at the Cardinal Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif., today.

The Ducks have five athletes on the NCAA provisional or automatic lists, and 16 on the Pacific-10 Conference qualifying list. The number of Oregon athletes on the NCAA lists is the smallest in the Pac-10.

The Ducks will try to change all that in Irvine this weekend. Several Oregon athletes will have legitimate chances to score NCAA marks, especially in the field events. Senior Maureen Morrison is looking to make the NCAAAs for the first time in the hammer throw. She has thrown the hammer four feet short of the NCAA provisional distance, and she will compete Sunday in the hammer.

"As a whole, the throwers and field units are the core of this team," freshman javelin thrower Sarah Malone said.

Malone will try to build on her school-record throw in the javelin last weekend. Malone threw the implement a record distance of 169 feet, 3 inches. She says her goal is to throw at least 180 feet — if not this weekend then another time this season.

"I had one throw in a warm-up in high school that was over 180," Malone said. "I know it's in me."

Charyl Weingarten and Sara Dinsmore will try to promote themselves from Pac-10 to NCAA qualifiers in the javelin Sunday.

In the pole vault, Niki Reed and Holly Speight will try to improve their NCAA standings, while freshman Kirsten Riley will try to make it onto the NCAA provisional list a week after jumping a Pac-10 height.

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Shortstop Kate Peterson waits for a throw to tag out a runner in a game earlier this season while second baseman Alyssa Laux looks on. Oregon swept a double-header Thursday on the road against UC-Riverside.

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UO softball explodes with 19 runs

■ The Oregon softball squad dominates with two grand slams in a double-header against UC-Riverside, outscoring the Highlanders 19-1

By Adam Jude
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Runs have been hard to come by lately for the Oregon softball team.

But, if only for a day, the Ducks had no worries.

After dropping nine straight Pacific-10 Conference games, the Ducks took out their aggression on UC-Riverside in a doubleheader sweep Thursday in Riverside, Calif.

Freshman Anissa Meashintubby (4-1) allowed just two hits in five innings to secure a 10-0 victory for the Ducks (27-33 overall, 1-14 Pac-10) in Game 1. Junior Andrea Vidlund had a career game

in the night cap, picking up the victory on the pitching mound and hitting a grand slam to lead the Ducks to a 9-1 victory.

"It was definitely good to get some early wins on this road trip," Oregon head coach Rick Gamez said. "We swung the bat well and got great performances from our pitchers."

Sophomore leadoff hitter Lisa Wangler opened the day with a bunt single

and eventually scored on a Triawn Custer walk. The Ducks would be held scoreless until the fourth, when nothing could go right for the Highlanders.

Custer led off the fourth with another walk and scored on a home run by sophomore Janell Bergstrom, which was followed by an Alicia Mickes homer down the left-field line. Still with no outs, freshman Kate Peterson walked, Wangler singled and third baseman Lynsey Haij reached on a fielder's choice. Alyssa Laux, who seemingly has recorded the most bruises in school history, was hit by a pitch and Vidlund walked, as did catcher Missy Coe, to load the bases for Custer, the school's all-time

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Football team 'anxious' for fall to begin

■ The Ducks end their spring with some questions answered, but they still have holes to fill before they begin their season

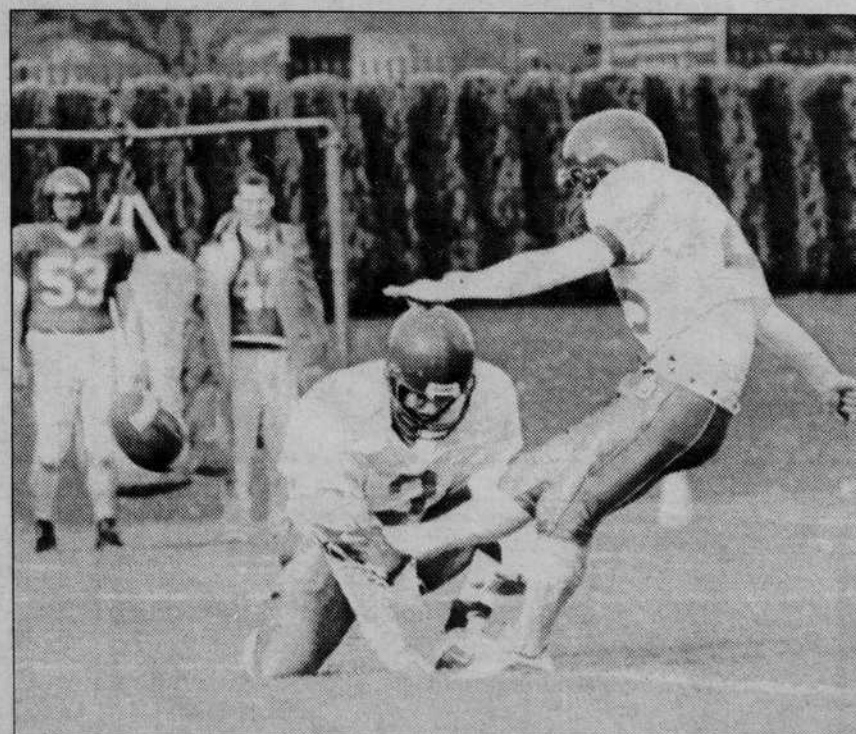
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Look what a first-ever 10-win season in school history and a No. 7 final ranking can do to a program.

The Oregon football team, which completed its spring season Saturday, is being hyped as a preseason top-10 (some even say top-5) team with the ability to perhaps compete for the national championship.

Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti has heard the compliments and answered the questions, but he knows that in order for his players to stay focused, they must not let all the acclaim tell them how great they are.

"I'm excited about what people say, but I want to keep our heads a little



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Freshman Jared Siegel is one of three Ducks who could be kicking this fall in Autzen.

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