

Women's track signs three

■ The Ducks bolster their future with the addition of three gifted high school recruits

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The Oregon women's track and field throwing unit is young, deep and talented.

Next year, the unit will get younger, deeper and even more talented than ever before.

The Ducks signed three of North America's top recruits this week, and all three will make the Oregon field team a force to be reckoned with in years to come.

Two of the recruits are highly touted javelin throwers, and both

should be strong in other areas as well. The first, Elisa Crumley of Glencoe High School in Hillsboro, is the nation's third-ranked high school javelin thrower. Crumley placed third at the Oregon 4A state

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meet in the javelin, and also placed 13th in the discus.

The second javelin prospect is actually a foreign prospect. Roslyn Lundeen of Claremont High School in Victoria, British Columbia, is considered Canada's top

javelin prospect. Her personal best of 147-11 would qualify her for this year's Pacific-10 Conference Championships, while her best mark in the shot put would nearly qualify her in that event as well.

The third prospect, Katie McKeever of Woodland High School in Woodland, Calif., is perhaps the most exciting addition to the team. McKeever ranks second nationally in the discus, and her throws in that event rival those of Oregon's current number two, senior Maureen Morrison.

Oregon throws coach Sally Harmon said she is excited about her new, talented additions.

“They’ve all proven themselves in high-level competition and have developed progressively throughout their careers,” Harmon said. “I also like the fact that they’re all multi-sport athletes and are successful in all of their sports.”

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Sophomore Mary Etter will try to start a May march up the NCAA list Sunday, and will try to improve upon her current position of fifth nationally. Morrison, who has qualified for the Pac-10s in the discus, could throw an NCAA provisional mark in that event as well.

In the long jump, sophomore Amanda Brown hit a personal best, Pac-10 qualifying mark of 19-2 early in the season, but she hasn't been able to match or better that mark in three meets since then. She'll get a chance Sunday.

In the high jump, sophomore Jenny Brogdon and freshman Rachael Kriz will shoot for NCAA heights. Both qualified for the Pac-10 meet with jumps of 5-7 more than a month ago.

In the track events, senior Hanna Smedstad and sophomore Eri Macdonald will kick off the weekend's

action at the Cardinal Invite at Stanford today. Smedstad will run the 5,000, in which she has already run a Pac-10 qualifying time, while Macdonald will compete in the 800. Macdonald has already qualified for the Pac-10s in that event and joins Smedstad, fresh-

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man Ann Sullivan, junior Cameo Davis and freshman Tara Struyk as the only Oregon runners to qualify for the Pac-10 meet.

In preparation for next week's Pac-10 heptathlon, Sullivan and junior Jenny Kenyon will compete in multiple events at the Steve Scott. Kenyon is entered in the long jump, 200 and 100 hurdles, while Sullivan will take on the fields in the 100 hurdles and 400 hurdles. The Pac-10 heptathlon takes place in Berkeley, Calif., one week before the rest of the Pac-10 events.



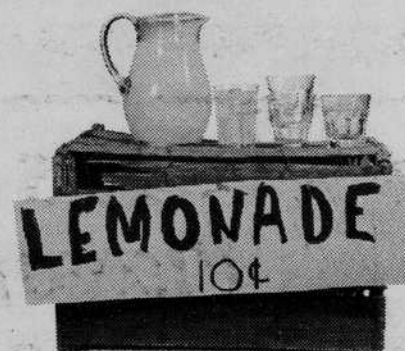
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