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Freshman Emily Enders makes her debut at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Enders enters the pole vault seeded 20th based on her personal best of 13 feet, 2 1/4 inches.

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received an automatic invite based on her fourth-place finish at the NCAA West Regional (52-8 3/4). The mark was a personal best and puts her second on Oregon's all-time list in the shot put.

"My focus before this year has always been to make it to nationals," said Fuqua, who is seeded 23rd going into the event. "I've had a few throws at some meets this year that have been pretty solid. It'd be nice to end the season with one of those. Usually a bunch of people don't do well at nationals but I'm usually a pretty good big-meet competitor."

Redshirt junior Laura Harmon also makes her first NCAA appearance in the 5,000-meters after netting a third place finish at regionals with a personal best (16 minutes, 33.17 seconds). Harmon, who is competing in her first year as a 5K runner, said she does not know what to expect at nationals.

"I know I want to go to the finals," said Harmon, who is ranked 21st in the country. "I expect the competition to be really good. I think I have a pretty good shot to make it to the finals. To be going to nationals is very special for me."

For All-American junior Sarah Malone, this meet will be her third NCAA appearance. Malone holds Oregon's all-time javelin record (179-7) that was achieved at the Texas Relays in Mike A. Myers Stadium — the same site as this week's NCAA Championships. The Newberg native expects she will need to throw at least 180 feet to defeat her rival, Inga Stasiulionyte from Southern California, who is seeded first nationally. It is a feat she has yet to accomplish so far in her career.

"If it comes down to it, it maybe that I'm going to have to do something that I've never done before, which is a little bit scary," said Malone, who is ranked third in the country. "Not knowing what 180 feels like and knowing that I haven't done it yet and that might be what it takes is a little bit of added pressure. But if the conditions are good and my body feels good, there's no reason that I can't throw at least 180 or whatever it takes to win."

Other Oregon athletes participating at the NCAA Championships include pole vaulter Kirsten Larwin (9th, 13-6 1/4), heptathlete Abby Andrus (13th, 5,325) and 400-meter sprinter Sofie Abildtrup (24th, 52.92).

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7-1 in Northridge, Calif., tying teammate Jeff Lindsey for third place and earning a trip to nationals.

"I felt like I was due, since I had such a hard time the past two years," Davis said. "If my legs are feeling fresh (at nationals), I know I'm going to do something good."

Etter excelled in the hammer throw during his two years at Clackamas Community College, but was having trouble with the increased competition at the Division I level. The junior was still reaching 190 feet on a consistent basis, but wasn't winning like he had at CCC.

Despite having confidence in his ability, Etter said he was amazed when his toss of 199-0 was good enough for fifth place at regionals and an NCAA berth.

"It was definitely a surprise," Etter said. "I think it's a great opportunity and it will set me up nicely for next year, with the experience and the pressure there."

Ikwuakor has had a solid season on the track, but the sophomore usually plays second fiddle to Mitchum in the 110 hurdles. The transfer from Colorado missed his personal best by .01 seconds at regionals (14.13).

On the track, redshirt junior Brett Holts (13th nationally, 8:44.57) will compete for Oregon in the steeplechase, redshirt junior Eric Logsdon (13:48.12) will run the 5,000, redshirt senior Ryan Andrus (28:56.67) will run the 10,000 and senior Brandon Holliday will compete in the 400 hurdles (16th, 50.52).

Along with individual competition, the Duck 4 x 400 relay team of sophomore Travis Anderson, Holliday, junior Kedar Inico and sophomore Matt Scherer enters the meet with the country's sixth best time (3:03.49).

In the field, Lindsey will compete in the high jump (18th, 7-1 3/4) and redshirt sophomore Andy Young will be Oregon's highest-ranked decathlete (16th, 7,372).

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though Eugene was the biggest city on the West Coast.

I've listened and heard the stories. I've heard about waking up at 6 a.m. just to get in line for a 12:30 p.m. game. Or waiting outside Mac Court so a select group of fans could get doughnuts delivered to them by Ernie Kent.

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No matter what I see from now on, I'll never forget what it's meant to be in Eugene for some of the best four years in Oregon's athletic history.

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