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Oregon looks to defend titles at NCAA track championships

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EUGENE — Oregon's NCAA outdoor championship sweep for both the men's and women's track teams last year was unprecedented.

So it follows that the Ducks would like to add to their history with a dual repeat. But it's not going to be easy.

"We need our stars to be stars and we need our stars-in-waiting to show up," Oregon coach Robert Johnson said.

Despite the home-track advantage at Oregon's Hayward Field, the Ducks aren't atop the rankings heading into the championship meet, which opened Wednesday and runs through Saturday.

Oregon's men two-time defending champions — are ranked No. 4 behind top-ranked Texas Friday, while the A&M, LSU and Florida. The Ducks have 17 entries in 12 events. Favorite LSU's 10 entries on the men's side are loaded in the 100, 200, 400, 110-meter hurdles and the relays.

The Ducks have never won three straight men's outdoor titles.

women Oregon's are ranked sixth, behind Arkansas, Kentucky, Texas,

LSU and Texas A&M. "This is what everybody shoots for," Razorbacks coach Lance Harter said. "It's even-steven. No matter what anybody's done throughout the course of the season, now it's a matter of who can do it on a given day.'

FORMAT: It's the second straight season that the championships have been divided by days. Most of the men's events take place on Wednesday and

women compete on Thursday and Saturday. Events for the decathlon are part of the first two days, while the heptathlon events are set for Friday and Saturday.

It's the fourth straight year the championship has been set at Hayward Field, which will also host the Olympic Trials in July.

ТО THE BACK **TRACK:** Devon Allen, receiver on Oregon's football team and rising star in the hurdles, made a splash at the NCAA championships as a freshman. His time of 13.16 seconds set a meet record, besting Olympic gold medalist Aries Merritt's mark of 13.21 set in 2006 for Tennessee. Allen was the first freshman to win the national title in the event since San Jose State's Dedy Cooper in

1976.

Last year he sidelined was — from both the track and football teams — because of a knee injury.

"It's exactly the reason I came here. We're the best in the nation in both sports; We played in the national championship (in football) the same year we won the national championship in track," Allen said. "This is the best I could have done — college sports-wise. I'm really happy to be here and everything seems to be working out.

OLÝMPIC DREAMS: The season isn't over for many of the athletes, who will try to make the U.S. Olympic team for Rio next month at the Olympic Trials — which are also being held at Hayward Field. Oregon's Allen is among sprinter Courtney Okolo, a three-time NCAA champion in the 400 meters.

Earlier this year, Okolo became the first college sprinter to go under 50 seconds in the race with a 49.71, the second-fastest time in the world this year.

"I look at everything as a stepping stone to the Olympic Trials," Okolo said Tuesday.

ONÉ TO WATCH: Keep an eye on Arkansas' Jarrion Lawson, who is taking part in the 100 and 200 meters as well as the long jump and the 4x100 relay. If Lawson does well in all his events, Arkansas could be in position for an 11th overall outdoor title.

three-time Lawson a national champion, while also holding the school record in the 100. He finished third in the event at

those hopefuls, as is Texas the outdoors last year. He's also coming off a title in the long jump at the NCAA indoor championships.

> Arkansas won eight NCAA straight men's outdoor titles from 1992-1999. AND YOU **THOUGHT IT WAS JUST** A FOOTBALL THING: The Ducks unveiled their new Nike-designed track uniforms, giving a nod to their 1960s heyday with a tie-dye pattern and the silhouettes of the program greats Steve Prefontaine and Bill Bowerman.

> Bowerman, the co-founder of Nike, coached the "Men of Oregon" to NCAA titles in 1962, 1964 and 1965. Pre won seven individual NCAA titles for the Ducks before representing the United States in the 1972 Munich Olympics. He was killed in a car accident in 1975 at the age of 24.

NBA FINALS: Cavaliers opened up 20-point lead in first quarter

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the Western Conference finals.

"We were soft," said coach Steve Kerr. "When you're soft, you get beat on the glass and turn the ball over."

Irving bounced back from two rough games out West, J.R. Smith made five 3-pointers and Tristan Thompson did the dirty work inside, getting 13 rebounds for the Cavs, who improved to 8-0 at home and can even the series with a win in Game 4 on Friday night.

The Cavs hardly missed Love, still suffering from a concussion sustained in Game 2. He wanted to play, but Love is still in the NBA's concussion protocol and has not yet been cleared to return by league and team doctors.

Coach Tyronn Lue started veteran Richard Jefferson and moved James into Love's power forward spot, giving the Cavs a smaller lineup better equipped to run with the Warriors

The 35-year-old Jefferson gave the Cavs a huge boost in 33 minutes, scoring nine points with eight rebounds.

Leading by eight at halftime, Cleveland took control in the third quarter when James and Irving combined on a play that symbolized the Cavs' resurrection.

Scrambling on his hands and knees after a loose ball near midcourt, James got to his feet and whipped a pass to Irving on the left side. Irving returned a lob to James, who leaped high and flushed it with his right hand, a basket that seemed to erase all that went wrong for the Cavs in California

Before taking the floor, James and the Cavs huddled in the hallway outside their locker room and prayed.

James then gave his teammates some instructions.

"Follow my lead from the beginning!" he screamed. "And do your job!"

The Cavs listened, scoring the game's first nine points and opening a 20-point lead in the first quarter. With their season on the line, this was the response Cleveland had to have, but the Cavs fell back into bad habits in the second quarter, rushing shots and not moving the ball.

The Warriors took advantage, outscoring the Cavs 27-18 to pull within 51-43 at halftime.

SAY WHAT?

Kerr was startled when the opening question in his postgame news conference was whether he's considering changes.

"We just lost one game," Kerr said. "Change the starting lineup?" **TIP-INS**

Warriors: Shot just 9 of 33 on 3-pointers. ... Thompson left briefly in the first quarter with a bruised left thigh after he ran into a screen by Cleveland's Timofey Mozgov. Kerr became emotional before the game when paying his respects to Sean Rooks, his former Arizona teammate who died Tuesday at the age of 46. ... Green has become Public Enemy No. 1 in Cleveland — and elsewhere. He smiled while being booed during pregame warmups.

Cavaliers: James has 82 career 30-point games in the playoffs, third most all-time. Only Michael Jordan (109) and Kobe Bryant (88) have more. ... Smith nailed a shot from halfcourt at the end of the second quarter, but the shot came after the horn and was waved off. ... Lue said he doesn't pay any attention to the all the outside second-guessing about his lineups. "I don't care," he said. "They (critics) should be coaches."

... Legendary Browns running back Jim Brown sat courtside and gave the crowd a thumbs-up when he was shown on the giant scoreboard.



land Cavaliers guard **Kvrie** Irving (2) drives past Golden State Warriors forward Draymond Green during the second half of Game 3 in Cleveland on Wed., June 3, 2016.

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AP Photo/ Tony Dejak

WISE: U.S. Open takes place on June 16-19 at Oakmont Country Club

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putter got hot, just like it did when I shot that 64 at NCAAs," said Wise, who pulled away on the final 18 with five birdies and only one bogey. "I had nine putts on the back nine, which is just, you know, unheard of." Oregon assistant Van Williams caddied for Wise on Monday and plans to join him at Oakmont.

but never the U.S. Open. "I guess the next best thing to playing in the U.S. Open would be looping in Williams said. "I think it will be a oncein-a-lifetime opportunity. I'm super pumped to do it. More than anything, another week to hang with Aaron. Aaron and I have become really good friends, like brothers. He's just a joy to be around, and we have a blast doing it.

McIver qualified for the 2014 U.S. Open.

Wise will carry on

the recent tradition with plenty of momentum after producing some lifetime memories with the Ducks.

Callaway gear, as he did Monday, and relinquishing his amateur status.

"I have bigger plans than just making the cut obviously," Wise said. "That would be a great goal to have. Being somewhere near the hunt would be a dream come true. ..

"I better be on my game for that one."

The hero from the Ducks' historic NCAA championship, Sulman Raza, said

The South Eugene High graduate finished 7 over in the sectional qualifier after making the clinching putts in Oregon's semifinal win over Illinois and the dramatic championship win over Texas.

"I was sitting at home just watching the golf videos and stuff, and it just like hit me suddenly. For about 10, 15 minutes I was pretty emotional," Raza said of Oregon's title run. "It's a

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Travis Howe of Charlotte, N.C., finished second at 7 under, and Matt Marshall of Carlton was 6 under to earn the third and final U.S. Open spot from the field of 55.

Wise was 1 over after the front nine of the first round before a sizzling 30 on the back nine with seven birdies. The powerful push put him in a tie for second place, one shot behind Marshall.

"On the back nine my

"If Casey gives him the week off," Wise joked. That shouldn't be a

problem. Williams used to caddie for Casey Martin, Oregon's coach, at some prestigious PGA Tour events,

Martin won a sectional qualifier at Emerald Valley Golf Club in 2012, and Oregon senior Brandon

"That's no surprise to me. I never doubted for a second that the kid was going to come out and win this thing,' Sulman said of Wise's latest performance.

"His game is so good and he's so confident with every aspect of his game. He just always wants to go out and win. He's just so determined.'

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BULLDOGS: Arstein aims to change culture of Bulldog boys program

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court," he said. "Our goal is to be a great defensive team, and we've been good in the past, but we can do better. We want to get on the brink of being state champions, not just making the tournament.'

On the boys side, Arstein is a Hermiston alumnus after graduating in 2001 and spent six years as a coach under Larry Usher during Usher's tenure as boys head coach in the late 2000s. Arstein coached both the freshman and junior varsity teams before spending his final year as a varsity assistant, but decided to step away from high school coaching for the past few years to spend some time coaching at the middle school level.

But during this past season, Arstein developed the itch to get back into the prep sports scene and jumped at the chance to apply for the Bulldogs opening.

"I missed the challenge and competition," Arstein said. "I just wanted to try and get the program with someone that really wanted to be there and coach them."

officially He was approved by the school

board in April and since that time he has gotten well-acclimated to the team and to the position, and currently has the program busy with summer workouts and tournaments.

Arstein said his Bulldog teams will "play a solid halfcourt defense with a good motion offense. We're going to be an athletic group that can get the rim a lot.'

He inherits a team that went 13-13 overall in 2015-2016 and saw its season end in the play-in round of the Class 5A postseason. The Bulldogs lost four seniors from last year's team, but return key players such as Chance Flores, Dayshawn Neal, and Andrew James.

But what is Arstein's main goal in Year 1 of his tenure?

"We want to change the culture of the Hermiston program," he said. "We want to get the kids' experience and teach them how to compete at their best every single day.'

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Local Slate

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