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Oregon Update: Women's Pac-10 Debuts In Cross Country

The first ever Pac-10 conference championship for women will be on the line Nov. 3 when conference teams meet at Stanford to decide both the men's and women's titles in cross country. UO coach Tom Heinonen lists UCLA as the favorite on the women's side; the men's coaches pick Stanford as their top opponent.

Youth will be the watchword for Heinonen's squad. With only one senior on the team and a large group of newcomers, Heinonen has a lot of unknowns this season. Nonetheless, "we should have as good a shot at the second spot in the NCAA Region 8 meet as anyone," he says. The top two teams automatically advance from the regional meet to nationals. Heinonen has taken a UO team to nationals each of his 11 seasons with the Ducks.

Oregon returns three of last year's top five runners: Penny Graves, Birgit Petersen and Deanna Schiedler. Junior Susan Long, sophomore Colleen Quam U of Maine exchange student Kathy Tracy and a passle of freshmen including Stephanie Wessel (Marshfield H.S.), Libby Tyson (Walla Walla, WA), Karen Rayle (Oxford, OH), Megan Reynolds (Beaverton H.S.) and Liz Wilson (Armed Forces H.S., The Netherlands) will be in the hunt for top seven spots. Montana State transfer Annette Hand, who PRed with a 9:04 3,000 in the TAC meet, won't become eligible until next spring.

Bill Dellinger's men's team returns six lettermen: seniors Rick Bergesen, Will Kimball, Dub Myers and Shemi Sabag and redshirt seniors Harold Kuphaldt and Matt McGuirk. Chad Bennion, Buck Jones, Garth Morrisette, Jim Smith and James Weeks also return for the Ducks. Other top prospects among the 40 out for the team are redshirt freshman Eric Peterson, transfer Marc Dunbar, Idaho frosh Robin Card and Canadian frosh Peter Fonseca.

The men's team (top 10 runners) trained for a week at Odell Lake prior to the first meet, the Garrie Franklin Classic at LCC. Dellinger anticipates another tight race in the Region 8 meet on the men's side. Arizona, UCLA and Stanford beat Oregon last year to claim the region's berths in the NCAA meet.

Quack Tracks

The UO men were ranked second nationally, and the women, ninth for **dual meets** last year by *Track & Field News*; the combined programs rated fifth. UCLA topped the men's rankings; Texas took the women's crown. . . In **home duals next spring** the Ducks will meet (on the men's side): California (3rd-ranked), Washington State (5th), Texas (4th) and Tennessee (6th). On the women's side the opponents include Texas (1st), Washington State (10th), Tennessee (14th) and California (17th). . . *Arizona transfer Camille Harding* (3rd in the TAC high jump) will be eligible this year, but under a new name, . . . having married David Jampolsky this summer. *Kwajalein Clack* also recited wedding vows over the summer, and is now Kwajalein Witcher. . . *Dub Myers* has one season of cross country eligibility left while steeplechaser *Dan Nelson* has one season of track.

Track athletes playing football this fall: *JJ Birden* (wide receiver), *Rod Green* (wide receiver), *Gary Robertson* (center/guard) and *Latin Berry* (tailback). . . *Uchenna Agu* is a yell king for football. . . *Dave Anderton* is playing soccer for the Oregon club team. . . *Latin Berry* won the TAC Junior national triple jump title at 51-7. . . Women's throws coach *Sally Harmon* and frosh recruits *Brooke Allen* and *Jill Smith* attended a javelin clinic sponsored by the USOC in Long Beach. . . former Duck *Kory Tarpenning* cleared 18-10 in Europe this summer. . . Alum *Lisa Martin*, competing for Australia, won the Commonwealth Games Marathon in a PR 2:26:07. . . *Kathy Hayes* is teaching English to Japanese students, ranging from kindergartners to businessmen, in northern Japan. She's able to run again after surgery last spring. . . *Claudette Groenendaal* won her second TAC 800 title and has been the top American at that distance all summer. . . *George Walcott* graduated this summer and is moving to Portland with his wife. . .

1986 Oregon Cross Country Schedule

September 20	Garrie Franklin Classic	Eugene	(Lane Community College)
October 4	Willamette Invitational	Salem	(Bush Park)
October 11	Tokatee Invitational	Blue River	(Tokatee GC)
October 18	Portland Open	Portland	(McIver State Park)
November 3	Pac-10 Championships	Stanford	(Stanford GC)
November 9	Jeff Drenth Memorial	Creswell	(Emerald Valley GC)
November 15	NCAA Region 8 Championships	Fresno	(Woodward Park)
November 24	NCAA Championships	Tucson	(El Conquistador GC)

OTC Makes Trials Bid

Eugene is still very much in the running for the 1988 Olympic Trials after presentation of its bid to the TAC Site Selection Subcommittee in Chicago on August 10th. Gary Triguero, OTC President, and Tom Jordan stressed to the Committee the strengths of Eugene as a Trials site: knowledgeable, enthusiastic fans; great July weather; proven expertise in organization and officiating.

Questions from Committee members centered around the progress of the new track and the financial bottom-line of the meet.

Eugene's competitors, Indianapolis and Los Angeles, both stressed the financial backing of a major sponsor, with Ollan Cassell (yes, TAC's Executive Director made Indy's bid) suggesting that with the Eli Lilly Foundation spending \$12 million on track facilities, they should be rewarded with the Trials.

The response to Eugene's bid by the Committee was very favorable, and answers to follow-up questions were requested by the Committee before the final decision at the TAC Convention in December. (From Tom Jordan)

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Masters Land Bid For World Meet

With the U.S. virtually promised the 1989 World Veterans Games and Eugene the pick by the U.S. site-selection committee, the OTC Masters have successfully picked off the biggest plum on their branch of the sport.

The TAC Masters Track & Field site selection committee made its decision after visiting Eugene during the TAC meet, and after visits to the other bidding cities.

The 10-day meet, set for late July and early August, will draw some 5,000 athletes, with competition spread over three sites—Hayward Field, Lane Community College and Silke Field—with a customized bus service providing free shuttle service to the venues and area hotels and motels.

Masters president Barbara Daugherty headed up the OTC bid for the Veteran Games, with much help from (Linda Weston)/Eugene-Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau and Organizing Committee members Frank Anderson, Tom Jordan, Ross Carter, Dale Grace, Bill McChesney, Arlene Noviello, Al Phillips and Lew Thorne. Tom Jordan will be meet director for the event itself.

Work Starts At Hayward Field

With more plot changes than a soap opera, the long-running story of the Hayward Field renovation seems ready for the final chapters. Work was set to begin in mid-September to move back the old East Grandstand to make way for the new, wide 400-meter oval. Actual work on the track may be delayed to after the 1987 Prefontaine Classic, depending on weather considerations this fall. If that becomes the case, bleachers would be set up in front of the old grandstand to provide extra seating during the 1987 track season.

Cost of the total project is estimated at \$1.1 million. Phase I of the project—moving the grandstand and installing the new ProTurf Track—will cost \$590,000.

OTC has given more than \$100,000 of its own monies to the project; The Bowerman Foundation is giving \$150,000 for Phase I. The club is raising additional funds for the project through the 400-Meter Club. All of you who get this newsletter should have received information about the Club in the mail in late August. Donors are being asked to give \$1,000, to help "buy" a meter of the track. Each donor will have his or her name engraved on a plate next to "their" meter on the track. For more information, call Gary Trigueiro at 484-2635.

Masters Slate Fitness Fair

The OTC Masters Annual Fitness Fair will be held at the Sheldon Community Center on Oct. 1. Persons or businesses with fitness-related activities who would like information on booth space should contact Jenna Knight, 683-4691.

Club Notes

The *Masters* had a social summer, with their annual picnic, the Sky Camp Retreat, and of course, celebrating the World Veterans Games announcement. . . *Debbie Hannaford* will be competing in the Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii in October. . . *Alan Maxwell* won both the 110 highs and the 400 intermediates in the Masters' Pacific Championships; he also placed third in the long jump but came home with a double stress fracture. . . Present/past OTC/UO runners Janet Heinonen, Connie Manley, Joni Hersh, Sharon Downing, Kathy Schneider, Susan Long, Kim Roth and Betsy Ryan were part of a women's team which placed third overall among women's teams in the 168-mile *Hood to Coast Relay*. Sub-master *Jenna Knight* had an impressive summer of track PRs, including 4:40 for 1500 and 4:56 for the mile. . .

Cross Country Race To Honor Jeff Drenth

An Oregon Track Club cross country meet held annually at Emerald Valley Golf Course near Creswell has been renamed in honor of Jeff Drenth, the Athletics West runner who died last June. The meet will be held Sunday, Nov 9 at Emerald Valley. A women's 5,000 starting at 10:30 a.m.; the men race over 10,000 meters, start at 11. Runners may register on race day for \$3. Awards will be given to winners in three divisions: open, sub-masters (30-39) and masters (40 & older). For more information, call Janet Heinonen at 344-0498.

On The Roads Again

With The Race, Butte-to-Butte and the Nike/OTC 25K successfully completed, the Road Race Officials Association will finish off the year with three more events. Betty Harry (343-2756) will direct the OTC Women's 8K (Oct. 5, 10 a.m., Celeste Campbell Center near Skinner's Butte Park). Karen Smith (343-5873) and Stan Cunningham (689-0761) are co-directors for the Nov. 2 Turkey Trot (4 miles, Skinner's Butte Park, 10 a.m.). The Dec. 7 Toys for Tots 10K (and 1-mile fun run) will begin at 11 a.m. at Autzen Stadium; race director is Dave Nicholson (741-1763).

Volunteers are needed for all three events; give the race director a call if you can help. RROA members are reminded that they're earning points toward club t-shirts, sweatshirts, warm-ups, etc. by working on OTC road runs. (From Arlene Noviello, RROA).

Welcome, New Members!

OTC is pleased to welcome new members Marilyn Nippold, Gordon Obie, Ralph Polimeni, Diane Reed, Ross Shepard, Frank Greenberg, John Larimer, Craig Larimer, Steve Larimer, David Poetker, Stan James, Bruce Dunlap, Donald Dalziel, Jr., John Schultz, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Meserve, Angela Murphy, Linn Spaulding, Mary Priest, Isabelle Moser, Scott Lieuallen, Richard Feldt, Ron Schenone, Don Cole, Dale Berg, Dewaine Stoddard, Wallace Cassel, Mollie Davies and Latham Flanagan, Jr.

Club Briefs

★ The Jan. 24 *Pacific Northwest Bell Indoor Meet* (Portland's Memorial Coliseum) will be part the TAC/Mobil Indoor Grand Prix which should significantly upgrade the competition, according to meet director Tom Jordan.

★ Jordan also reports that the *Prefontaine Classic* is applying to regain its status as an IAAF/Mobil Grand Prix meet.

★ Thanks to all those OTC members who've been making weekly phone calls to solicit membership for the *400-Meter Club* to help finance the Hayward Field renovation. Among the callers: Barbara Daugherty, Flo Delaney, Mitch Allara, Tom Jordan, Tom & Janet Heinonen, Dave Henry, Connie Manley, Cathie & Gary Trigueiro, John Gillespie, Bill Dellinger, Charlie & Audi Fleishman, Jim Putney, Frank & Dorothy Anderson. Close to \$120,000, including some \$9,000 raised over the past year by Alberto Salazar, was pledged for the 400-Meter Club in the first three weeks of solicitations.

★ Volunteers are needed to staff an information booth at the *Eugene Celebration*, Sept. 27 & 28. The booth will push OTC membership, UO season tickets for track, the 400-Meter Club, E-Team posters and t-shirts. Call Sam Cole at 344-7733 if you can help.

Oregon Lands NCAA Meet

The 1988 NCAA Track and Field Championships have been awarded to the University of Oregon. Should Eugene also win the bid for the '88 Olympic Trials, the university would be allowed to play host to the NCAA's the following year instead. The University of Florida and Brigham Young also submitted bids for the NCAA championships.