



# OREGON

## TRACK CLUB

SUMMER 2000

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## MARQUEE PRE

The nationally televised Prefontaine Classic takes center stage at Hayward Field June 24 with guest performers rarely seen in the U.S., part of a marquee cast of athletes priming for the Olympics.

### ★ SZABO ★ RUNYAN ★ HAMILTON ★

Romanian Gabriele Szabo, winner of the Golden League last year, will take on Eugene's Marla Runyan and former Eugenean Suzy Favor Hamilton in the 1500. The two-time world champion at 5,000 meters, has run 3:56.97.

### ★ MJ ★ MJ ★ MG ★

The two M.J.s return to Hayward Field. World-record holder Michael Johnson will run the 400 while superstar Marion Jones will go in the 100 and long jump. World 100-meter record-holder Maurice Greene headlines the 200 field while OTC board member Lance Deal, the '96 Olympic silver medalist, will have his hands full in the hammer where he'll meet Hungary's Zsolt Nemeth and Russia's Vasiliy Sidorenko. The pair sandwiched Deal on the '99 world list.

### ★ WEBB VS BIG GUNS ★

High school junior Alan Webb (3:59.9 for a 1600-meter leg in the Penn Relays) will be the only runner in the mile who hasn't broken 4:00 and he hopes to remedy that situation in the draft of a field that starts with 20-year-old Ethiopian Hailu Mekonnen (world indoor record-holder for 2 miles), Ireland's Mark Carroll, Seneca Lassiter, Kenyan Martin Keino and Canadian Graham Hood—all with sub-3:53 credentials.

### ★ KIPKOSGEI ★ KENNEDY ★

Kenya's Luke Kipkosgei returns to defend his Pre Classic title in the 5,000. He'll be challenged by Bob Kennedy while Duck alums Steve Fein, Karl Keska and Nick Rogers will be in the mix. Keska has emerged as one of Great Britain's Olympic prospects in the 5,000.

### ★ JOHNSON & JOHNSON ★

Olympic champ Allen Johnson heads the high hurdle field; world champion C.J. Hunter is in the shot and American record-setters Jeff Hartwig and Lawrence Johnson in the pole vault.

### ★ MUTOLA ★ JACOBS ★

Eugene's Maria Mutola faces an 800 field including versatile Regina Jacobs and a pair of sub-1:57 runners—Surinam's Letitia Vriesde and Mutola's Mozambican cousin, Tina Paulino.

### ★ RECORD THREATENED ★

New Zealand's Beatrice Faumina, the 1997 world discus champion and Belarussian Elena Zvereva (221-9 last year) could challenge the Hayward Field record of 213-4. Meet organizers will experiment with markers along the sector lines, indicating each athlete's best mark during the competition.

Increased support from Nike has helped meet director Tom Jordan put together what promises to be the best field ever for the Pre Classic. Prize money is offered in all events, with \$4,000 for first place, \$2,000 for second, \$1,000 for third and \$500 for fourth.

## BOWERMAN TRIBUTE

Friends, athletes and fans of Bill Bowerman will pay tribute to the legendary University of Oregon track coach at the Pre Classic. Bowerman athletes will assemble at 11:30 a.m. to be introduced by the decade. They'll proceed around the north end of the track to the Bowerman building for the unveiling of the Bill Bowerman statue to start the meet.

## VOLUNTEERS KEY FOR BUTTE TO BUTTE



At 8:00 a.m. on July 4th, when 2500+ runners line up at 43rd and Donald Streets for the start of the Pacific Continental Bank Butte to Butte, Carolyn Spector and John Bredesen (with coffee cups in hand) will head for 5th and High Streets. John and Carolyn have been course marshals at their spot since 1982. "We just love doing it. It's great being able to see all the runners and to cheer on those brave souls who are in the back of the pack."

Carolyn and John, who plan to "will their spot" when they're no longer able to do it, have been volunteering for the greatest number of years according to race directors Barbara Kousky and Tom Jordan: "We're fortunate to have a number of volunteers on whom we rely each year. However, additional volunteers are always needed. To volunteer at this year's Butte to Butte (the 27th annual) call Melinna Faw at 687-1989, or e-mail Northwest Event Management, at [nem@dnsi.net](mailto:nem@dnsi.net)."

Entry fees remain the same as last year, thanks to

the on-going support of race sponsors Pacific Continental Bank, EWEB, Willamette Beverage, The Register Guard, PeaceHealth, The Nike Store, KVAL, KUGN, Premierelink and The Hilton Eugene. As part of their new sponsorship, Premierelink has designed a website for the event. Check it out at [buttetobutte.org](http://buttetobutte.org).

With the challenging 10-kilometer run and a 4.5 mile Mayor's Walk, Butte to Butte has something for everyone. To encourage families to participate, children 12 and under have free entry in either the run or walk when accompanied by an entered adult. High school team competition is also being offered for the first time.

In-person registration may be made at any of eight Pacific Continental Bank branches or The Nike Store through June 30. On July 1st and 2nd, register in-person at The Hilton Eugene, from noon to 4:00 p.m. and on July 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Day-of-race registration will be held at Spencer Butte Middle School from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Both events begin at 8 a.m.

## THE ROAD TO SACTO

There may be a caravan down I-5 from Eugene to Sacramento in July for the Olympic Trials July 14-23. Among local athletes likely to be competing in the Trials

are Lance Deal, Marla Runyan, Annette Peters, Nick Rogers, Jason Boness, Steve Fein, Karis Howell, Katy Polansky, Niki Reed, Clare Taylor, Rick Mestler, Kristin Ihle and Travis Nutter. Other locals shooting for



qualifying marks include Marie Davis, Katie Crabb, Karina Elstrom, Laura LaMena-Coll and Scott Touchette.

## MASTERS NATIONALS BACK

The National Masters Track & Field Championships, hosted by the Oregon Track Club Masters, will return to Hayward Field on August 10-13. Previous championships sponsored by OTCM were the 1984, 1987 and 1994 meets.

Interest in the championships is high according to co-meet directors, Barbara Kousky and Tom Jordan. The largest championships held to-date was in 1994 with 1412 registered athletes. Organizers anticipate 1500+ athletes from throughout the U.S. along with international guest competitors.

The championships are open to all men and women 30 years of age and older. Entry applications are available from Northwest Event Management (687-1989), or visit the meet website at [eugenechamps.com](http://eugenechamps.com).

As with all OTC/OTCM events, volunteers play a major role in ensuring a successful outcome. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: registration,

hospitality, awards, merchandise sales, and records. Contact Melinna Faw at 687-1989 during work hours to sign-up or receive additional information. It's a great way to meet the athletes and to support the club!

## ROAR OF THE CROWD

A big thank you to *Marv Rexius* for his continuing support for *Eugene running trails*. Marv is responsible for much of the creation and upkeep of the Rexius Trail in south Eugene. He recently extended his offer of company equipment, personnel and bark materials for Pre's Trail improvements...Three handsome *Pre's Trail signs* should be up soon, providing maps and distances for various loops of the trail, located in Alton Baker Park. The signs are 28" x 42" and bear pictures and information about Steve Prefontaine as well as the map. OTC Masters donated \$500 to the project, OTC added \$1,000 and the City of Eugene and the Prefontaine Foundation will make up the rest of the estimated \$2875 cost. Eric Zemper, with help from Larry Norris and Donn Kirk, spearheaded the project. Concrete quarter-mile posts will be installed along the trail later this summer, reports Zemper...Thanks too, to OTCM volunteers (led by Geoff Hughes and Cully Vaughn) who've helped with bark parties...

OTC Masters have a new *home/library* at Gill Athletic Equipment (525 Conger St., Eugene). The masters have their monthly meetings at the new site and keep their library of books and videotapes there. Thanks go to Dan West of Gill for allowing the club to use the building...Thank you to Cathy Twomey Bellamy, Cathy Gran, Sally Harmon, Mike Manley, Stephanie Harris, John Gillespie, Dave McJunkin, Richard Lee, George Walcott and Dan West for conducting clinics for OTCM in recent months...

Volunteers for the annual OTCM *Hayward Classic* (July 1-2) can call Becky Sisley (346-3383) or Frank Lulich (346-8604). Chuck Hammonds (687-9361) is the meet director for the popular masters meet at Hayward Field...

Christy Davids is meet director for the annual OTC series of *all-comers meets* with Pam Turner coordinating volunteers. If you'd like to help, call Pam at 334-1760. The Hayward Field meets begin June 28-29 and run through the end of July, with kids 12 & younger on Wednesdays and athletes 13 & older on Thursdays. Both sessions begin at 5:30 p.m....OTC junior member Liisa Heinonen designed this year's OTC juniors' t-shirts with an Olympic theme...

Ricardo Caruso, an Italian graduate student in the UO Warsaw Sports Marketing Department, is interning with Tom Jordan to help on the Prefontaine Classic... The NCAA is moving towards having regional qualifying for the *NCAA Championships*, beginning in 2002... The NCAA meet will be at Hayward Field next year...

The track at *Hayward Field* will be resurfaced this

summer, probably in late August. Two sets of bleachers have been removed for safety reasons. Although the Lane Co. Fairgrounds is willing to loan replacements, the cost of hauling and installing them may be prohibitive for special events. Construction of new bleachers, which would have to meet ADA requirements, could cost in the \$1-2 million range...

The *Oregon Track & Field and Cross Country Camp* will have two sessions: July 9-14 and July 16-21. The camp is held at the University of Oregon. For details, call Renee Smith (485-8330) or e-mail <oregontrackcamp@worldnet.att.net >.

## RESTOCKING THE SHELVES

Recruiting has been a major focus for both the UO men's and women's track teams the past year. Both squads have picked up athletes who could be major contributors early on. And both squads return a nucleus of all-Americans who hope to be major players in the NCAA meet in Eugene next year.

Martin Smith is bringing in a promising crop of distance runners, led by in-staters Eric Logsdon (Canby) and Noel Paulson (Cascade) who rank among the fastest 3,000/3200 meter runners in the country. Logsdon's 8:10 in the state meet was a meet record by 12 seconds and ranks him second all-time in the state behind only Steve Prefontaine. The Ducks have also signed Kyle Robinson (South Salem) and Aaron Emery (Beaver Falls, NY) who have solid credentials in the 3,000. The Ducks expect several state middle distance finalists to walk on next fall.

Junior college transfer Simon Kimata of Kenya brings PRs of 1:47.02, 3:46.18 and 50.84 for the 400 hurdles which may translate into becoming a steeple-chaser at Oregon. The team will also have the services of NCAA cross-country all-American Jason Hartmann, who was a redshirt in track this spring.

Oregon's hurdle crew will be stronger next year with the addition of Micah Harris, another JC transfer, who has run the highs in 13.96, and Jacob Garlick (West Jordan, UT) with PRs of 13.80 in the highs, 36.82 in the 300 hurdles, 21.50 in the 200 and 52.80 in the 400 hurdles. Garlick captured the prestigious Golden West high hurdle title this year and was third in the 300 hurdles.

Pole vaulter Trevor Woods (Marshfield) is ranked fourth in the nation with his 16-4 state-winning effort. He'll be joined by Myrtle Point's Caleb Krantz (15-7).

Key returning athletes for Oregon next spring include all-Americans Jason Boness (the Pac-10 high jump champion) and Santiago Lorenzo (decathlon, 400 hurdles), and sprinter Ricardo Cottengim.

Top newcomers for Tom Heinonen's women's team include Sarah Malone, the state javelin champion who's ranked second nationally among preps with a throw of 170-11 and Hanna Smedstad, a transfer from

Oklahoma State who's run 4:27, 9:25 and 16:18 and finished 18th in the NCAA cross country meet last fall. The Swedish runner has one year of eligibility left and will be enrolling in a PhD program in neuroscience.

The distance crew will be bolstered by the addition of state 1500 and 3000 champion Laura Harmon (Jesuit) and Annette Mosey (St. Mary's) who's run 2:14.04, along with the return of Tara Struyk, an injury redshirt.

Other UO signees include high jumper Rachel Kriz (Toledo, 5-7 1/4, sister of UO hammer thrower Adam Kriz), Ann Sullivan (Omak, WA, 14.19 and 43.75 in the hurdles), Nikki Ferguson (Kirkland WA, 12.19, 25.2) and Cameo Davis (Lane CC) the northwest junior college champion in the 400 hurdles.

Key returnees for the Ducks next spring include NCAA scorers Karis Howell (javelin), Mary Etter (discus), Niki Reed (pole vault), Karina Elstrom (pole vault) and Maureen Morrison, school-record holder in the hammer. The team will also be looking to Eri MacDonald (800) and Charyl Weingarten (javelin) who showed their potential as freshmen.

## GOLDEN DREAMS

The IAAF is considering extending its Golden League series in 2001 to include the United States and Japan. Should that happen, Eugene's Prefontaine Classic would be the logical choice to join the lucrative series which draws the world's best athletes.

The Golden League currently lists seven meets—all in Europe—for its 2001 season but the IAAF will consider expanding that schedule when its council meets in Sydney in the fall. A U.S. meet would open the League, ahead of the currently scheduled first meet in Rome on June 29.

"We've made it quite clear that if the United States is ever offered a Golden league meet, that there's only one deserving meet," says Pre Classic meet director Tom Jordan in a *Register-Guard* interview.

Hayward Field fans would have an extraordinary opportunity to see athletes who normally never compete in the U.S. "Right now, we've got 70 percent U.S. athletes, 30 percent foreign," adds Jordan. "If we were Golden League, it would probably would be more 50-50."

In this year's Golden League, athletes earn \$15,000 for a win. Any athlete who can put together five Golden League wins will share a jackpot of 50 kilograms of gold.

Should the Golden League come to Eugene in 2001, Hayward Field fans would be treated to a month of incredible track and field.

The 2001 NCAA Championships are already on tap for Hayward and OTC is the heavy favorite to be picked to host the 2001 USATF Championships which serve as the qualifier for the world championships, slated for Edmonton later that summer.

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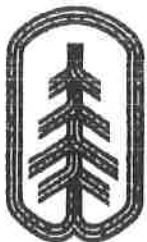
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# OREGON TRACK CLUB ALL-COMERS' MEET INFORMATION

**Ages 1-12 on Wednesdays, Ages 13 & older on Thursdays**  
**2000 Schedule: June 28-29, July 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27**

**Location:** All meets are held at Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus (15th & Agate St.) in Eugene.

**Entry fees:** \$2 per athlete. Athletes may compete in a maximum of three events. Free entry for Oregon Track Club junior members (show membership card). OTC adult members will be charged only \$1 (show membership card). OTC junior memberships (18 & younger) cost \$15 and include a t-shirt. You can sign up for OTC membership at the all-comers' meets. OTC junior membership waivers are available for low-income youth. Ask at OTC sign-up area at Hayward Field or call 343-7247.

**Age-groups:** single-year age-groups for children 1-12. Other age divisions are 13-14, 15-16, 17-18, open, sub-masters (30-39) and masters (40 and older). Children 6 & younger will receive participant ribbons. Starting with age 7, ribbons will be awarded to the top five place winners in each event. Participant ribbons will be given to all other entrants for ages 7-12. Boys and girls, men and women compete in separate divisions.

## Order of Events

### Ages 1-12 (Wednesday)

5:30 p.m.	Long jump High jump (ages 10-12) Shot put (ages 10-12) (Discus for ages 10-12 follows shot)
5:30-6:30	Softball throw*
6:00	60-meters (ages 1-6)
6:15	Low hurdles (ages 9-12)
6:30	100-meters (ages 7-12)
7:10	400 meters (ages 7-12)
7:25	200 meters (ages 4-12)
7:50	Distance race ** (ages 7-12)

\* Softball throw held on hammer field, outside stadium at south end. Kids take three consecutive throws.

**	Week 1	800
	Week 2	1500
	Week 3	Mile
	Week 4	800
	Week 5	1500

### Ages 13 & Older (Thursday)

5:00 p.m.	Pole vault High jump
5:30 p.m.	Long jump (followed by triple jump) Shot put (followed by discus) Hammer/Javelin**
6:00	Women's 100m hurdles
6:10	Men's 110m hurdles
6:20	Joggers' Mile
6:35	400 meters
6:50	100 meters
7:05	1500 meters
7:20	200 meters
7:35	800 meters
7:50	Distance race **

**	Week 1	Javelin, 3K/5K
	Week 2	Hammer, 3K/5K
	Week 3	Javelin, steeplechase
	Week 4	Hammer, 3K/5K
	Week 5	Javelin, 3K/5K; relay races at conclusion of both meets

Beginners' Clinics (4:45 pm, free):  
 July 5: Hurdles (Ages 9 & older)  
 July 12: High Jump (Ages 10 & older)



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Child

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
Child

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Child

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\$30 Family

(up to 2 adults and 2 jrs.)

**Masters**

\$30 Individual

\$45 Couple/Family

(up to 2 adults and 2 jrs.)

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