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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.--A track and field team that is definitely behind schedule because of only competing in three meets in six weeks--that would be UCLA's defending NCAA champions--opens defense of its AAWU dual meet title against the great Gerry Lindgren and the Washington State Cougars at Pullman, Wash., this Saturday (April 8) at 1:30 p.m.

The Bruins had another meet rained out last Saturday. They were scheduled to get in their final tuneup test against the Southern California Striders and the Pasadena Athletic Assn. before going into the all-important conference campaign but it was washed out by a day-long rain.

And so Jim Bush & Co. have now had two meets rained out--last Saturday's and Long Beach Relays--and the Occidental meeting cancelled because of final exams. "And I'm worried about the unpredictable weather in Pullman Saturday," Bush said. "After all, last week they had a five-inch snowstorm there, one of the worst of the year."

The unbeaten Bruins, who have now won 11 straight dual meets, eight last year and three this Spring, will be favored to add the Cougars to their list, but Bush fears Lindgren & Co. "I remember two years ago a favored USC team was rudely upset in Pullman," Bush noted.

Lindgren is reported to be in fine early season shape and figures to romp to victory in both the mile and two-mile runs. Already he has posted an easy 4:07.2 relay leg in the four lapper this Spring and this past winter he not only won the NCAA cross country title but also set a new National Collegiate two-mile indoor record of 8:31.6.

Hoping to push Lindgren are Bruins Rick Romero and George Husaruk in the mile and two-mile, respectively. Romero has already posted his lifetime best of 4:04.2 and appears headed for a banner junior season. Husaruk, however, has been slow in rounding into top form so far and has only looked good in one of three races this Spring, a 9:05.7 clocking back on Feb. 25. His lifetime best is 8:54.8.

Other close events should be in the sprints, javelin throw and both the triple and long jumps.

The Cougars have two top dashmen in Dick Lapham (9.6, 21.7) and Jim Johnson (9.4 wind, 21.7) who could challenge the Bruins' speedy trio of Harold Busby, Tom Jones and Norman Jackson, all of whom are now back in good physical condition.

In the javelin, Washington State's Carl O'Donnell (238-8) is capable of beating Dick Selby, who has only a 221-11 best this Spring, far off his Bruin record of 249-6 set last year.

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And the Cougars have a standout TJ and LJ performer in Barrie Johnson (49-11, 23-9) and he may surprise Bruins Gerald Lee (48-8) and Doug Ford (48-6 1/2) and Jeff Patterson (23-7).

Making his UCLA debut Saturday will be a mighty promising weightman from Fullerton JC, Kirk Wassell (6-5, 250). He has lifetime bests of 57-9 in the shot and 173-6 in the discus. "He will give us the top discus thrower we need and will bolster our depth in the shot," Bush commented.

Overall, Bush has been pleased with recent workout and feels his Bruins are finally starting to round into top form.

The Bruins fly Friday to Seattle first and then Spokane before bussing to Pullman. They are scheduled to arrive there at approximately 3:30 p.m. They'll stay at the Compton Student Union on the WSU campus. They'll return home Sunday.

UCLA's frosh team will go against the Occidental yearlings on the Oxy cinderpath this Friday at 2:30 p.m. in an added meet. The Brubabes have had only two outings so far this Spring.

It was announced last week that the Stanford-UCLA dual meet on Saturday, April 15, has been changed from a 1:15 p.m. starting time to 10 a.m. on Trotter Track. This will permit fans to take in this meet and also the Washington-USC meet at the Coliseum that day at 1:30 p.m.

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100--WSU: Dick Lapham (9.6, -), Jim Johnson (9.4 wind, 9.7, -), Wilson Kerns (10.0, -). UCLA: Harold Busby (9.4, 9.7), Norman Jackson (9.4, 9.7), Tom Jones (9.5, 9.7).

220--WSU: Lapham (21.7, -), J. Johnson (21.7, -), Kerns (22.0, -). UCLA: Busby (20.6, 21.2), Jackson (20.6, 21.8), Jones (20.6, -).

440--WSU: Steve Llewellyn (-, -), Jim Hoppe (-, -). UCLA: Don Domansky (46.4, 47.0), Paul Hoyt (47.9, 47.9), Gene Gall (47.0, -).

880--WSU: Brad Morfitt (1:55.0, 0), Gary Benson (1:54.3, -), Rod Dahl (-, -). UCLA: Arnd Kruger (1:48.4, 1:50.7), Les Fendia (1:51.6, 1:52.2), Bob Goodson (1:51.6, -).

MILE--WSU: Gerry Lindgren (4:01.5 in 1964, 4:07.2 relay), Dahl (4:10.8, -), Benson (4:17.2, -), Mike Hubbard (-, -). UCLA: Rick Romero (4:04.2, 4:04.2), Kurt Klein (4:08.3, 4:08.3), Goodson (4:10.0, 4:10.0).

2-MILE--WSU: Lindgren (8:39.5, -). Don Wright (9:06.8, -). UCLA: George Husaruk (8:54.8, 9:05.7), Klein (-, -).

HH--WSU: Al Karlberg (14.5, 14.8), Dave Kessler (14.9, -), Bob Dally (14.9, -). UCLA: Ron Copeland (13.6, 14.4), Mike Swaim (14.4, 14.7), Dan Kaiser (14.8, 14.8).

IH--WSU: Dally (53.0, -), Dahl (-, -). UCLA: Roger Johnson (50.9, 51.5), Dave Schroer (54.3, 54.6).

440 RELAY--WSU: Kerns, Karlberge, Johnson, Lapham (42.3). UCLA: Busby, Jones, Jackson, Copeland (40.5). Alternate: Domansky.

MILE RELAY--WSU: To be named. UCLA: Hoyt, Gall, Copeland, Domansky (-). Alternate: Jones.

HJ--WSU: Keith Dalluge (6-8, 6-8), Mike Brice (6-6, 6-5), Jim Kolva (6-5 1/4, 6-4 3/4). UCLA: Rick Sloan (6-10, 6-10), Larry Fischer (6-9, 6-8 1/8), Mike Weinreich (6-9 1/2, 6-6).

PV--WSU: Jim Precht (15-3 1/2, -), Paul Adams (14.4, -). UCLA: Dick Railsback (16-6, 16-5 1/2), Sloan (16-1, 16-1).

LJ--WSU: Barrie Johnson (23-9, 23-3 1/2), Gary Hill (22-0, -), Alan Keith (22-2, -). UCLA: Gerald Lee (23-8, 22-9), Jeff Patterson (23-7).

TJ--WSU: B. Johnson (49-11, 46-4). Keith (47-2, -). Hill (47-0, -). UCLA: Lee (50-0 1/2, 48-8), Doug Ford (48-6 1/2, 48-6 1/2), Patterson (44-10, 44-10).

SP--WSU: John Cogdill (51-7, 51-7). UCLA: Steve Marcus (58-1, 58-1), Kirk Wassell (57-9, 57-9), Jack Hale (56-9, 56-9).

DT--WSU: Tom Katyryniuk (160-1 1/2, 160-1 1/2), Foss Miller (-, -). UCLA: Wassell (173-6, -), Hale (164-2, 154-4), Marcus (147-9, 144-2).

JT--WSU: Carl O'Donnell (238-8, 227-1), Miller (224-0, 210-0). UCLA: Dick Selby (249-6, 221-11), Vic Grady (217-4, 217-4).