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PULLMAN, Wash.-- The Washington State men's track team travels to Stanford this weekend, site of the Pacific-10 Conference championships. Head coach John Chaplin will take a full team of 24, the maximum allowed, for the four-day meet. Decathlon competition will be held Wednesday and Thursday, with the rest of the competition scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

Last week three Cougars turned in outstanding performances in their tuneup for the conference meet. Laslo Babits broke his own school record in the javelin with a winning 265-5 mark at the Modesto Relays, while at the Northwest Relays in Eugene, Steve James ran a lifetime best of 8:36.72 in the steeplechase and Omar Ortega clocked a personal best of 3:44.91 in the 1500 meters. Oregon won the Northwest Relays with 79 points, while Washington was second with 41 and OSU and the Cougars tied at 39½.

WSU qualifiers for the Pacific-10 Championships include: 100m - Georges Kablan 10.46w, Ian Campbell 10.70; 200m - Chris Whitlock 20.98, Kablan 20.70w; 400m - Whitlock 45.84, Kablan 46.61, Jeff Ramsey 46.78, John Avognan 47.43; 800m - Sotirios Moutsanas 1:48.5; 1500m - Omar Ortega 3:44.91; 5,000m - Henry Rono 14:03.2, Steve James 14:11.2, steeplechase - Steve James 8:36.72, Henry Rono 9:00.87; high hurdles - Gary Milton 14.34, Keith Collins 14.53, Dan Vickrey 14.37; triple jump - Campbell 54-7½, Joseph Taiwo 54-2, Milton 50-2½; long jump - Peter Halson 25-8; hammer - Ralf Uebel 203-11, Paul Buxton 198-7; high jump - Doug Nordquist 7-4½, Brent Harken 7-2 3/4i, Greg Thomas 7-0¼; pole vault - Greg Ernst 17-2¼, Bob White 16-4; discus - Gary Leffler 179-1i; javelin - Laslo Babits 265-5, Tom Diehl 259-8; decathlon - Collins 7,492 points.

time in the steeplechase

JAMES, BABITS TURN IN BESTS: Steve James, with an 8:36.72/in the Northwest Relays in Eugene, and Laslo Babits, with a 265-5 winning effort in the javelin at the Modesto Relays, both turned in season-bests performances that rank among the best collegiately. James' effort will rank him somewhere in the top five, while Babits will be in the top three, according to Track and Field News. James' 8:36.72 is the third best individual mark in WSU history-- Henry Rono leading the way with his world record 8:05.4 and Philip Philippou turning in the second best mark by an individual last year with an 8:35.6.

EGGART, DICKINSON PLACE: WSU javelin throwers Jeanne Eggart (Walla Walla) and Liz Dickinson (Friday Harbor) captured honors at the Pacific Coast Invitational in Berkeley over the weekend. Eggart, still bothered somewhat by a sore knee, placed second in the event at 163-9 behind the 184-0 toss of Patty Kearney of the Oregon Track Club. Dickinson, in her final chance at national qualifying, was fifth at 147-8, short of the national qualifying standard of 156-0. Donna Mayhew of Arizona was third and Sally Harmon, the NW regional champ, was fourth.