
UCLA

Bob Larsen, Coach

Ron Roberts, Captain

Willie Avyad
Jon Butler
Bill Cleves
Mark Junkermann
Syd Leibovitch
Jerry Marsh

Sean Nugent
Mike Parkinson
Mike Pope
Eric Reynolds
Ron Roberts

USC

V. Wolfe, Ken Matsuda, Coaches

Nicholas Thebault

PACIFIC-10 CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



**STANFORD UNIVERSITY
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PAC-10 PREVIEW



by Keith Peters

Ask University of Oregon head coach Bill Dellinger who the favorite is for today's Pacific-10 Conference Cross Country Championships and most likely he'll answer: "UCLA."

Ask UCLA coach Bob Larsen the same question and his reply will probably be: "Oregon."

Coaches are like that. No one wants to be bold enough to pick themselves as favorites. That's the kiss of death for sure. Nonetheless, their answers are correct. Oregon and UCLA—not necessarily in that order—are favored to add to their already bulging trophy cases in today's meet. This 1983 edition, however, is unlike the past four conference meets in which the Ducks and Bruins have won two each. The annual two-horse race has been enlarged by one. Look for Arizona to possibly loosen the stranglehold Oregon and UCLA have had on recent Pac-10 championships.

The Wildcats bring a string of four straight impressive victories into today's meet. The last triumph came at the Weber State Invitational October 15, where national powers Texas-EI Paso and Brigham Young also competed.

This year's Arizona squad, again coached by Dave Murray, reportedly is the best in the school's history and has to be considered a legitimate threat for

today's championship. Arizona returns almost everyone from last year's team that placed third in the Pac-10's behind Oregon and UCLA and trailed the Ducks (9th) and Bruins (10th) with an 11th-place finish in the NCAA finals.

Pacing the Wildcats this year is senior captain Davis Dabler, sophomore Keith Morrison, sophomore Andre Woods, junior Scott Jones, senior Chris Dugan and senior Bob Ingram. Arizona's number one runner is junior Tom Ansberry, who was sixth in the Pac-10's a year ago. He returns to challenge Oregon's Jim Hill and UCLA's Jon Butler for individual honors today.

Hill is the defending conference champ. He won the 1982 race at Fresno's fast and flat Woodward Park in 28:50. Butler was fifth and Ansberry sixth, both timed in 29:37. Last year's number 2 and 3 finishers, Cal's Tom Downs and UCLA's Steve McCormack, have graduated. John Zishka of Oregon, who took fourth last year, is injured and will not compete today.

If anyone is a clear-cut favorite for the individual title, it is Hill. The senior from Virginia is coming off an outstanding track season, in which he competed in the World Championships in Helsinki, Finland (at 5,000 meters) and was the number 3-ranking American in both the 5K and 10K.

WASHINGTON



Art Hutton, Coach

Dave Barnett
Dan Bell
Britt Brewer
Curt Corvin
Eric Fahlman



Dave Barnett, Co-Captain

Len Fedore
Gavin Gordon
Greg Jones
Ken Knable
Brain Kutzera



Curt Corvin, Co-Captain

Jeff Mathews
Jim Reinke
Greg Stark
Bruce Stirling

WASHINGTON STATE



John Chaplin, Coach

Kirk Adams
Jim Frey
Peter Koech



Julius Korir, Captain

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Nathan Morris

Jancinto Navarrete
Richard Tuwei

OREGON STATE



Gary Sievers, Coach



Gid Rysdam, Co-Captain



Dick Oldfield, Co-Captain

Dave Anderson
John Frank
Shawn Gallagher

Jary Krauser
Dick Oldfield
Skip Pickens

Gid Rysdam
John Warimer
Karl Van Calcar

STANFORD



Brooks Johnson, Head Coach



Jim Smith, Captain

Charles Alexander
Jeff Atkinson
Ed Callaway
Pat Fox

David Frank
Mike Kubitschek
Marc Olesen
Brian Pettingill

Jim Smith
Ryan Stoll
Eric Sappenfield

Hill leads an Oregon team that includes junior Chris Hamilton, senior Brad Simpson, sophomore Harold Kaphaldt and sophomore Dan Nelson. Simpson and Kaphaldt both joined Hill on last year's NCAA entry. Nelson is a walk-on and Hamilton is a transfer from Portland.

If Oregon has anything else going for it, it's history. The Ducks have won four NCAA titles in the past 12 years under Dellinger and have placed second four other times. Not surprisingly, Dellinger is the distance coach for the 1984 U.S. men's Olympic team.

Like Oregon, UCLA has an experienced team. Aside from Butler, a two-time All-America, the Bruins' lineup includes senior Ron Roberts, freshman Eric Reynolds, freshman Mark Junkerman, junior Mike Parkinson and senior Willy Ayyad. Reynolds was the number one schoolboy in cross country last year, losing only one outdoor race in all of 1982-83.

UCLA coach Bob Larsen, in his fifth season, has done a remarkable job with the Bruins. Before Larsen took over, UCLA had never sent a cross-country team to the NCAA finals. Since 1979, Larsen's teams have placed 15th, 5th, 5th and 9th.

A plus for the Bruins entering today's race is their success on the Stanford layout. Before last year's meet was switched to Fresno, the Pac-10's were held at Stanford. UCLA won both the 1981 and 1980 events. A return to this familiar course may bring another conference crown to UCLA.

While the team race is between Oregon, UCLA and Arizona, the battle for fourth and fifth shapes up between Stanford, Arizona State and possibly California.

Stanford has one of its best teams in a long time, and could move among the leaders should anyone falter. The familiar 10,000-meter layout on the Stanford Golf Course is one factor that should help the Cardinal along with a squad that is very deep and experienced.

"We have a legitimate shot at being a top team at the Pac-10's," said Stanford head coach Brooks Johnson.

Leading the way for Stanford is senior Jim Smith, who has finished fifth and third in the two invitationals the team has competed in this season. A 5-7, 125 pounder, Smith has shown

steady improvement the past three years and has earned the number one position of this year's team.

Joining Smith is sophomore Charles Alexander, the number one prep distance runner in the nation two years ago. Junior Jeff Atkinson, senior David Frank, senior Ed Callaway, junior Pat Fox and freshman Marc Olesen. The latter placed eighth at the 1982 Junior World Cross Country Championships in England as a prep star from Confederation High in Nepean, Ontario (Canada).

Cal will have to scrap to finish in the top five this year, now that Downs has used up his eligibility. The Bears have only two real experienced runners in Jay Marden and Mike McCollum, the latter taking ninth in last year's Pac-10 Southern Division race.

One place already is assured before today's race even begins. Pencil in Washington State for last. The Cougars earn that distinction because they will be represented by only one runner—Julius Korir. WSU, once the conference powerhouse during the days of Kenyan star Henry Rono, is a mere shell of its former self since deemphasizing the sport when the NCAA trimmed scholarships a few years back. Instead of bolstering its cross-country program, WSU concentrated its scholarships in track and field and would up producing one of the nation's top dual meet teams.

Washington State coach John Chaplin is redshirting his cross-country team—minus Korir—in order to save his distance corps for the track season and the Olympics.

Even if the Cougars did field a full team, including Kenyan stars Richard Tuwei and Peter Koech, it is unlikely they would make a severe dent in the title aspirations of Oregon, UCLA or Arizona. WSU's depth in recent years has been three deep at most, and today's little challengers possess superior depth.

Today's race marks the first time in many years the Pac-10's have not been included with the District 8 Championships. In past seasons, both events have been held concurrently, removing the luster from the Pac-10 event while the emphasis was placed on the NCAA-qualifying district race.

This year, however, things are different. Arizona especially hopes so, too.

ARIZONA



David W. Murray, Coach



Tom Ansberry, Co-Captain



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Tom Ansberry
 Greg Bliss
 Jon Brigham
 David Dabler

Chris Dugan
 Bob Ingram
 Scott Jones
 James Maxwell

Ivan Milensky
 Keith Morrison
 Andre Woods

ARIZONA STATE



Len Miller, Coach

Matt Barnard
 Pete Gamperle
 Gary Geyer



Michael Scannell, Captain

Michael Scannell
 Mike Stahr

Tim Hayden
 Fred Herlitz
 Don Orr

CALIFORNIA



Brian Maxwell, Coach



Mike McCollum, Captain

Steve Adams
 Ian Clark
 Paul Cox
 Peter Downs

Scott Marconda
 Jay Marden
 Dennis Martin

Mike McCollum
 John Morse
 George Yuster

OREGON

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Richard Bergeson
 Mike Blackmore
 Vance Blow
 John Carlotti
 Jasen Emmons
 Chris Hamilton
 Jim Hill

Richard Bergeson, Captain

Harold Kuphaldt
 Matt McGuirk
 Mark McMonigal
 Dub Meyers
 Dan Nelson
 Brad Simpson
 John Zishka