

Duck Tracks

By ELBERT HAWKINS

For upwards of half a century now amateur runners, jumpers, and weight men have been whittling away on records, and they've really made some of the old marks look bad, but the sum and total of that need bother no athletes in the future, according to Oregon's grand old man of the cinders.

Colonel Bill Hayward says there isn't a record standing today which isn't in jeopardy, not one. Some of 'em like the 220-yard dash which negro Jesse Owens propelled in 20.3 seconds, the two mile, the high jump, broad jump, and pole vault, are going to be tough to improve on but Bill predicts they'll fall just like they always have in the past.

Take a look at the following table and see just how much some of the marks were lowered in a 17-year period from 1920 to 1937.

	1920	1937
100 yards	9.6 sec.	9.4 sec.
440 yards	47.8 sec.	46.4 sec.
880 yards	1:52.2 min.	1:49.8 min.
Mile	4:12.6 min.	4:06.7 min.
High jump	6 ft., 7 5/16 in.	6 ft., 9 3/4 in.
Broad jump	24 ft., 7 1/2 in.	26 ft., 8 1/4 in.
Pole vault	13 ft., 3 9/16 in.	14 ft., 6 1/2 in.

"Someday some fellow about 5 feet 8 inches or 5 feet 9 inches," says Bill Hayward, "with a terrific pair of legs, and a fast track, with everything right, is going to lower the 100 record." He considers it very possible that a mythical speedster will break the tape in at least 9 seconds flat.

How did some of the records look to people in 1920? Well, Colonel Bill says the pole vault record of 13 feet, 3 9/16 inches he saw Foss set looked pretty high and coaches weren't even thinking about ever going much beyond 14 feet.

Two Webfoot pole vaulters, George Varoff and Rod Hansen went 14 feet 4 inches on Hayward field the other day and didn't faint from surprise either.

The broad jump?

"I don't see any one jumper now who has the speed of Owens who can go out as high," answers Bill. The negro flier, a one-man track team, improved on the 1920 mark by over two feet, going 26 feet 3/4 inches, but his mark is apt to stand unless another sprinter comes along who can go out not only fast but high. Then we'll see a new broad jump record.

The mile? Will we ever see a 4-minute mile?

"Best chance to crack that," said Colonel Bill, "was a man who never ran the mile—Eastman." And the Webfoot coach wasn't joking about that either. Blazing Ben Eastman, bespectacled California, ran the quarter, half, and three-quarter in record times during his prime when Hayward watched him run, but he never ran the mile.

Eastman ran a 46.4 quarter, and wheeled the 880 yards in 1:49.8. Blazing Ben isn't running in competition these days so he won't be the first to run a 4-minute mile which Bill Hayward says is apt to come.

The Oregon coach believes the 15-foot ceiling might have been reached even last year when George Varoff contested with Southern California's Sefton and Meadows in one meet. They all missed on 15 feet 1 inch, but George almost made it on one of his jumps when the Trojan boys were tired.

Bill sees a possible pole vault champion in the less experienced of his Oregon pair, Rod Hansen. The dark-haired Webfoot has improved by leaps and bounds under expert tutelage and isn't near his peak yet.

Speaking of champs and record holders . . . Russ Cutler, intramural instructor, insists he's got an Olympic prospect in George F. Warner, freshman from Springfield.

Warner recently set a national Sigma Delta Psi record (Oregon's ninth) in the 20-foot rope climb by scooting up it in :05.4 seconds. He's what coaches call a "find." Russ didn't even know the frosh husky could climb a rope until a few days ago. He started out at :06.2 and then tapered down to :06, :05.7, and finally :05.4. By now it may be even lower. Instructor Russ says his Olympic prospect is a cinch to better that national record time.

Parting thought: Bill Hayward picks Washington State's track and field team to capture Saturday's northern division meet at Pullman . . . says they have too many sprinters and too much everything . . . should get over 60 points . . . Oregon? Colonel Bill figures his Webfoots good for around 40 points.

State in the division meet, although he lays no claim to Oregon's superiority over the Beavers in a dual meet.

Hansen After Points

Rod Hansen, high point man in the recent Washington-Oregon dual meet, will probably be high scorer for the Ducks tomorrow. Hansen is assured at least a second place in the pole vault and may pull a surprise by beating his much publicized teammate, George Varoff. Both Hansen and Varoff went 14 feet, 4 inches against Portland university, nearly two feet more than any rival in the conference. Hansen is also an outstanding entry in the high jump and may compete in the broad jump.

Jim Buck, lithe sprinter, is another of Hayward's outstanding point-getters. Buck will run both sprints and will team with either Lloyd Dod or Harry Weston in the 220 low hurdles.

Brown After Records

Boyd Brown, one of the coast's outstanding javelin throwers, is given a first place in the javelin without question. Brown has no equal throughout the conference and will be out to break both the conference record of 220 feet, 7 5-8 inches, set by Oregon's Bob Parke, and the coast mark of over 234 feet, set recently by Bob Peoples of Southern Cal.

Kirman Storli, along with George Varoff, returns to the conference meet as a title defender. Storli took a first in the 880 last spring and is regarded as one of the best half milers on the coast.

Lloyd Dod, newcomer to the Webfoot ranks this year, will meet his big test of the year when he matches strides with Washington State's famed Lee Orr in the hurdles. Dod is a sure point-winner in both the lows and highs.

Reber Improves

Ehle Reber, rubbery-legged sophomore broad jumper, has been rapidly reaching his peak in the broad jumpevent and is a possible winner at Pullman. Reber went over 23 feet this week before tapering off for the conference meet.

Definite challenger for first place in the two-mile is Don Barker, Oregon's dark-haired, slender senior, who has one of the Northwest's best time in the two-mile run this spring.

Other members of the squad are Miler Bob Mitchell, sure to cop points in his event, Harry Weston, hurdler; Ken Shipley, high jumper; Bob Dietz, dusky sprinter; and Frank Van Vliet and Jim Schriver, middle distance men.

Bald professors at Wake Forest college have formed an organization to campaign for a reduction in the prices of their hair cuts.

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Webfoot Trackmen Leave for Pullman

Hayward Predicts WSC Will Win With 60 Points; Oregon Second With 40; Hansen, Buck Enter Three Events

Thirteen hopeful Webfoot trackmen will pack their spikes this afternoon and depart for Pullman where they will compete Saturday in the annual northern division cinder meet.

Track Coach Bill Hayward figures Washington State will take first place, but has hopes for his cohorts to nose out Washington and Oregon State.

"We just can't keep WSC from getting at least 60 points," he declared. "My boys will have a hard time in getting 40 points or more." Hayward figures the Ducks will pick up more points than Oregon

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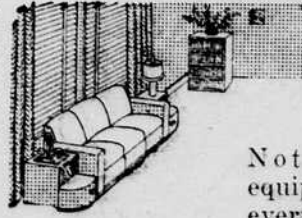
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