

Medford Edges Grant for 'A' Title

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Backs, backs, backs and more backs.

Hayward field was full of them last night as Tex Oliver gave the grid fans a look at what to expect when the 1946 season opens next September.

Jimmy Newquist, Walt Donovan, Glenn Wilson, Corky Van Loo, Norm Van Brocklin, Bill Abbey, Bill Behrens, Bobby Reynolds and a half a dozen others showed the fans a few fancy steps as the club went through its first spring practice tussle.

And to top it all off, Bob Koch, Bill Davis, Duke Iverson, Leroy Erickson and, it's a big and, Jake Leicht will be added to the roster come September.

It's early, much too early, to tell how much yardage the boys can tear off when the opposition is one of the rugged members of the conference, but it looked encouraging.

Wilson, a 215-pound fullback from Sacramento, may be the answer to the ad Dick Strite ran in the Register Guard the other night for a plunging back with some weight to give him a little authority on those ever-important drives into the line.

Wilson is not only the possessor of some real left, but he moves it along at a creditable speed—a very important item.

Passers Deluxe

Both Reynolds and Behrens put on a pitching exhibition. The receivers had trouble holding Bobby's throws, but that might be attributed to the brown ball, normally not used in night games.

Reynolds had one toss that the press box crew figured went better than 50 yards. It didn't change the complexion of the tussle however, as Van Loo was a step short of making it good and a cinch touchdown for the Golds.

Behrens hit Art Milne on the dead run at 50 yards to set up the Green's second tally. That's a major league toss in any competition.

It isn't hard to see why "Crash" Crish has his name. The 1941 letter winner, now spending his afternoons hitting in the four slot for Hobby Hobson's baseball team, spent most of his evening last night in the Gold's backfield. He should make life miserable for a lot of ambitious runners on the coast next season.

Eight days is hardly enough to determine the strength of the line, but the boys are big and Vaughn Corley will smooth out the ragged edges on some of the blocking and tackling Amos Alenzo Stagg brings the College of the Pacific Eleven to Eugene next September 28.

There are four more of these intra-squad clashes billed for the spring "season." Rivalry runs high on the two squads and football fans are missing a real treat if they don't drop out and take in the remainder of the games. The next one is on tap for Saturday night at Hayward Field. See you there.

Nip and Tuck

Despite the rain and wind the ninth edition of the Hayward Relays jumped off to a great start yesterday. The Class A championship depended on the mile relay and Medford came from behind in the scoring column to take its third title, 30½ to 30.

That last race was a beauty. The first three men for both teams were evenly matched and the anchor men went off all even. Medford finally came hom in front by eight yards.

Funny part about the whole meet was the fact that nobody considered Medford until the last two events. They had gone steadily through the afternoon picking up seconds and thirds while Klamath Falls and Grant split the majority of the firsts.

Then all of a sudden somebody discovered they were in second place in the team totals. Their only blue ribbon of the afternoon came in the event they needed—the one that won the meet.

Last Event Win Gives Tigers Victory Points

By Al Pietchman

Barely winning the mile relay, the last event, Medford's strong track team nosed out the Grant Generals 30½ to 30 in yesterday's Class "A" competition in the ninth annual Hayward Relays. With the balance of the meet undecided, Medford, Grant and Klamath Falls went to the post in the final event, the mile relay, knowing that the winner would have the meet sewed up. The three teams were bunched together in points with 27 for Medford, 26 for Grant, and 24½ credited to the Pelicans.

Getting off to a good lead, Klamath Falls led the pack on the first curve only to lose position and unfortunately the race, by tripping on the far corner. From there on, Grant and Medford battled it out. Fans screamed for their favorite to win and the rival athletes were determined that the other fellow wouldn't win. The race, and the meet, was a tossup until the last lap. Barely five yards behind the Medford quarter-miler, Grant's Paul Stamm edged closer, and brought the frenzied crowd to its feet as he attempted to pass on the back stretch.

Staving off Stamm's thrilling bid, Lloyd Carr, the Medford anchor man, kept his scant lead until the final stretch hove into sight. Again, determined that Grant was going to head back to Portland victors, Stamm opened up. Straining every muscle and striving to hit the finish line first, both runners pounded down the stretch, neck and neck. Slowly Stamm gave ground and Carr pulled slightly ahead and crossed the finish some three yards ahead of Stamm. Runners and spectators both exhausted from the thrilling run, waited for the official announcement of the winner.

Huddled together and with fingers crossed, the Generals hoped that the previous score might have been incorrect, but the loudspeaker blasted away with the announcement, "Medford wins with 30½ points, Grant second, 30 points, and Klamath Falls third, 27 points.

Hampered by the definitely poor weather and strong winds, the elite prep stars of Oregon started their running at the scheduled time, and gave spectators many thrills during the day. George Rasmussen, high flying pole vaulter of Bend, set the only individual record of the day when he cleared 12 feet in his specialty. The high soaring lanky eastern Oregon lad was pressed during the 11-foot vaults by Pickens, Springfield's star vaulter, but left him behind when the cross bar was elevated near the 12-foot mark.

Not content with winning the pole vault event, Rasmussen trotted over to the high jump pit and cleared the event at 5 feet 9 inches, to walk away as number one high jumper and high point man of the day.

One other record fell during the afternoon's competition, the 440-yard relay. With two of their last year's record holding team returning and running on this year's quartet, the Grant outfit sped around the rain-soaked track in 44.5.

Ten new records were set as this was the first year they were billed.

Winners and times of the events yesterday were:

440-yard relay (4 men at 110 yards): first, Grant (Al Bullier, Frank Farrella, Dick Couch, Jim Wasch); second, Benson; third, Grants Pass; fourth, Eugene; fifth, Springfield. Time: 44.5 sec. (new

UO Nine Meets Salem Today, Idaho Monday

Vandals Offer Next Northern Division Competition for First Place Webfoots

Oregon's conference leading Webfoot baseball team travels to Salem today for a twin-bill against the Western International league Senators. Atop the Northern Division race by virtue of two wins over the Washington State College Cougars here Wednesday and Thursday, today's non-conference double header will be the first competition with the professional Capitol city club this season. The twin-bill previously scheduled for Howe field was rained out.

Relays Enter Second Phase Of Competition

Scappoose, Sheridan Favored to Repeat Today

Continuing the fast and torrid pace of the Hayward Relays from yesterday, the big event goes into its second day of activity today when 25 of the Class "B" teams and 16 "C" teams take to the field at 1:30 this afternoon. Teams represented in Class "B" are those with 500 or less students but more than 150; schools with less than 150 students run in Class "C."

Scappoose, winner of the "B" league last year, is one of the favorites in this year's competition. The 1945 Class "C" champion, Sheridan, is also entered this year and has hopes of repeating its performance.

The nine events the squads in the Class "B" will run in are the shot-put relay, broad jump relay, high jump relay, discus, pole vault, javelin, 440-yard relay, shuttle hurdle relay, three-mile relay and sprint medley.

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'Kirsch Leads Oregon Hitters' With .555 in Conference Play

The following are the averages for the University of Oregon baseball team in their first two Northern Division games.

PLAYER	AB	R	H	Ave.	RBIS	SB	SH	PO	A	E
Kirsch, cf-2b	9	2	5	.555	3	0	0	3	1	0
Norvell, 3b	8	4	3	.375	0	1	1	1	6	5
Johnson, 1b	7	1	3	.428	3	1	0	19	1	0
Santee, ss	10	2	4	.400	3	1	0	2	5	3
Crish, rf	10	0	4	.400	2	0	0	1	1	2
Saltzman, p	5	1	2	.400	0	0	0	0	2	0
Bropst, p	3	1	1	.333	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cohen, 2b	5	3	1	.200	1	1	0	8	6	0
Rodiger, c	8	1	1	.125	0	1	0	12	2	0
Dibble, lf	7	0	0	.000	0	0	0	7	0	0
Lehl, p	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	1
Long, cf	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lozoski, lf	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jones	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	73	15	25	.329	12	5	1	54	26	11

record; breaks record of 44.6 established by Grant in 1945.

324 shuttle hurdles (3 men, 5 hurdles, 324 yards): first, Hillsboro (Ron Hayworth, Jerry Doyle, Jack Doyle); second, Medford; third, Klamath Falls; fourth, Bend; fifth, Grant. Time—38.8 (ties record set in 1945 by Jefferson).

Broad jump (3 men): first, Klamath Falls (Tom Edwards, Chuck Thurman, Bob Dodson); second, Medford; third, Eugene; fourth, Franklin; fifth, Jefferson. Distance—57' 7¼" (new event).

High jump (3 men): first, Klamath Falls (Joe Zarusinski, Dee Nelson, Jim Pope); second, tie between Bend and Medford; fourth, Hillsboro; fifth, tie among Eugene,

Springfield, and Benson. Height—16' 8".

Two mile relay (4 men at 880 yards): first, Benson (Bob Pope, Lloy Jepsen, Frened Gilson, Byron Baxter); second, Jefferson; third, Salem. Time—8:50.6 seconds (new event).

Pole vault (1 man): first, George Rasmussen, Bend; second, Pickens, Springfield; third, Lee, Eugene; fifth, tie between Ross of Salem and Young of Milwaukie. Height—11' 11½" (new record; breaks record of 11' 11" set in 1944 by Rasmussen of Bend and Bakke of Jefferson).

Shotput relay (3 men): first, Grant (Darrel Davis, Don Stamm,

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