

# DUCK TRACKS

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That Northern Division rule limiting track traveling squads to 22 men has taken a beating for the last week from Duck Coach Bill Bowerman, and we think the Webfoot boss has a justifiable complaint, too. This is the problem facing Bowerman.

He issues a call for the interested track and field aspirant every spring. He gets a steady turnout of around 50 varsity prospects after those with a poor mental attitude toward the sport lose interest and drop out. Now Northern Division dual track meet competition lists 14 events which three men from each team may enter, and the mile relay, open to four more from each squad.

Checking back mathematically, this seemingly opens the way for a possible total of 46 men from each team to see action and get a chance to earn their letters. Obviously this is the ideal set-up, considering the size of the annual turnout, every one would get a chance to compete at least.

## ND Traveling Team Limit Must Go!

Into this optimum arrangement comes the Northern Division business managers' agreement to limit traveling squads to 22 men when the two schools are over 50 miles apart. This cuts the teams' numerical strength over 50 percent, forces the coaches to overwork certain individuals by entering them in as many as three events, and almost every man in two. Over the entire season this grind becomes rather wearing and the fellows can't ever reach their peaks in their best events.

This could be one of the reasons why Northern Division teams have won only four Pacific Coast Conference titles. The Southern Division have no such limitation placed on them in the dual meet season. The Californians merely adhere to the NCAA rules limiting three men to each event.

Ray Crumme, campus correspondent for the Glendale paper, tells of seeing Southern California unload from a train for a meet with Stanford. The Trojans brought along 49 men, although only 46 could possibly enter the meet. When the PCC meet comes along at the end of the season, the Trojans have always come with 18 top men and have won the PCC title every year since 1936. The rescinding of the Northern Division rule seems like the first possible way for the Northwest to start to overcome the Californians domination. This would permit a man to specialize in a single event and not dissipate his strength over two or three. Leo Harris, Oregon director of athletics, suggested the change last spring, but the other graduate managers refused to agree. The matter will again be brought up by the Oregon delegation to the PCC meeting in May. However, nothing can be done until then.

## WSC-Oregon Meet Best of Postwar Era

The Oregon-Washington State track team meet coming up this Saturday will be one of the best dual meets on Hayward Field in a long time. Every other one that has been here since the war has been obviously onesided before the men started toeing the marks. Saturday's meet will pit two great Northern Division juggernauts loaded with depth power, against each other.

The Cougars have now won 18 consecutive dual meets. The Ducks only defeat since Bowerman took over was to Washington State last year. Oregon hasn't lost a dual meet on Hayward Field since Bowerman came North. The Ducks are considerably stronger than when Jack Mooberry's squad dumped them 78 2/3 to 52 1/3, but not strong enough to secure the meet before the final mile relay has been run.

A north Division dual-meet crown will be hanging in the balance with every baton pass of that relay. Who runs in that relay could spell the difference, too. This will be the big problem facing both coaches when Saturday rolls around.

## Oregon Stars to go East to Compete

An interesting little sidelight of the current track season will come about when Oregon journeys up to Corvallis for the OSC meet. Jack Doyle, Oregon's veteran hurdler who has already earned three letters from the Duck cinder wars will compete against his little brother, Jerry, who is just a sophomore. Jerry, who competed in the Duck-Bevo relays, says Jack is the faster, but Jack says it's the other way around. Well, there's going to be an answer come May 13. Jerry chose OSC because of the Naval training program there which is unavailable at the University.

A good question that will undoubtedly go unanswered is why haven't the local papers, including those in Portland, recognized the fact that Oregon has a good track team and give it a little more prominent space? There is a goodly share of big name performers on the squad which deserve recognition. Maybe this lack of journalistic interest is the aftermath of Oregon's lowly position after the war, but who can say?

By the way, big news has it that George Rasmussen will compete against Bob Richards, Illinois Athletic Club vaulter, in Provo, Utah on April 29. Also Oregon's 440-yard relay team, plus possibly Chuck Missfeldt, will go to the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Ia. on the same date.

## Wet Field Wastes Diamond Ducklings' Corvallis Junket

Coach Marv Rasmussen and his troupe of touring Frosh Baseball players traveled to Corvallis for a scheduled meeting with the Oregon

State Rooks. However, upon the Frosh arrival there, local authorities pronounced the field too wet for play.

No games are scheduled for the Ducklings for this week, but Coach Rasmussen hopes to arrange a practice tilt with the varsity squad.

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