

DUCK TRACKS

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Why all the fuss over the way Bill Bowerman had his mile relay team run the Washington State College race here April 22 on Hayward Field? Let's get it straight. Track is not a spectator sport, or at least is not purely a spectator sport, as are football and baseball.

Track is a sport of competition. Then, you say, "Why didn't Bowerman tell his boys to run the race hard and beat the stuffing out of WSC?" Our answer is, why should he have done that? The Cougars were already beaten, and beaten badly.

You've all heard why he didn't run them hard. He wanted to take no chances on injuries. It was a cold day. Does Bill Bowerman's duty come first to Washington State College, second to fans on Hayward Field, and third to the Oregon track team? No, his duty comes first to the Oregon track team ... that's obvious.

As stated in yesterday's column written by Editor Sam Fidman, Bowerman is above reproach as a man on this campus. We don't care if he has his relay team crawl around the track on their hands and knees, if he thinks it is for their good.

Mind you, this isn't a crack at the Oregon student who originally wrote the letter about the slow-running student. He was a little bitter about the way it looked, and he wanted an answer. He was answered the next day in a letter from Bowerman. At that point, he was apparently satisfied.

None of Their Business

The Washington State and Oregon State student papers really jumped on that letter, snatched it up, and printed it in full. None of their darned business, we say. If Bowerman had told his men to run a dirty race, or had tried to trip the WSC runners, or had tried any other thing that was REALLY poor sportsmanship, the other schools might have a rightful complaint.

Is it poor sportsmanship to look out for the good of your own track team, when you aren't in any way hurting or endangering the other team? It is not. And there was no element of competition left in that meet, because the track meet was won.

If the Washington State Evergreen wants to howl about poor sportsmanship, we can stop right now and point out an incident in that meet on April 22 that was decidedly poor sportsmanship.

The incident was the two-mile run, won by Pete Mundle of Oregon. The poor sportsmanship was on the part of the Cougar runners. (We have in mind a set of twin brothers, but we don't like to use names.) For about three or four laps, these runners tried to "box" Mundle ... that is, keep him from easily passing them by running in front of and on one side of him.

Look Around You, Howard

That's a very common thing in track meets, you say. Yes it is, but it's still poor sportsmanship, and we haven't seen anyone on Bowerman's team do it yet. So, please, Mr. Howard Shuman, of the Evergreen, think before you print any letters and yell "poor sportsmanship." Think, and look about you for sportsmanship in your own ranks.

Mundle is Oregon's only two-miler. The other distance men are Art Backlund and Jack Hutchins, and they do much better on the mile.

Being on the track alone in the two-mile race sometimes is a little rough. Beside the attempted "box" which Pete finally broke in the WSC meet, he ran into the same thing, plus some attempted pace-breaking, from the Washington Huskies.

But It Didn't Work

The Huskies were very clever in their methods, but it was a dumb thing to do in the long run. Three of them got Mundle more or less boxed, and then shifted their speeds ... faster and slower, faster and slower. Particularly, the last man ran slow and then fast, passing Pete and then dropping behind him.

This, for all we could tell, was nothing more than an attempt to break Mundle's pace. But it didn't work. Going into the final turn, Pete passed the first two Huskies by going out into the third lane. They might have beaten him if they had tried it cleanly. Oh well, it's a common thing, as we said above.

Cotton Bowl Club Game Canceled

The University of Oregon-Cotton Bowl Club game, scheduled for this Friday, has been canceled, according to Cotton Bowl Club spokesmen.

The game would have featured former Webfoots who played in the January 1, 1949, Cotton Bowl on one side, with the present Oregon spring varsity as the opposition.

A catch in rulings by the Pacific Coast Conference makes it virtually impossible for the Clubbers to field a team, one member said.

Coaches Formerly Acceptable

Formerly, when the game was set to be played, the ruling was interpreted as specifying that any member of the Oregon Cotton Bowl team who was in school or who was assisting Coach Jim Aiken with coaching duties was eligible.

Now, this club member stated, the PCC office has firmly said only those who are officially registered in school can play. This rule would cut too deeply into the ranks of the Cotton Bowl Club, leaving it with only a skeleton of a team.

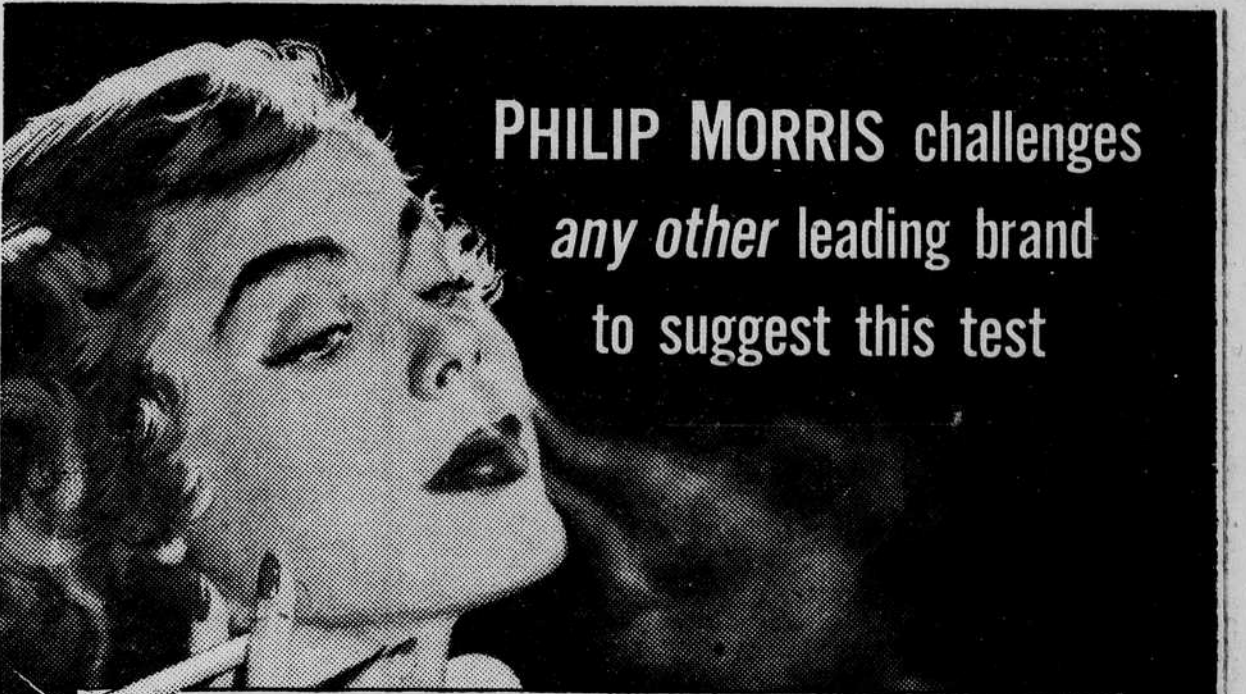
Order of 'O'

Order of the "O" will meet at noon today at the Sigma Chi house, President Don Peterson announced yesterday. Important business will be conducted.

IM Boxing To Be Discussed at Meet

Representatives from all men's living organizations are asked to attend an important intramural meeting to be held at 3 p.m. Monday in the intramural office. The possibility of boxing as an IM sport will be discussed along with the softball playoffs.

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