

# Duck Tracks

By Rick Tarr

Honors for the busiest athlete at Saturday's meet with Washington must go to George Widenfelt. The valuable Husky took part in four events during the afternoon and piled up a total of 11 points for the Washington cause. He took a first in the high jump and broad jump, third in the javelin, but had a bad day at the high hurdles and failed to place.

The 23-year-old exchange student from Gothenburg, Sweden, enrolled at Washington in the fall of 1950 and has been a mainstay of Coach Hec Edmundson's team ever since. He is present holder of the Swedish decathlon championship and placed eleventh in the high jump in the 1948 Olympic games as a member of the Swedish track squad.

## Widenfelt — A Busy Man

We wondered several times during the afternoon how he kept his composure. He would be getting set for a high jump and an impatient broad jump official would bellow "Last call for Widenfelt, where is that guy now?" He mixed javelin throws with broad jumps, trotting patiently from one event to the other, and practically alternated tries in the high jump and broad jump. After the hurdle event he changed back into his jumping shoes and started out in the high jump with hardly any time to rest.

Despite these adverse conditions we noticed a lot of form and polish in every thing he did, characteristic of an athlete who works long and hard to perfect his performance. In reply to the question on how old he was when he started training for track he reflected, "Oh, I can't remember, before grade school though."

In short, he has grown up with track. He says he loves every event but his favorite is the high jump. His style is a faultless and graceful scissors. He used his six-foot three frame and powerful legs to perfection as he cleared the bar at close to 6' 5".

At the end of this term Widenfelt plans to go home and start training for the 1952 Olympics. This time he will enter the Decathlon for his native country instead of the high jump alone.

## What Would Mathias Have Done?

While on the subject of the Decathlon, let's see what would have happened if the international champion Bob Mathias had been entered in Saturday's meet here instead of the UCLA-Stanford meet in Palo Alto. Theoretically he would have wound up with 19½ points. His time of 14.5 in the high hurdles, and 24.4 in the lows top both times made by Morris of Washington. His discus toss of 165' 4" is well over the 139' 1" mark of Loran Perry. He threw the javelin 179' 1" which would have taken second behind Missfeldt.

This mark failed to place him in the UCLA meet. His 13 foot pole vault would have given him a tie for second with Eddie Robison. Chances are he would have placed in the broad jump and shot put if we carry this mythical situation to its extreme. All this proves nothing but it gives an indication of what the 1952 Decathlon aspirants will have to go up against. Conservative track experts are calling Mathias the greatest athlete in the world.

Also, as one sports writer pointed out, Mathias put Stanford in the Rose Bowl. His 90-odd yard kickoff runback for a touchdown in the closing minutes of the game with USC virtually cinched the game and the coast conference crown.

## Cameraman Borchert

Saturday's meet spectators may have wondered what the large individual with the movie camera was doing roving around the infield. It was Bill Borchert taking pictures of the Oregon tracksters in action for Coach Bowerman. It was Borchert's first try at it and he was a bit apprehensive about the results. He covered the field events and a few starts of races and was supposed to catch close finishes.

## What Went On Behind the Bleachers?

Perhaps one of the most tense moments of the afternoon was the final turn of the third lap of the mile relay. Jack Hutchins was trailing Ken Morgan as they disappeared behind the exasperating south-end football bleachers. Washington tracksters were yelling encouragement thinking Morgan had worn Hutchins down with his burst of speed on the far stretch.

Then the rival pair rounded the turn and "Crafty Jack" was back in the lead. He had saved enough "kick" to take Morgan by surprise on the turn. A good pass put the baton in the capable hands of Ted Anderson and Washington's Pete Dufour had to watch Ted's heels for the second time that day.

## Today's IM Schedule

### SOFTBALL

3:50 North Field Phi Gamma Delta vs. Sigma Nu

3:50 South Field Lambda Chi Alpha vs. Phi Kappa Sigma

3:50 Upper Field Nestor Hall vs. Hunter Hall

4:55 North Field Sigma Hall vs. French Hall

4:55 South Field Sherry Ross-Omega vs. Stan Ray Hall

4:55 Upper Field Gamma Hall vs. Minturn Hall

### GOLF

Nestor vs. SAE

### TENNIS

Campbell Club vs. Delta Upsilon

## Jayvees to Face Springfield High Today in Eugene

Springfield will face the Junior Varsity horsehiders at 3:15 this afternoon on Howe field. The Ducklings will go into this contest with two wins to their credit against no losses. Both wins were taken from Eugene high.

The Springfield contest will be the last tune-up before the Ducks go into their regular series with the Oregon State college Junior varsity.

Don Delaney, a sophomore, will start on the mound for the JV's after a weeks rest. Jim Spiekerman will return to his regular center field position. Spiekerman missed the Eugene contest last Thursday due to a stomach disorder.

Another possible change in the Duckling line-up is Gene Duncan for Bill Loch at third base.

With Spring football practice starting next week Londahl may have trouble filling the backstop position now held down by Don Hedgepeth and Chuck Greenley, who both intend to go out for football. In case they do, Neal Marlett will be brought in from left field to handle the catching chores.

Bob 'Honus' Wagner will handle first and the keystone combination of Paul Byhre and Jim Johnson will be at second and shortstop.

Finally, Jim Tennyson will handle right field along with Spiekerman at center-field and probably Marlett at left.

The contest will probably go only seven innings. Coach Londahl hopes to be able to play all of the men on the bench as he has been able to do in both Eugene high school games.

## Baseball Team Closes Pre-ND Slate With Two Wins Over Bearcats

## B. Bottler Paces Duck Bats Hot UO to 7-2 Nod In 20-4 Win

Husky Bill Bottler, a sophomore hurler for Don Kirsch's Duck baseball team, did his slugging best Friday to disprove the old adage that pitchers do not hit.

The Webfoot righthander checked in with a triple, a double, and a single in four times at bat, plus four runs batted in, as the Oregons rolled to a 7-2 victory over the Willamette Bearcats in the last Duck non-conference game on Howe field. Bottler also parceled out just four hits, two of them doubles, and walked five while collecting six strikeouts.

### Bottler Doubles

Bottler laced out a long double to right in the third to score his batterymate and brother, Ron, who had walked.

The fourth inning saw the Ducks count four runs. Daryl Nelson, Duck second baseman, led off with a single, and reached second when an infield fly by Earl Averill was dropped. Successive singles by First Baseman Ron Phillips and Shortstop Pete Williams scored Nelson and Averill, and were boot-ed home themselves by a towering triple sliced to right field by Bill Bottler.

Oregon added its final two runs in the eighth, and again it was a single by Bill Bottler which batted in one of these. Averill started things off as he reached second base on another muffed infield fly. Following a walk drawn by Williams, Bottler singled to score Averill. Then he and Williams put on a double steal attempt, Bottler being tagged out at second while Williams scored.

Oregonian Norv Ritchey was robbed a homer in the eighth when Left Fielder Gene Jones grabbed his long drive on the edge of the embankment in deep left field.

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The Oregon Ducks held Washington scoreless for six straight games from 1928 to 1933.

Texas Western defeated Idaho 43-33 in 1950.

Saturday marked the last non-conference baseball appearance of the Oregon baseball team, and the Ducks seemed to have sharpened up their batting eyes to a fine edge in 13 pre-season contests. They pounded out 19 hits as they blasted the Willamette Bearcats 20-4, and brought their record up to eight wins and five losses.

The Ducks open ND competition at Eugene Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19, against Coach Buck Bailey's Washington State college Cougars.

Don Siegmund, sophomore left-hander, gave up only six hits to the Bearcats Saturday, and meanwhile aided the Duck attack with two hits, including a three-run homer in the fifth inning.

The Oregon version of "Murderers Row" pounded out three other home runs. Daryl Nelson got one in the third with one man on base, Nick Schmer added another in the fifth with two on, and Pete Williams slugged out the last in the seventh with the bases bare.

Oregon garnered two runs in the second, and six more in the third to grab a commanding lead, after which the Ducks coasted to the win. Schmer led the winners' attack with four hits in five trips, including the home run, and had a total of five RBIs.

Willamette scored three of its runs in the fifth inning when it bunched three hits. In the ninth frame, Bearcat left fielder Gene Jones added the final Willamette run on a round-tripper.

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## Golfers Down PU

Mundle UO (67) 3 vs. Bruce Cudd-Dick Stearns PU (69) 0; Ron Clark-Bud Cross, UO (70) 2½ vs. Gil Frey-Chuck Metcalfe, PU (71) ½; Fred Mueller, Don Krieger UO (69) 3 vs. Bob Fawcett-Dennis Kidd, PU (76) 0.

Match Play: Cudd (71) 3 vs. Atkinson (76) 0; Clark (69) 3 vs. Frey (73) 0; Mueller (78) 2 vs. Metcalfe (80) 1; Krieger (73) 3 vs. Stearns (85) 0; Mundle (73) 2½ vs. Fawcell (79) ½; Cross (75) vs. Kidd (84) 0.

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