

College Cinder Stars Await Track Opener

Top talent of the Northwest plus some formidable competition from Mather Air Base, Calif., will compete in the two top features of Saturday's fourth annual Willamette Relays—the college invitational

120 high hurdles and the college invitational 100-yard dash.

Director Ted Ogdahl announces that six men will compete in the high hurdles, headed by Kenneth Mischall of Mather, who has done :14.3 in the event. That's easily the best any of the six entrants have accomplished. Herb Beck, another Mather man, has chalked :14.8 and Don Chambers of Oregon State, who won the affair last year, has a best mark of :14.9. Others entered in the high sticks are Madris Peterson, Seattle Track and Field club (:15.0); Bob Leadbetter, University of Washington (:15.0) and Larry Standifer of host Willamette with a best time of :15.1.

Eight entires are listed for the invitational century event, with Pacific University's Bob Gaytas a top threat on paper with a best time of 9.8. Walt Hill of Seattle Pacific and Caley Cook, the Lewis and Clark flash, have :9.9 marks in the 100 and other entries include: Bruce Springbett, University of Oregon (:10.0); Don McKenzie, OCE (:10.0); Bill Van Horn, Willamette (:10.0); Fred Flowers, Portland University, (:10.0) and Bob Zoelch, Willamette (:10.1).

Track Tutor



BILL BOWERMAN, Oregon track and field coach, will take his team to Salem Saturday afternoon to compete in the annual Willamette Relays.

Duck Tracks

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This year's Oregon High School State Basketball Tournament probably offered one of the most embarrassing situations in history for Portland's proud entries in the prep classic. The two "Rose City" participants, Roosevelt's Teddies and Benson's Mechanics, both suffered defeats to schools with enrollments about one-tenth their size.

The high-flying Teddies, champions of the Portland Interscholastic League, won their initial tourney encounter from Ontario but ran afoul in their second fray of a fired up Clatskanie five which completely humiliated them with a 63-61 win. It wasn't a fluke, either, because the underdog Tigers led all the way, most of the time by an eight to twelve point margin. Only a last minute rally by Marv Rasmussen's Roosevelt quintet made the score as close as the finish as the final tally indicates.

Madras Surprises Benson

The other Portland five, second place Benson in the PIL, suffered a similar fate as Roosevelt in the second round when they were beaten by little Madras.

This double trimming of the Portland schools by Clatskanie and Madras furnished interested basketball fans with many days of conversation material. Roosevelt and Benson both went into their second round games as high favorites to come out on top and were both definitely surprise to come out with such shocking defeats.

To the Portland fives' credit it should be mentioned that they both recovered gamely after their initial losses and won their next tilts so as to earn the right to tangle with each other for the fourth place trophy in the tourney. Roosevelt came out on top in this one, 60-57.

Poll Not Too Accurate

Another thing which the past tournament proved is that the well-known Associated Press basketball poll, which ranked the high school teams as to their court prowess throughout the season, isn't too good of a guide as to the true power of basketball teams throughout the state.

Although the poll is supposed to represent votes of knowing persons from all over the state it seems to favor teams from the Portland area and the Big Six League. Maybe it just seems that way to us but the fact that such cage squads as those from Madras, Clatskanie, Ontario, and Dallas were given hardly any mention at all seems significant to us. Backers of the poll must have been quite embarrassed when the highly ranked teams were knocked over by the unknown in the tourney.

The AP did name the top team in the state in the Milwaukie Mustangs and came close by naming runner-up Eugene third in their final poll of the season but outside of these two the poll was quite a ways off pace.

Such teams as Corvallis, Salem, and The Dalles, all rated in the top ten, hardly lived up to their rankings. Corvallis and The Dalles were especially ineffective, considering their supposedly high potential.

All-State Team?

As long as we are bringing out our gripes concerning the tournament we might as well attack the coaches' all-state five while we are at it. For those of you who have forgotten just how the first team read we will refresh your memories. It included Don Ainge of Eugene, Norm Willoughby of Eugene, Bill Fredericks of Milwaukie, Ted Miller of Milwaukie, Lew Harrison of Clatskanie, and Bill Machamer of Madras. Of these we think that Machamer, Miller, Willoughby, and Harrison were all well named.

As to Fredericks, he played well in the tourney and showed that he was an all-around good ball player. But it didn't seem to us that he was nearly as outstanding or as important to his team as rugged center, "Red" Bloedel. Bloedel, although many people failed to realize it, was the true backbone of the Milwaukie team.

Bloedel, one of the best high school rebounders we have seen in quite some time, made life miserable for all Milwaukie opponents around the backboards and also demonstrated a deadly shooting eye in many of the games. Bloedel showed his true value in the Mustangs' championship game with Eugene. When Milwaukie's leading scorer, Miller, fouled out early in the third quarter, Bloedel took over the scoring reins and poured in 22 points to lead his team to the title.

Why Ainge?

Ainge, the slender Eugene forward, has been a top notch player for the Axemen for three years, now. That must have been why he was named to the all-state team, because, his performance in this year's tourney was far from spectacular.

Biggest slight on the all-star teams was to Dallas' sparkplug, Herb Brandli. Brandli, a consistent scorer, was second only to Madras' Machamer in pointmaking for this year's classic. The coaches must have forgotten all about him.

Bobo Defends Boxing Crown

The middleweight boxing championship of the world will be at stake tonight, Friday, in Chicago when champion Carl "Bobo" Olson trades punches with challenger Kid Gavilan from Cuba. The bout will be televised nationally starting at 7 o'clock PST.

Olson, who won the middleweight title a few months back by decisioning Randy Turpin, will go into the fight as about a 7-5 choice to win. It is quite possible that the odds could drop down to almost even-money by the starting time because Gavilan, the current welterweight kingpin, is highly respected in boxing circles and is given a very good chance of upsetting his more experienced opponent.

Both boys have indicated that they are confident that they can win. Olson plans to use his boxing skill and experience to outpoint the challenger and will be shooting to win the decision in the 15-round bout. Gavilan, on the other hand, believes that he will have to shoot for a knockout if he is to win. The "Kid" has openly stated that he has little respect for the champion's reputation and that he is quite sure that he can floor Olson for the ten count.

Quack! What'll We Do For A Platform

The campus politicians have all been eloquently silent on whatever they will be campaigning for—including themselves. It's a good thing the webfeet have some drakes around or they wouldn't know which way to waddle.

Don't despair—there's a new zoning plan in the air.

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