

# Oregon Runners Seek Third Consecutive Win In Vandal Track Meet

Bill Bowerman's Oregon track and field squad will attempt to score its third straight Northern Division dual meet triumph when they oppose the Idaho Vandals at Moscow this Saturday afternoon.

The Ducks are currently leading the ND with a 2-0 record and if they can down Idaho and Oregon State in their final two meets of the season they will clinch the league dual meet title.

Oregon will go into the meet as a definite favorite. The Vandals have shown very little all-around strength this season and in their two meets to date they have been soundly trounced by Oregon State and Washington State. An interesting comparison can be made when one considers that the Ducks edged WSC last Saturday at Hayward field.

### Mile Threat

Idaho seems to be a threat in only one event. That is the mile run. Emerson Clark ran a smooth 4:19.1 four-lapper against OSC last weekend and has to be classed as the favorite in this race. Bill Dellinger of the Ducks ran a 4:21.5 against the Cougars which is not too far off Clark's pace. This could develop into the best running event of the day.

On paper the Ducks appear far ahead of the Vandals in all other running events. Bruce Springbett and Doug Talbot should have their own way in the sprints, Chan Sogge and Bill Sorsby should dominate the hurdle races, Doug Clement has recorded much better

clocking than any of the Idaho runners in the 880, and Wayne Reiser and Dellinger should run one-two in the two-mile run.

The 440-yard dash could prove to be an interesting race. Neither team has been able to find a consistent runner in this particular race and it is anybody's guess just who will be running the quarter for each Saturday.

In the field events Oregon participants will have their best chances of the season to take some first places. The Duck discus throwers, who have fared so miserably thus far, will finally get an opportunity to show themselves. Idaho has shown very little strength in this event and should not be too hard to beat.

### Fieldmen Have Chance

In the shot put Ben Lloyd and Jim Jones of Oregon will have to be classed as the favorites over the Vandal shooters, who failed to place against OSC. Bob Faucett and Emery Barnes will have first and second place within their grasp in the high jump if they can come up with a top performance.

Ken Hickenbottom and Bob Reid in the pole vault and Ben Johnson and Don Sullivan in the broad jump could give the Ducks some more top places.

Doyle Higdon appears to be far and away the best of the javelin throwers. Higdon's 205'-8" toss against WSC is more than 20 feet better than any of the Vandal marks.

Idaho could come up with a win in the mile relay which the Ducks have been very weak in this season.

# Bowerman Revives Cinder Sport in Five Years at UO

"One of the best." These are about the only words that can truly describe head track and field coach, Bill Bowerman.

Bowerman has proved in his last five seasons as mentor of the Oregon Ducks that he has that magic touch that converts normally just good track men into great ones. In his first five years at Oregon Bowerman did a brilliant job of rebuilding Oregon's track and field squad to the point where it has produced some of the Northern Division's best team and individual performances.

The Webfoot coach is a firm believer in large squads and has had considerable success in interesting inexperienced track material in joining the Ducks to help solve the problem of depth which normally plagues Webfoot teams.

### Started in 1948

Bowerman joined the Oregon staff in 1948 and his first team lost only one dual meet and finished second in the Northern Division championship meet. A year later his squad swept through the conference schedule without a loss and then captured the division title with one of the highest point totals in history.

In 1951 the Ducks were hit heavily by graduation losses and injuries, but still finished second in the division meet and twelfth in the NCAA finals. In 1952 Oregon was undefeated in dual meet action and finished ninth in the NCAA.

During the past five years the Ducks have been strengthened by more than a handful of "unknowns" who first were discovered in the broad intramural program



BILL BOWERMAN, Oregon track and field coach, started his coaching career at the Duck school in 1948 and in the past five years has made Oregon one of the most highly regarded track powers on the Pacific Coast.

which Bowerman inaugurated and still supervises.

### Successful at Medford

Bowerman's "track for everybody" program had brought him considerable success before he joined the Oregon staff. He began his coaching career in 1935 at Franklin high school in Portland and a year later went to Medford. In the next nine seasons his teams won eight Hayward Relays and three state championships.

In addition to fine track teams, Medford also had one of the state's better football teams under Bowerman. In seven years his grid clubs won 64 games, lost eight and

tied three. This record produced three state championships and three undefeated teams.

### An Oregon Grad

Bowerman is an Oregon graduate, earning his degree in 1935. He participated in football as an end and halfback and in track as a quarter-miler for the late Col. Bill Hayward.

During World War II he served four years with the Tenth Mountain Division and was discharged as a major. He is married and is the father of three sons.

From his past record one can see that Bill Bowerman has to take a back seat to absolutely nobody when it comes to turning out top flight athletic teams. The University of Oregon can be proud of the grand job he is doing.

# Webfoot Netters Host WSC, Idaho

The University of Oregon tennis team will go back into action this weekend when they play their second two Northern Division matches of the season.

The Ducks take on Washington State on the Webfoot courts on Friday and come back to host the Idaho Vandals on Saturday.

Oregon has not shown too much strength in pre-conference action, winning over only Willamette while losing to Portland university twice and Oregon State once.

The Ducks could give the Cougars and Vandals some trouble in the number one singles match where Captain Ron Lowell will be wielding the racket.

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