

Duck Tracks

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There has been much speculation during the past week on just how this Saturday's Northern Division track and field meet at Pullman is going to come out. Most people have come to the conclusion that the University of Washington is the team to beat with Oregon, Washington State, Oregon State and Idaho following in that order.

Although the Ducks won the league dual meet championship, experts figure that the Huskies have a little more strength to put forth in the five team affair. We are inclined to disagree. We think that Oregon can and will win the ND toga to go along with their dual meet crown. Of course Bill Bowerman's Ducks will have to come through with top performances in every event if they are to come out on top.

By checking over the prospects in each event, one can easily see that the scoring will be very close between Washington, Oregon and WSC. If one goes by the top marks in each event in dual meets it is found that the Huskies should win the meet by about 10 points with Oregon second and the Cougars third.

Huskies Should Get Most Firsts

But in our opinion the Webfoots will edge out the Washingtonians even though the Huskies will gain more first place finishes. According to our figuring, Washington will pick up five blue ribbons, WSC will take home four, Oregon and OSC three each and Idaho one. However, it is our belief that Oregon will score much better than any other team in the all-important second, third and fourth place finishes.

We think Washington will win the mile with Bob Forna, the two-mile with Denny Meyer, the broad jump with Darrell Skarvedt, the shot put with Duane Wardlow and the discus also with Wardlow.

If our figures are right, WSC will win both the 100 and 220 yard dashes with Bob Gary, the 880 with Bill Link and the mile relay. We look for Oregon to win the 440 on an upset by Fred Jacobs, the high jump with Bob Faucett and the pole vault with Ken Hickenbottom. Oregon State's firsts will come in the high and low hurdles with Don Chambers and the javelin with Jerry Church. Although Doyle Higdon of Oregon has the best javelin mark to date, Church has been much more consistent through the entire season.

Event Review and Rundown

Following is a list of the events which will be run Saturday and our predictions on just how they will come out. Each man's best winning time of the season is listed by his name.

- 100-yard dash—Gary (WSC), 9.5; Springbett (O), 9.8; La Bonge (W), 10.1; Sorsby (O), no wins.
- 220-yard dash—Gary (WSC), 21; Springbett (O), 22.5; Skarvedt (W), 22.7; Ledbetter (W), 22.8.
- 440-yard dash—Jacobs (O), 50.4; Banks (W), 50.3; Dahlquist (O), 50.5; Smithpeter (OSC), 51.
- 880-yard dash—Link (WSC), 1:55.5; Clement (O), 1:56.6; Gayton (W), 1:55.5; Hail (O), no wins.
- Mile run—Forna (W), 4:21.3; Clark (I), 4:19.1; Dellinger (O), 4:21.5; Matson (WSC), 4:25.
- Two-mile-run—Meyer (W), 9:17.5; Gourley (I), 9:57; Reiser (O), 9:30.3; Rader (WSC), 9:51.3.
- 120-yard high hurdles—Chambers (OSC), 15.2; Sorsby (O), 15.4; Torgerson (WSC), 15.2; Sogge (O), 15.5.
- 220-yard low hurdles—Chambers (OSC), 24.1; Ledbetter (W), 23.9; Sorsby (O), 24.5; Sogge (O), no wins.
- Broad jump—Skarvedt (W), 23' 4 1/2"; Johnson (O), 22' 4"; Brown (OSC), 22' 5 1/2"; Sullivan (O), no wins.
- High jump—Faucett (O), 6' 4"; Skarvedt (W), 6' 1"; Schell (OSC), 6' 1"; Badorek (O), no wins.
- Pole vault—Hickenbottom (O), 13' 4"; Hilton (W), 13'; Reid (O), 12' 6"; Glander (WSC), 12' 6".
- Shot put—Wardlow (W), 48' 11"; Brown (WSC), 48' 8"; Parsons (W), no wins; Pixley (WSC), no wins.
- Discus—Wardlow (W), 158' 6"; Fulwyler (OSC), 144' 4"; Turner (WSC), 144' 6"; Strom (W), 142' 7 1/2".
- Javelin—Church (OSC), 200' 11"; Higdon (O), 205' 8"; Thurman (WSC), 188' 9 1/2"; Spinax (OSC), no wins.
- Mile relay—WSC, 3:22.8; Oregon, 3:24.5; Washington, 3:25.3; Idaho, 3:33.5.

According to these tabulations Oregon would come out on top with 52 points and Washington would be a close second with 49. WSC would score 33 markers, Oregon State 24 and Idaho 7.

Good Chance for Upsets

Of course something that has to be considered and that can't be tabulated is the fact that in a meet such as this the chances for surprises and upsets are terrific. With the chips on the table for the trackmen, as they are in the ND finals, anything can happen.

Also, it must be remembered that the host team, Washington State, is going to have the advantage of running on their own track which could mean a few more points in their favor. The Cougars are the defending champs and will be out to keep their title.

Another factor which can have a tremendous effect on the competitors of the teams is the weather. Way up in the Palouse hills the air is much different to breathe than it is in Eugene, Corvallis or Seattle. This could give a slight edge to both WSC and Idaho which are used to it.

At any rate it looks as if this year's meet is going to be one of the best in history of the league and should bring forth some great performances. In almost every event the performers are all very close to being equal in ability. The winner in many cases will be the one with the most intestinal fortitude. Good luck, Ducks!

Duck Baseballers Schedule Payoff Games with Beavers

Don Kirsch's University of Oregon baseball team will have an "all or nothing" attitude this weekend when they play the Oregon State Beavers in the final two games of their four tilt series. Oregon State needs but a single victory in its final pair of games this Friday and Saturday to cinch the 1954 Northern Division baseball title.

The teams meet Friday at Corvallis and Saturday at Eugene and the defending champion Ducks need a sweep of the two games to finish ahead of the Beavers, who currently hold a one-game lead.

Also nursing hopes are the Washington Huskies. They could

face the Beavers' leading chucker, Norb Wellman. Wellman has seen more ND action than any other hurler and has a won-loss mark of four and two. The Ducks hit OSC's lanky red-head pretty hard in the first Webfoot-Beaver tussle, but Wellman is expected to be much tougher this time.

Forbes to Pitch

Hurling for Oregon will no doubt be its mound ace, Norm Forbes. Forbes, with a five and one record in ND action, is the only Duck pitcher who has been pitching steady ball lately. Usually reliable Trent Huls has been having control troubles in his last couple of games.

The game Friday will get underway at 3 o'clock in Corvallis. Saturday at Eugene the two teams

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tie for the crown with Oregon by sweeping their four remaining games and having Oregon dump OSC twice.

One Win Each

The Ducks and Beavers will go into their final pair with one win each. Last Saturday at Corvallis, Oregon came from behind to down the Staters by a 9-7 score behind the pitching of Norm Forbes. Then on Monday at Eugene, Dick Wilson and Al Guidotti hurled the Beavers back into the league lead with a 7-3 victory.

Kirsch's team, which needed a win last Monday to take over first place, will be playing against the odds in their quest for two straight triumphs in the final series.

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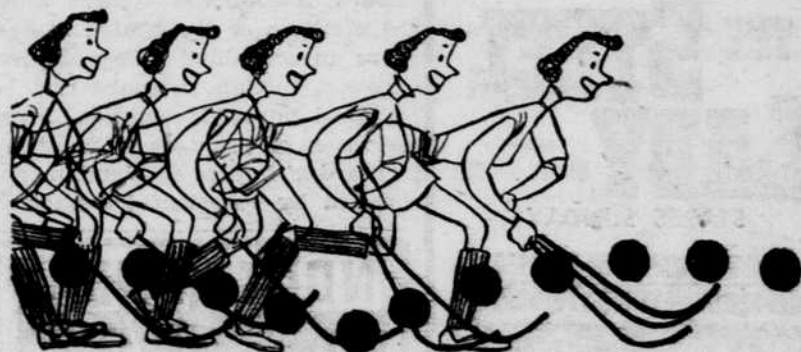


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