

# EMERALD Sports

## 2500 Entries Clash In Willamette Relays

Oregon's 20-man entry will be part of the horde of some 2500 track and field performers from 22 colleges and 101 high schools that will take part in the fifth annual Willamette Relays Saturday.

Coach Bill Bowerman's Duck team will be among the favorites in several events with strong entries in nearly all the college running events as well as individual field events.

Among the features at the relays will be the college invitational 100-yard dash, the high hurdles and the college distance medley.

### Speedsters in Century

Stars entered in the 100-yard event, all of whom have run it in under 10 seconds flat, include Oregon's Bruce Springbett, double winner in the dashes against Willamette last week; Bob Gary, Washington State sprinter; Walt Hill, Seattle Pacific, and Caley Cook, Lewis and Clark.

Top men invited for the high hurdles are Ken Mischall, Mather Air Force base, Calif., defending champion in the event; Ernie Warren, Oregon State's top harrier man; Dean Benson, highly-touted hurdler from host Willamette, and Dave Klicker, unattached.

Oregon's four-star entry in the distance medley will be one of the top relay teams at the meet. NCAA defending champ Bill Dellinger will run the mile leg of the medley for the Ducks with veteran Ken Reiser running the 3/4 mile portion, Australian 800 champ Jim Bailey going the 1/2 mile and Gordon Dahlquist running the 440.

### All ND Schools Enter

All five of the Northern Division schools will be entered in the relays, which should give some indication of their relative strengths. Washington State and Idaho will be taking part for the first time.

Other college entrants include Linfield, Pacific, Lewis and Clark, Portland State, Portland university, Oregon College of Education, Whitworth, St. Martin's, Lower Columbia junior college, Clark junior college, Seattle Pacific, Seattle Track and Field club and Willamette. Fort Ord, Calif., as well as Mather Air Force base, is also entered.

## Ems Hire Hodges For Trainer Job

Cece Hodges, senior in physical education, was signed this week by the newly-organized Eugene Emeralds to the position of trainer, according to Chuck Shulda of the Emerald front office.

Hodges will take over his job when the Ems return from spring training in Santa Cruz, Calif. In addition to his duties as trainer, he will act as road secretary for the class "B" club.

The last Stanley Cup hockey win by the Boston Bruins came in 1941.

Cliff Crandall, in 1948 and 1949, was Oregon State's last all-American performer.



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## Fain's Bad Knee Worries Tigers

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP)—Although he insists everything is just fine, first baseman Ferris Fain continues to hobble through the Detroit Tigers' exhibition games.

And Manager Bucky Harris says: "The way he's going now, he couldn't outrun me."

Fain's right knee—injured last season and aggravated during the winter—has been the big question mark in the Tigers' training camp this season.

A two-time American League batting champion, Fain has shown little ability with the bat this spring. He has collected six hits in 27 at bats for a .222 batting average. Moreover, he has batted in only one run.

Fain refuses to discuss the injury—incurred last June when he slid into catcher Sammy White of the Boston Red Sox. When asked about his knee, Fain quickly changes the subject.

If Fain can't hold down first base this season, the Tigers will have to call on either Wayne Belardi, a spotty .236 hitter last season, or veteran Jack Phillips, who played third base for Hollywood in the Pacific Coast League last year.

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## Grid Squad Gets Bolster

Coach Len Casanova's Duck football prospects received a shot in the arm with the enrollment this week of eight top junior college transfers. Included in the group are four men from Boise Junior college and four from junior colleges in California.

The Boise JC transfers include Fred Miklancic, a fullback from Boise; Jack Pocock, a center from John Day, Oregon; Bruce Brenn, an end from Moscow, and Bill Tarrow, an end from Butte.

Halfback Chuck Osborn is from Menlo JC, Jack Hilfiker is a guard from Santa Rosa JC, End Pete Swanberg performed at Mt. San Antonio JC, and End George Slender is also from Santa Rosa JC.

Line Coach Vern Sterling termed the transfer gridders "top prospects."

## Rematch Slated If Rocky Loses

CHICAGO (AP)—If heavy-weight champion Rocky Marciano's tender nose should cause him to lose to England's Don Cockell, The Rock will try to regain his title.

Marciano, who defends his crown against Cockell at San Francisco May 16, made a short stopover in Chicago Wednesday while en route to the West Coast city to begin training for the plump English challenger.

"I feel my nose," split open by Ezzard Charles in his last defense, "is healing fine," said Marciano.

"However, if it should be hurt against Cockell to the extent of the bout being stopped, I have a rematch in the contract," said Rocky.

"It's hard to say what may, or may not happen in my San Francisco fight," he continued. "But if my nose should be hurt seriously and the fight is stopped I intend to get back my title unless injury makes it absolutely impossible."

The contract has a 90-day clause for a rematch during which time a triumphant Cockell could not defend the title against anybody else, according to Marciano's manager, Al Weill.

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## Lettermen Pace Duck Net Squad

Four returning lettermen and a top transfer performer will lead the Oregon tennis team this season, as Coach Hilbert Lee makes his debut as varsity net mentor.

Ron Carlson, a teammate of junior tennis ace Jack Neer, both at Grant high school and Portland university, is slated for probable action in the No. one singles spot in the first two matches booked for Friday and Saturday with Reed college and Portland university, respectively.

Back for another net campaign from the Duck squad of 1954 are seniors Bob Baker and Dick Hamilton, along with juniors Don Bonime and Dick Gray. Baker and Gray will probably be at the two and three singles positions with Bonime and Hamilton completing the quintet.

Four of the "first five" will be ticketed for action in the two doubles matches of the seven-part dual meet, with sophomores Jim Larpenteur and Ron Clark as reserves.

Lee, a graduate assistant in history, was the No. 1 varsity player while in college at the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1950 and 1951. Fol-

lowing his graduation, he worked with Harwood White in a junior tennis program in California.

Among the stars developed under White are Alice Marble, former women's national champion, and Bobby Riggs, ex-men's titleholder. More recently, junior girls' champ Anita Kanter and ranking junior men's star Jon Douglas have come out of the White-Lee camp.

The first Northern Division dual meet is set for April 22, when the Ducks entertain the usual winners of the league, Washington. The ND meet involving all the teams is due May 21 at Pullman.

Lee is also working with a group of freshman prospects, who will see their first action as a team late in April, probably against Corvallis high. Other meets are tentatively slated with Grant and Roseburg high schools and the Oregon State Hooks.

Top players for the Frosh include Stewart Jones, a 1954 prep doubles champ from Lincoln; Stan Kalapus from Medford, Brian Booth from Roseburg, Marv Woods, No. 1 player at Ashland; Don Robinson, No. 1 at Eugene, and Phil Lowthian, Terry Sherwood and Bob Brown.

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