

# EMERALD Sports

## Duck Tracks

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Track and field records, long thought of in terms of "barriers" at certain distances and times, have been undergoing some rough treatment in the past year, and the trend shows signs of continuing.

The latest assault on a track standard was performed by half-miler Lon Spurrier, late of the University of California, who shattered Mal Whitfield's old 880-yard mark of 1:48.6 in a fine performance of 1:47.5. The 22-year-old Spurrier turned the trick in a triangular meet with his San Francisco Olympic club, Cal and San Jose State.

Another 22-year-old, Louis Jones, came out of comparative track oblivion to establish a new record in the 400-meter (quarter-mile) dash. Jones streaked home at the Pan-American games in Mexico City in 45.4, four-tenths of a second under the old mark held by George Rhoden of Jamaica. Jim Lea of USC also broke the former record, finishing in 45.6. Lea, incidentally, will be seen at Hayward Field late in May during the Pacific Coast conference meet.

### Milers Start Records

The rush for new records was set off last spring and summer during the great mile runs of Roger Bannister and John Landy, the famed "Miracle Milers." After the initial cracking of the charmed four-minute mark by Bannister, Landy lowered the mark to 3:58.0 in a race in Finland. Competitive value returned somewhat to the sport, though, when Bannister uncorked a great finish to whip Landy in the British Empire games last summer at Vancouver.

And in the field events, too, records have been flying out the window. Perry O'Brien's great heave of 60 feet, 10 inches was the latest in his rapidly advancing series of tosses in the shot put. O'Brien himself gave voice to the fact that the supposedly unbreakable records such as a four-minute mile and a 60-foot shot toss were more than slight handicaps in trying for better performances.

Walt Davis of Texas A & M, now a professional basketball player, finally broke the long-standing high jump mark of Les Steers of Oregon, sailing over 6 feet, 11 inches. In this event the bugaboo seems to be the 7-foot standard. Now Ernie Shelton of Southern California has approached these heights on several occasions and will be seen here too in the PCC event in May.

### Better Times Expected

Track coaches and those close to the sport have felt for years that these peculiar distance and timed marks, arbitrarily established, were hindering the progression of track performance. But now, with the "bans" largely lifted, additional records and better and better times and distances can probably be expected.

Interesting to compare, speaking of records, are the Oregon school records and the world's records. While seemingly a few inches or seconds away, in track events as in no other sport narrow margins are the rule.

A good example of this is in the 100-yard dash, where USC's Mel Patton holds the mark at :9.3; while the Duck standard is held by three different runners, each at 9.5. And, of course, Steers' high jump mark is only about an inch under Davis' world record.

### Dellinger Hopeful

Oregon may come up with a world's record again in a few years in the person of miler Bill Dellinger. As a sophomore last season, the ex-Springfield high ace won the PCC, NCAA and Coast conference-Big Ten meet miles with a top time of 4:10.6. While twelve seconds above the world mark, still he is further along in low times than were Bannister, Landy or Wes Santee at a comparable age.

Stanford's last Pacific Coast conference basketball title came in 1942, when the Indians also finished first nationally.

La Salle won the 1954 NCAA title from Bradley in the final game at Kansas City by a 92-76 score.

## Grid Players Meet Tues.

Oregon Football Coach Len Casanova has issued a call for all 1955 varsity candidates to meet Tuesday at 4 p.m. in McArthur court.

Plans will be discussed for spring practice for all players who can participate. Spring practice will open Monday, April 18.

The program will last through 20 practice sessions, the maximum allowed under Pacific Coast conference rules. The program will be climaxed by a full-length game scrimmage May 14—Spring Sports day. The track team will hold a dual meet with Oregon State the same day with the golf and tennis teams going against the Beavers in-Corvallis.

Casanova expects to have at least 50 varsity candidates taking part in the sessions. Heading the squad will be 11 returning letterman including Lon Stiner, Harry Johnson, Larry Rose, Phil McHugh, Chuck Austin, Reanous Cochrane, Art Weber, Jim Potter, Jerry Nelson, Nick Marculis and Tom Crabtree.

Backfield stars Dick James and Johnny Keller will get in little practice with the squad with James' wrist still in a cast from an injury last fall and Keller playing shortstop on Coach Don Kirsch's baseball team.

## Varsity Netmen To Open Season

Oregon's varsity tennis team—1955 edition—will start its season today with a match in Portland against the Reed college Griffins on the Reed courts, weather permitting.

Led by Portland university transfer Ron Carlson, the Ducks will also take on the Pilots in a Saturday match before returning to Eugene for their next match April 9 against Reed again.

Carlson, Bob Baker, Don Bonime, Dick Gray and Dick Hamilton will be the probable singles performers for new Coach Hilbert Lee, while four of the five are slated for action in the two doubles contests.

Baker and Hamilton are the only returning veterans from last year's first five, while Gray and

Bonime saw action in a few meets as sophomores. This year's sophomores are Jim Larpenteur and Ron Clark.

Jack Neer will be the top Portland U. ace, having topped the Pilot netters for three years and also participating in some eastern tournaments last summer. Carlson was his teammate last season.

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"Customers expect their bills on time and they want their charges to be right. So on my job my primary concern is to maintain constant and rapid production and at the same time keep our work accurate and reliable. One of the best ways to do this is to be sure that 'the right person is on the right job at the right time,' an old cliché. But I found it works and it gives me a chance to use my Sociology training since it means handling all sorts of personnel situations."

John finished Bates College in 1952 with a degree in Sociology, and started with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company. His work is typical of many assignments in the Bell telephone companies. The opportunities open for college graduates with other operating companies of the Bell Telephone System are many and varied—also with Bell Telephone Laboratories, Western Electric and Sandia Corporation. Your Placement Officer has full details.



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