

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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The spring sports season is young around the Northwest with rain making it even shorter but some members of Oregon's track team have already turned in notable performances that have brought national rankings. Last Saturday's meet at Portland produced the latest nationally-ranked job turned in by a Duck cinderman.

The top performance a Saturday was by Bill Dellinger in the two-mile run, his former specialty before he became the top collegiate miler last year. His time of 9:21.7 would be good on a dry track but was hardly short of sensational running in ankle-deep water on much of the otherwise firm track at Lewis and Clark's Griswold stadium.

Not only was the fleet-footed junior's time only .7 of a second off the school record set by Ken Reiser last year but it also gave the defending NCAA mile champ the third best time in the country so far this spring in the eight-lap run. Many people have always felt that Dellinger had greater potential as a two-miler than in the mile and with Jim Bailey around, Duck Coach Bill Bowerman may concentrate Dellinger on the longer distance this year.

Twelve Seconds Away

Although he set a hot pace that is by far the top time in the Northwest, Dellinger still was 12 seconds away from the best two-mile time in the country this spring. Bjorn Bogured, Norwegian exchange student at Oklahoma A. & M., is tops so far with 9:09.7. Fernando Ledesma of Southern California has the second best time, 9:20.6. The NCAA record is 9:01.9, set by Don McEwen of Michigan State in 1950.

Dellinger isn't the only Oregon trackman to be high in national ranking so far. Sophomore javelin-thrower Ed Bingham gave the spear a heave of 199-feet plus in the first meet of the season three weeks ago which has stood up as the 10th best throw in the country so far, not counting last weekend's meets.

Bingham hasn't thrown the javelin that far since his first try against Willamette, although the Medford star has taken first in his event every week. The leader so far in this event is Lynn Green of San Jose State with a toss of 231 feet, farther than the NCAA meet record of 228' 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " set by California's George Roseme in 1952.

Brown Holds Mark

The Oregon record in the javelin is also ahead of the NCAA meet record. Boyd Brown of the 1940 Oregon track team threw the spear 234' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to set an all-time Duck mark. He also set a Hayward field record in 1939 with a heave of 231' 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and set the Northern Division standard of 223' 6" in the conference meet in 1940.

The only NCAA record held by an Oregon man is in the high jump in which the incomparable Les Steers still holds the top mark with his 6' 11" leap in 1941. Steers' NCAA record is shy of his Oregon school mark by $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch while his Hayward field record is 6' 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

Oregon's distance medley team of Dellinger, Bailey, Reiser and Gordon Dahlquist ran only once this season but their time of 10:17.5 for the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile distance is the sixth best in the country so far. This is surprisingly good considering the weather the Ducks had to run in.

Cal Schools Lead

Although Oregon's team shapes up pretty well nationally, the Ducks hardly stack up any better on the Coast than they do against the whole country. As usual, the California schools, with USC leading the way, are dominating track.

Marks recorded through April 3 show that the Coast has four out of the top six two-milers and five out of six of the country's top milers. Incidentally, UCLA's Bob Seaman has the top mile time in the country so far, 4:10.7. Both Bailey and Dellinger are capable of beating this, but so are several others in the country.

Other marks this season show that the Coast boasts 10 out of the nation's top 12 javelin throwers, all top seven discus throwers, five out of seven broad-jumpers and three out of five high-jumpers and eight out of 10 shot-putters. If the Northwest could get better cooperation from the weatherman, the five ND schools could probably get a big chunk of these.

High Schoolers Prep for Relays This Weekend

Nearly 1000 high school track men representing more than 70 teams will invade Hayward field Friday and Saturday for participation in the four divisions of the 18th annual Hayward relays.

Class C and B competition, for schools less than 200 and from 200 to 450 students respectively, is slated to begin at 12:30 p.m. Friday. Class A and Metropolitan action for the larger schools will get under way at 10:30 a.m. Saturday with field action.

The Eugene Active club cinder counterpart to its state basketball carnival is scheduled to undergo a few changes to make more nearly identical competition in all classes.

Action in the C division will include five relay and individual events; class B runners are to vie in six relay and four single events, and the two larger divisions are to try nine relay and three individual contests.

Expected to give tough competition to Medford, perennial Metro winner, are Grant, recent winner of the Portland Inter-scholastic relays; Grants Pass, another strong Rogue valley club, and Roseburg, usually a deep track school.

Marshfield in class A and Estacada in B competition are other returning champions.

Trojans Report For Spring Prax

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Spring came to USC's Bovard field Monday. Eighty-three aspirants for the Trojans' 1955 football team thundered onto the turf in lieu of the first robin.

The temperature for the opening of spring practice matched the squad. It was 83 degrees as Coach Jess Hill shaped up his No. 1 backfield: quarterback Frank Hall, fullback Gordon Duvall, left half Fred Pierce and right half Ron Brown.

Jon Arnett, who rates ahead of Pierce for the left half spot, can't practice because he's broadjumping with the Trojan track team. He'll be No. 1 when fall comes.

It may be the last spring practice. As rules now stand, spring sessions will be abolished starting in 1956.

Teams Post IM Triumphs

Because of wet grounds, only three intramural softball games were played Monday afternoon, with Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Nu posting victories.

Both the Theta Chi-Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Gamma Delta-

Lambda Chi Alpha contests were postponed, and Hunter hall was awarded a forfeit win over Nestor.

Nick Markulis of Sigma Nu turned in the top pitching job of the day, twirling a no-hit masterpiece, as his team topped Phi Kappa Psi 7-0. Ed Keegan homered for the victors, and Markulis added a triple as Sigma Nu won its second straight.

Sigma Chi came up with seven runs in the fourth inning to down Beta Theta Pi 7-4. Pitcher Wally Russell of the Betas had kept Sigma Chi well in check until the fatal fourth.

The longest hit of the game was a triple by Chuck Kay of Beta Theta Pi.

Phi Delta Theta dumped Alpha Tau Omega 14-0 behind Ted Larsen's one-hit pitching. It was the second win in a row for the Phi Deltas, as well as for Sigma Nu and Sigma Chi.

Phi Delta Theta jumped off to an 8-0 lead in the first inning and coasted home as Larsen baffled the ATO's. Jim Briles helped Larsen along with a home run.

The losses were the first for both Phi Kappa Psi and ATO and the second for Beta Theta Pi.

Olympic Site Not Certain

MELBOURNE (AP) — Melbourne newspapers today gave wide play to Avery Brundage's blast on Melbourne's lagging Olympic construction, and a leading columnist called for the resignation of the head man of the city's Olympic Games committee.

In a front page story in The Melbourne Argus, columnist Ken Moses charged that Wilfred Selwyn Kent-Hughes, chairman of the Olympic Games organizing committee, had "snubbed" the president of the International Olympic committee and "must resign—not tomorrow, but today."

While all the Melbourne morning papers were spreading the details of Brundage's interview Monday, the American softened his tone somewhat in Canberra last night before meeting with Australian Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies.

Although he still expressed disappointment over what he called the limited amount of work actually completed for the 1956 games, Brundage said he did not think he would have to recommend taking the games away from Melbourne.

In his farewell news conference in Melbourne Monday following a six-day inspection tour of Olympic sites in the city, the Chicago hotel owner declared he was "not happy" over the progress made and warned Australians they still are in danger of losing the prize plum of world sports.

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