

Cinder Team Downs Idaho

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Oregon's star-studded track team won every first place and broke six meet records Saturday as the powerful Ducks romped to a 103-27 win over out-classed Idaho on Hayward field's wet but firm track.

Rain fell at times during the meet but it wasn't enough to hamper the Oregon team which displayed power and depth in every event to win its first 1955 conference meet handily. The victory left Coach Bill Bowerman's Webfoot team undefeated for the season.

Best performance of the day was turned in by the Ducks' veteran distance-runner, Ken Reiser. The slim senior from Eugene was at his best Saturday as he ran the two-mile in 9:20.4 to break both the Idaho meet record and the school mark for the distance.

Reiser breasted the tape about 200 yards ahead of Idaho's Lou Gourley as he shattered his own Oregon mark set last year by .6 of a second. The Idaho meet record was set by Bill Dellinger of Oregon last year at 9:34.5. Reiser's time also was the third best two-mile time in the country this year with Fernando Ledesma of USC turning in a 9:11.1 run against California Saturday for the runner-up spot.

Dellinger himself flashed some of the form that earned him the Northern Division, Pacific Coast and NCAA mile championships last season as the Springfield junior toured the four laps in 4:22.5. His time broke the year-old meet record by two seconds as he easily defeated Gourley, who was in shape for Idaho's first meet.

Oregon's top sprinter, Bruce Springbett, was the only clear-cut double winner of the day. The dark-haired senior flashed top form in breaking the meet record for the 220-yard dash as he went the distance in 21.4. Previously Springbett ran his fastest time of the year in the 100, 9.9, to win that event.

Australian 880 champ Jim Bailey got his first chance of the year to run in his specialty and the long-legged sophomore established a meet record with a time of 1:56.1. This broke Duck Doug Clement's 1954 mark by 2.2 seconds as Bailey won by a wide margin. Clement took second place as he ran easily to test his early-season leg injury.

Two meet records were set by the Ducks in the field events. Medford Sophomore Ed Bingham got off his best throw of the season in the javelin, 204' 5", to break the eight-year-old meet record established by Oregon's Lou Robinson.

Closest competition of the day came in the shot-put, where Oregon's Ben Lloyd heaved the iron ball 49' 8 1/4" to break Chet Noe's 1952 mark by more than two feet. Jack Moad was a very close second with a throw only a quarter of an inch behind Lloyd's toss.

Both Ken Hickenbottom and Martin Pedigo of the Webfoot team won a first place and

shared in another. Hickenbottom took down his first victory of the season in the pole vault with a mark of 13' and tied with the versatile Pedigo for first in the high jump with a leap of 5' 10". Pedigo, sophomore from Hermiston, took first for the fourth straight week in the broad jump with a leap of more than 22 feet.

Other winners for the Webfoots included Gordon Dahlquist in the 440-yard dash, Walt Badorek in the discus, Doug Basham in the high hurdles and Bill Sorsby in the lows. Oregon's mile relay team won an easy victory as LeRoy Campbell regained a first-lap deficit and Arden Christensen and Dahlquist opened up a big lead in the final half-mile.

Next competition for the Oregon team comes at Seattle this Saturday where the Ducks meet Washington in a conference dual meet. Washington is generally deeper than last year when Oregon beat the Huskies, 74-57, and opened its seas Saturday with a 117-10 victory over Vancouver, B.C. Olympic club.

Results:
Mile run-1. Bill Dellinger (O), 2. Lou Gourley (I), 3. Robert Thornton (I). Time: 9:20.4.
Shot put-1. Ben Lloyd (O), 2. Jack Moad (O), 3. Ron Leppock (I). Distance: 49' 8 1/4".
Pole vault-1. Ken Hickenbottom (O), 2. (t) Bob Reid (O) and Dave Newland (O). Height: 13'.
High jump-1. (t) Martin Pedigo (O) and Ken Hickenbottom (O), 3. Terry Sullivan (O). Height: 5' 10".
Javelin-1. Ed Bingham (O), 2. Paul Hansen (I), 3. Dwane Hodgson (I). Distance: 204' 5".
Broad jump-1. Martin Pedigo (O), 2. Wilbur Gary (I), 3. Paul Church (I). Distance: 22' 3 3/4".
100-yard dash-1. Bruce Springbett (O), 2. LeRoy Campbell (O), 3. Wilbur Gary (I). Time: 9.9.
440-yard dash-1. Gordon Dahlquist (O), 2. Gary Dixon (I), 3. (t) Arden Christensen (O) and Bill Sorsby (O). Time: 50.9.
120-yard high hurdles-1. Doug Basham (O), 2. Larry Church (I), 3. Paul Hansen (I). Time: 15.6.
880-yard run-1. Jim Bailey (O), 2. Doug Clement (O), 3. Robert Thornton (I). Time: 1:56.1.
220-yard dash-1. Bruce Springbett (O), 2. Dave Talbot (O), 3. Hank Loumena (O). Time: 21.4.
Two-mile run-1. Ken Reiser (O), 2. Lou Gourley (I). Time: 9:20.4.
Discus-1. Walt Badorek (O), 2. Ben Lloyd (O), 3. Nick Speropolus (I). Distance: 141' 5".
220-yard low hurdles-1. Bill Sorsby (O), 2. Doug Basham (O), 3. Larry Church (I). Time: 24.5.
Mile relay-Won by Oregon (Dave Talbot, LeRoy Campbell, Arden Christensen, Gordon Dahlquist). Time: 3:30.9.

Near-Record Toss Witnessed by Fans

Bud Held, world's champion javelin thrower, gave an exhibition of spear-tossing at Hayward field Saturday that few track fans will ever forget.

The ex-Stanford athlete threw the javelin 262' 9" in an exhibition throw before the Oregon-Idaho track meet to come within inches of his world record of 263' 10". The heave was the third longest in history and was far beyond the Hayward field record of 231' 1/4" set in 1939 by Boyd Brown of Oregon.

Held achieved this distance despite the soggy turf that made it necessary for him to wear football shoes. Wearing a USA Pan-American games uniform, the personable record-holder threw 233 feet on his first try and followed that up with the 262-foot toss.

Hayward Relays Trophies Given To Four Teams

Medford, Marshfield, Mt. Shasta and Central of Monmouth-Independence high schools took home first places in the annual Hayward relays staged on Oregon's intramural field Friday and Saturday.

Both Medford and Marshfield were repeat winners in the Metropolitan and Class A divisions respectively while Central and Mt. Shasta, a California entry, were first-time winners in Class B and Class C.

Biting cold and frequent rains held outstanding times and distances to a minimum as only three records, all in Class A, fell during the two-day assault by more than 1000 athletes.

Team results:
METROPOLITAN - Medford, 62 1/2; Roseburg, 50; Grant, 38 1/2; Grants Pass, 27; North Salem, 25 1/2; Eugene, 20 1/2; Vancouver, 16; Roosevelt, 14 1/2; Klamath Falls, 14; Cleveland and Jefferson, 11; Benson, 9; South Salem, 8; Washington, 6; Franklin, 5; Lincoln, 3 1/2; Springfield, 2.

CLASS A - Marshfield, 49; Cottage Grove, 48; North Bend, 40; Redmond, 38; Albany, 33 1/2; Crater, 24 1/2; Ashland 20 1/2; Bend, 19; Lebanon, 17; St. Helens, 16; Oswego, 7; Sweet Home, 6; Prineville, 4 1/2; McMinnville, 0.

CLASS B - Central, 36; Oakridge, 26; Elmira, 23; Myrtle Point, 22; Bandon, 19; Seappos, 18; Newport, 16; Stayton, 15 1/2; Pleasant Hill, 14; Eagle Point, 10; Willamette, 9 1/2; Seaside, 8; Junction City and Clatskanie, 7; Estacada, 6; Sutherlin, 5; Rainier, 4; Cascade Union, Douglas, Serra (Salem), St. Francis (Eugene) and Coquille, 0.

CLASS C - Mt. Shasta, 43 1/2; Rogue River, 37 1/2; Waldport, 29; Yoncalla, 19; Gervais, 16 1/2; Mapleton, 14 1/2; Jefferson, 14; Chemawa and Gates, 10; Lowell, 8 1/2; Monroe, 7 1/2; Henley, 6; Seno, 5 1/2; Drain, 5; Colton, 2; Mohawk, 1; St. Paul, 1/2; Crow, Coburg, Columbia, Glendale, Jacksonville, Lorane, McKenzie, Siletz and State Deaf school, 0.

Grid Hopefuls Begin Drills

Spring football practice will get underway today for more than 60 Duck grid hopefuls as Coach Len Casanova attempts to begin rebuilding an Oregon team that will lose eight starters from the 1954 club.

The squad will work for four weeks before climaxing the spring workouts with the annual spring sports day intersquad game May 14. The Ducks will take full advantage of the 20 spring practice sessions allowed under PCC rules with two-hour workouts five days a week slated.

Twelve lettermen returning from last season's Northwest champion team will lead the squad. Only Captain Lon Stiner, Guard Reanus Cochrane and Halfback Dick James were starters on the 1954 club.

The last bare-knuckle boxing match for the heavyweight championship was fought in 1889 when John L. Sullivan decisioned Jake Kilrain after 75 rounds.

Emerald Sports Meeting Called

There will be a meeting of all Emerald sports staff members Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Emerald office.

All desk editors and sports staff writers are requested to attend the meeting, according to Co-Sports Editor Chuck Mitchelmore.

Rain Stops Baseball In League Openers

Weather took its toll of Northern Division baseball last weekend as league openers for four teams were postponed due to rain and wet grounds.

Oregon's defending champions got halted for the fourth time in five days Friday and Saturday as a home-and-home series with Oregon State was called off. Both OSC's Coleman field and Howe field at Oregon were muddy and it got worse with weekend rains.

Meanwhile Washington and Washington State also had troubles with Northwest dew as wet grounds at Pullman forced cancellation of a pair of games between the Huskies and Cougars. Both teams will play a pair of games later on in the season at Seattle but, under Northern Division rules, will not be able to make up the cancelled pair.

Oregon and Oregon State will still be able to play the rained-out games as part of double-headers scheduled for Howe field and Coleman field, May 20 and 21.

Northern Division play this week calls for Washington to play at Idaho today and Tuesday with the Vandals and Huskies returning to Seattle Friday

and Saturday for a second pair. Oregon will attempt to open its season against Washington State Wednesday and Thursday here and the Cougars will move up to Corvallis to meet OSC Friday and Saturday.

Netters Schedule Action This Week

Oregon's rained-out tennis team will attempt to get in a heavy home schedule of matches this week after weather forced another meet to be postponed Saturday.

The Duck netters, winners in one out of two matches this season, are scheduled to meet Seattle university on the Oregon courts Tuesday to open this week's action. Three more matches are also slated this week.

Willamette will come to meet the Duck team Thursday and Coach Hilbert Lee's team follows that match with its Northern Division opener against powerful Washington here Friday. Strong Portland university, holder of one win over Oregon this season, will visit the Ducks Saturday.

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