

Trackmen Face OSC In Final ND Meeting

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Oregon's Webfoot cindersmen are favored to repeat their undefeated sweep of the Northern Division dual meet schedule Saturday with their sixth straight conquest of Oregon State at 1:30 on Hayward field as part of the annual Spring sports day festivities.

The cellar-dwelling Beavers, winless in all three of their conference meets this year, are clear-cut underdogs against Bill Bowerman's powerful Webfoot thinclad crew.

Defending division javelin champion Jerry Church is the one bright spot in the gloomy OSC outlook in 1955 track. The senior spear man from Baker has topped two meet records this season and appears on his way to a repeat of his ND crown.

Church, who understudied the Beavers' great Ralph Sutton two seasons ago, swept into the spotlight himself last year with a fourth place in the NCAA meet at Ann Arbor, Mich., and had the second best recorded collegiate throw of the year in regular competition at 216' 11".

This year Church's best effort has been a 212' 6 1/4" mark which he threw in breaking the OSC-Washington meet record two weeks ago. Previously

he had topped the Beaver-Washington State standard with a 212' 3/4" heave.

With its sophomore pride Ed Bingham, whose best throw to date is 204' 5". The ex-Medford star could ace out Church with a good day. The Oregon State ace slumped to 202' 5 1/4" against Idaho last weekend. Both men's best throws are under the OSC-Oregon meet record of 219' 4", set in 1935 by Jim Daneri of the Beavers.

Coach Hal Moe of Oregon State can count on only five lettermen in addition to Church, but he has a fleet of promising non-veterans which add depth to the Beaver dual meet offense. Biggest point getter has been Ernie Warren, versatile junior transfer from Portland State. Warren runs both hurdles, pole vaults, high jumps and occasionally sprints a 100-yard dash.

Letter winners include Donn Smithpeter and Tom Tebb, 440 and relay veterans; Ken Brown, broad jump; Dick Duncan, discus, and Tex Whitman, the basketball star who runs the 880.

The Beavers are expected to dominate the javelin, with Leon Hittner and Don Clay backing up Church. The trio swept all three places against Washington, but Bingham is expected to pre-

vent a repeat performance.

Ron Engel and Warren are expected to pick up points for the visitors in both hurdle events, where Oregon has the recently recuperated Bob Sorsby and sophomore Doug Bas-ham. The Beavers will also probably tally in the high jump, which they practically swept from Idaho on Dick Hoyer's 5' 8" leap for first and two out of three places in a three-way second position tie. The Ducks have Chuck Phillips, however, who topped 5' 11" in taking second place at the Vancouver relays last Saturday.

The Webfoots rate as solid favorites to cop the running events, with Bruce Springbett in the sprints, Gordon Dahlquist in the 440, Doug Clement in the 880 and Ken Reiser in the mile.

The mile shapes up as the race of the day with Australian ace Jim Bailey skipping the half mile to run against NCAA champion Bill Dellinger. Bailey handed Dellinger his first mile defeat in varsity competition in Vancouver last weekend, taking the small Springfield in 4:15.0 in a downpour.

Oregon's George Rasmussen tied for the NCAA title in the pole vault two years in a row. He cleared 14' in both 1947 and 1948.

Ducks Slate Meet With OSC Netmen

Oregon State's Beavers provide the opposition Saturday at Corvallis for Hilbert Lee's Oregon tennis forces, as the Ducks try to wrap up a second-place finish in the Northern Division race.

After the OSC match, the Webfoots' lone remaining competition will be in the division tournament at Pullman. Washington's powerful Huskies will be a strong entry as usual, along with the less potent Beavers, Idaho Vandals and Washington State Cougars.

In an earlier match with Irwin Harris' Beaver netmen, the Ducks came out best by a 4-3 count when Dick Hamilton and Dick Gray won a final doubles match.

Sophomores Norman Merrill and Bob Jensen will probably play the top two singles spots for the Staters, with juniors Pete Overton and Dick Jacobson backing them up. Senior Emory Ke-

olanui plays the fifth singles spot, with Merrill and Jensen and Overton and Jacobson teaming in the doubles.

Bob Baker and Ron Carlson will likely go against Merrill and Jensen for the Ducks, while Dick Gray and Don Bonime will probably support them. Dick Hamilton completes the singles lineup. The teams of Baker-Carlson and Bonime-Gray should see doubles activity.

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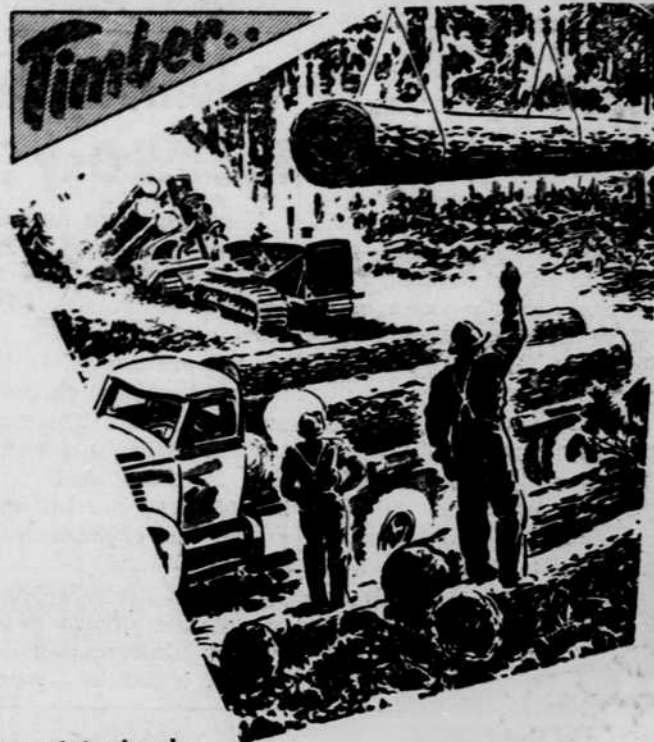
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