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Duck Tracks

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Bill Bowerman returned from Pakistan a little awed at the amazing amount of time and ceremony the Pakistanis put into a track meet. Bowerman, Oregon's varsity cinder coach now in his eighth year, spent the last term in the middle-Eastern country conducting track and field clinics for the U.S. State department.

According to Bowerman, too much contact with the British style of doing things has developed the track meet in Pakistan into a gruelling, two-day marathon (for the spectator). Pakistan has no officially organized set of rules and regulations for the running of track meets (such as is provided by our AAU), so tradition takes precedence over common sense.

"The British have to have their tea, you know," grinned the world-journing coach, "even during sports events." He drew a comparison between the interminable, five-day cricket games for which the British are noted, and the Pakistani track meet. Every cricket match is punctuated by tea breaks in morning and afternoon, and "time-out for tea" is also a highlight of cinder meets in Pakistan.



BILL BOWERMAN
Tea breaks before broad jumps

Action Scarce--Tea Not

The meet starts in the morning, and consists mostly of waiting, with brief moments of action. Track and field events are not run off simultaneously; rather, every event takes place separately, with half-hour pauses between events. Finally, in the late afternoon, tea is served in the shamiana, a large, canvas-enclosed area off to the side of the track. Persian rugs cover the ground, and easy chairs, davenports, and tables are furnished.

A delicacy served with the inevitable tea is the mutton patty, main ingredient of which must be hot pepper, according to Bowerman. "I tasted the end of one, and it was pretty good: so I took a big bite. It wasn't hot that day, but the sweat started pouring off my face," he recalled ruefully. About this time another improbable event takes place: a bagpipe band serenades the fans and weary athletes. "There's one at every track meet," said Bowerman.

After the bagpipe performance, one more event is run off, and, if it's the first day of the meet, the crowd goes home. On the second day, the prizes are awarded after the last event.

Grass Tracks Plentiful

"It's no problem to lay out grass tracks in Pakistan," Bowerman said, "so that's about all they have." He found only one permanent cinder track in the whole country, that one maintained by Pakistan's crack army in Rawalpindi. All the rest are grass, of which there is plenty in the country. It does not make the best of running surfaces. Facilities for field performers were practically non-existent.

Bowerman found that the people had never seen a raised high jump or pole vault landing pit. The jumpers had been landing on the ground, and just wearing a hole where they came down. This, of course, is not conducive to attempts at altitude. Oregon's coach introduced the concept of the sawdust pit and soon had his pole vaulters up to 13 feet from 10 feet. The high jumpers he worked with wound up clearing the bar at better than six feet.

The sprints are the wiry Pakistanis' best events, thinks Bowerman, and he sees no reason why their athletes shouldn't compare favorably with our own. "Everyone in Pakistan is in shape," he argued, "for there are very few automobiles in the country. Everyone either runs or bicycles if they want to get anywhere. Cars have made Americans soft."

Boxer Admits Fix In Aragon Fight

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Veteran boxer Carlos Chavez of Los Angeles, in another sensational disclosure before the governor's committee probing the fight game in California, admitted Wednesday that he took a one-round dive in a fight here with Art Aragon in 1950.

Under questioning by committee investigator T. E. Billings, the nationally known lightweight boxer testified:

"I knew I was going in and getting out."

Chavez pleaded that he was sick at the time from loss of blood from hemorrhoids.

"You knew before the fight that you were going down?" demanded Billings.

"There was no use in getting hurt," Chavez replied.

The match, held at the Olympic auditorium in November, 1950, aroused suspicion at the time because in June of the same year Chavez had convincingly whipped Aragon by a decision in 10 rounds.

There was no indication that Aragon was involved. Chavez, queried further, admitted that long after the fight he and the local golden boy got into a discussion at a local cafe.

"I told the bum he could never knock me out in his best day if I was well," Chavez said.

It was brought out that he told no one about his supposed condition and passed the various physical examinations before each of his fights that year, as well as a more thorough one when his license was renewed.

The development was a highlight of the hearing, with the light indirectly turned again on matchmaker Babe McCoy of the Olympic.

Billings got into the Aragon matter with Chavez when he asked him if he had not telephoned a close friend, Mickey Frontana, about noon on the day of the bout.

"Do you recall telling him not

to come to the fight that night?"

"I might have," Chavez answered.

"What did you tell him?"

"I told him I was not going to win."

"Did you tell Mickey you were going down in the first round?"

"No, but I knew I'd go down the first time I got hit."

Billings asked if he had told patrons of a downtown saloon that he "went into the water against Aragon."

"Yeah, sure, I told them I went into the tank just to keep them quiet. They didn't know I was sick."

Hogan to Compete In British Match

NEW YORK (AP) — Ben Hogan, christened the "wee ice mon" by Carnoustie Scots when he won the British Open championship in 1953, will make another golf foray to the British Isles this summer.

The four-time United States champion from Fort Worth, Tex., will represent the United States in the international matches at Wentworth in Surrey, England, June 24-25-26, the International Golf association announced Wednesday.

These will be the fourth annual matches of the association, founded by industrialist John Jay Hopkins in 1953 to promote international good will through golf.

Hopkins, in making the announcement, said Hogan was not ready to make a decision on the British Open at Liverpool July 2-6.

Gridders Open Spring Drills

Hoping to improve on their surprisingly successful 1955 season, the University of Oregon's Varsity football team commences their annual spring practice on April 23.

Returning lettermen Tom and Jack Crabtree at quarterback, guards Spike Hillstrom, Reanous Cochran, and Harry Mondale, halfbacks Jack Brown and Jim Shanley, centers Norm Chapman and Nick Markulis, tackles Chuck Austin and John Raventos, ends J. C. Wheeler and Phil McHugh and fullbacks Jack Morris and Fred Miklancic all form a strong nucleus for the 1956 Duck squad.

Hopes of a successful season were increased with the enrollment of four California Junior College transfers. Two of these transfers, Roger Daniels, a quarterback and Dick Long, a 205-pound guard are from Compton Junior College which won the 1955 Little Rose Bowls game. Marshal Holland, an all-Western league fullback from Mount San Antonio and another two hundred pounder, Tony Inferrera, from Harbor JC, are the other two.

Two other promising transfers, both from Everett JC in Washington, have also enrolled at Oregon but will be eligible for spring practice.

Nats Edge Phila. To Square Series

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — The Syracuse Nationals fought off a blistering Philadelphia rally Wednesday night for a 106-104 victory over the Warriors to square their Eastern Division semifinal playoffs at two wins each in the National Basketball Assn.

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