

# Duck Tracks

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Mr. Al Stump, who writes for Sport magazine, had a few words to say recently about Oregon-Australia's Jim Bailey. In a November "Sport" feature article, "It's Landy Against the World," Mr. Stump revealed a superb talent for writing highly colorful copy from non-factual material.

Perhaps because it concerns one of Oregon's favorites does this confusion bother us, but there were errors and implications galore in the story, and any Duck fan would shake his head.

Stump mentioned Bailey primarily because of his extraordinary upset of Landy at Los Angeles last May 5, and his account of the race doesn't quite jibe with others, particularly that of Emerald Managing Editor Chuck Mitchelmore, who was an onlooker.

## Bailey's Win Fouled Things

For instance: "The upset was a big letdown for the Coliseum crowd, after the wide advertising of Landy's 'triumphant' U.S. visit. It also posed a delicate problem in tact for the sponsors of the tour. A discreet agreement was reached. Bailey didn't enter the second of Landy's two appearances, at the West Coast Relays in Fresno the following week. He went back to Oregon, while Landy defeated Ron Delany in 3:59.1 at Fresno."

This is all very diplomatic and "tactful," but unfortunately incorrect: Jim Bailey never heard of anything remotely resembling a "discreet agreement." He and teammate Bill Dellinger were invited to race Landy only at the Coliseum and not at Fresno.

After his 3:58.6 triumph, Bailey and Dellinger flew back to Eugene and began preparations for the Northern Division meet the next Saturday. The young man from New South Wales ran by himself in 4:06.4, while Landy, thanks to Stump's mythical pact, was able to outrun Ron Delany in 3:59.1.

## No 'Letdown to Fans'

Something else: Most of the 40,000 fans who watched the Los Angeles race spellbound would deny that the "upset was a big letdown." When Bailey ran up to his record-holding countryman and slapped him on the rump, (an "act of effrontery" according to author Stump) few of the spectators actually realized what was happening. But when the smooth-striding Bailey came alongside, then shot past for America's first four-minute mile, the good track fans all but raised the roof. Let-down indeed!

The race admittedly was a shocker, but Bailey was given the fine tribute he deserved and everybody went home surprised and happy except two individuals: John Landy, who was surprised but "glad that an Australian won it," and Al Stump, who evidently wasn't there in the first place.

The rest of the article is a titillating sketch of John Landy, who isn't as colorful as the volatile Bailey, but who has unusual facets of his own: insectology, an aversion to standard training techniques and a weakness for scotch-and-water.

## Pirates, Tornado Pace Poll

As the grid season's finale approaches, Marshfield continues as top dog among Oregon prep teams, according to the Associated Press. The Pirates and Medford's Black Tornado, second-rated in the poll, have 7-0-1 records, and either outfit could walk away with the state A-1 crown.

Gresham edged past Astoria, number seven, to hold third position. Beaverton was fourth with a win over Parkrose and McMinnville won its 17th in a row but dropped from fourth to fifth.

Wonder-how-come Dept: Now that javelin-throwers are emulating discus-throwers by spinning 'round and 'round, why doesn't some potential Parry O'Brien try the same weird technique with the 16-pound shot? The results would be spectacular, if bloody.

## THIRD OF SERIES

# US Lags In Distances

By MILTON MARMOR

LONDON, Oct. 31 (AP) — Once past the short distances on the running track at the Melbourne Olympics, American hopes for a gold medal became almost non-existent — except in the 800-meters.

The distance events have been dominated in past Olympic games by European athletes. This time runners from the Iron Curtain lands should fill the majority of the places in the finals.

The 800-meters may witness a victory for America's Tom Courtney, a powerful runner with successful tours of Europe behind him.

Roger Moens of Belgium, world record-holder with a sparkling time of 1:45.7 would have been the favorite but he suffered a groin injury and a few days ago had to withdraw from the Olympics.

So here's a future look at the 800 final: Courtney, Arnie Sowell of America, Lajos Szentgali of Hungary, Dan Waern of Sweden, Brian Hewson of Britain and Lon Spurrier of America.

The 1,500-meters, as always, is wide open. Entries include a flock of four-minute millers and a mass of stellar middle distance men all ready to break Istvan Rozsavolgyi's world mark of 3:40.6.

Without much ado, here's a guess at the finish:

Rozsavolgyi of Hungary, Siegfried Hermann of Germany; Bailey of Australia; Ken Wod of Britain; John Landy, world record-holder of the mile, at 3:58 for Australia, and Waern of Sweden.

The 5,000-meters may well shape up as the classic event of the games. Gordon Pirie of Britain has broken Iharos' world mark with a breathtaking mark of 13:36.8, but he's a problem boy who may have reached his peak too soon.

Thus, here's a choice for the finish: Iharos, Pirie, Vladimir Kuts of Russia, Derek Ibbotson of Britain, Jerzy Chromik of Poland and Chris Chataway, that wonderful fighter for Britain.

The 10,000 will be another struggle among Iharos, Pirie and Kuts.

A pick of the finishing six: Iharos, Kuts, Pirie, and then Stephens, Josef Kovacs of Hungary and Ken Norris of Britain.

Iharos' world record of 28:42.8 may be too hard to reach.

The 3,000-meter steeplechase is a race wherein a great 3,000-meter man should win if he takes it up seriously. The

world mark of 8:39.8 was set this year by Russia's Semyon Rzhishchin but, somehow, the feeling is that Jerzy Chromik of Poland could win if he enters — and he may. He hasn't run a steeplechase in competition this year but anyway here goes:

Chromik, Rzhishchin, John Disley of Britain, Ernst Larsen of Norway, Sandor Rosznyoi of Hungary and Sandor Jeszensky of Hungary.

Picking a marathon winner is an almost impossible task. Many

would be happy if the Czech wonder, the aging and ailing Emil Zatopek, could repeat his 1952 triumph. If he were in condition there would appear to be no reason why this master campaigner, who has made a legend of his magnificent career, should not win this last big one.

The winner could be Ivan Filin of Russia, but there are a crew of other Russians, Finns, Japanese, Argentines, Britons, etc., who also could win or pick up points in this longest of races.

(Next: Field Events.)



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## IM Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 1  
Volleyball

- 3:50 Court 40, Phi Delta Theta  
A vs. Phi Gamma Delta A.  
Court 43: Alpha Tau Omega  
A vs. Delta Upsilon A.  
4:35 Court 40: Pi Kappa Alpha  
A vs. Tau Kappa Epsilon  
A.  
Court 43: Sigma Alpha Mu  
A vs. Phi Kappa Sigma A.  
Court 40: Kappa Sigma A  
vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon A.  
Court 43: Lambda Chi Alpha  
A vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon  
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## Card Ace Paces Nation's Gainers

By The Associated Press

Stanford's John Brodie, who plays for a winner, and Notre Dame's Paul Hornung, who strives mightily for a loser, held their places as the only college football players who have gained more than half their teams' total yardage through the troublesome last weekend of October.

First and second, respectively among the major college offense leaders, Brodie has accounted for 1,034 yards and Hornung for 839.