

Duck Tracks

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Two events this week in the world of track were both significant and related: Oregon's great miler, Jim Bailey, won the Bill Hayward Award, and the track immortal he upset in that race, John Landy, announced his decision to retire from international competition.

For Bailey, the Hayward Award comes as a well-deserved tribute from his adopted Beaver state. The personable Australian, back on the University scene after a busy summer which included marriage and the Olympics, has one year of eligibility left in which to pace Bill Bowerman's thimble Ducks.

Jim Made Good

There's not much original left to say about this smooth-striding fellow; since he overtook Landy in the last stretch at Los Angeles last spring, he's been a man to reckon with on the world track scene, to stay nothing of the Northwest.

But when genial Jim was accepting his award in Portland, John Landy approached in Australia the decision already mentioned. This would seem to be the final act in the passing of an era: Roger Bannister, the original four-minute miler, traded his spikes for a doctor's degree two years ago, and now Bailey's countryman has made, in effect, the same move.

Landy's statement wasn't completely final, however. He said that he was "finished with international athletics," but qualified it: "I want to keep on running, but it won't last much longer."

According to the Associated Press, Landy remarked "I don't wish to announce my retirement because that would be the finish — once you say you have retired, you have had it." He said he would probably compete locally for a while longer, because "I like to be one of the boys."

Landy Came Back

Thus, Landy is not likely to fall into the category of ex-champs who have failed miserably in comeback tries, one of the saddest situations in sports. In fact, he has one entirely successful return to the heights behind him. Who can forget how he struggled with bad tendons this fall to prepare for the Olympics, and then how he ran to a creditable third place in the metric mile finals?

Bear in mind, this effect came two years after his titanic duel at Vancouver with Bannister, and even longer after he had established the still-standing world's record of 3:58 that he set in Finland in 1954. It was almost as if the Bannister race was the climax to his career: the school teacher-runner quit racing soon after, and didn't compete as such until early last year.

But now it appears that Mr. Landy is retiring for good from a sport that has few long-term stars, and who can blame him. He, along with Bannister, Emil Zatopek and coach-extraordinary Frank Stampfl, revolutionized the manly art of distance running, and any successful runner knows how great are the demands of his sport.

He's not due to be forgotten for many, many track seasons, however. They'll talk for a long time about the time he sacrificed a sure world record to pick up fallen Merv Lincoln, a young Aussie star, or his great-hearted display of sportsmanship at Vancouver, when he tried to conceal a big foot gash that definitely bothered him in the Landy race, or how he ran two sub-four-minute miles in a week this spring in California (one of them the loss to Bailey) to publicize his native land, hosts of the 1956 Olympics.

So, it's hail and farewell to one great miler, John Landy; and congratulations and best of look to Jim Bailey, his countryman, one-time conqueror, and (we hope) his successor as the world's greatest miler.

Attention, Skeptic!

Better-late-than-never reply dept.: to the author of the "Skeptic Tank," who recently commented poetically on this column and the Greater Oregon Plan, we say: It was all very good, but think what it would do for the chapter!

Charlie Franklin continues to pace Oregon's Ducks in scoring with 16 games played.

	FG	FT	Reb.	TP	Ave.
Charlie Franklin	85	119-75	167	245	15.3
Hal Duffy	59	81-57	207	175	10.9
Bud Kuykendall	39	12-7	44	85	6.1
Eli Morgan	28	39-18	42	74	4.9
Wimp Hastings	31	24-8	32	70	4.4
Bill Moore	24	36-20	53	68	4.5
Ed Bingham	23	33-15	36	61	4.7
Phil McHugh	14	19-13	24	41	4.6
Henry Ronquillo	6	19-11	13	23	1.9
Paul Tucharadt	7	10-8	8	22	2.2
Dick Valentine	6	11-9	7	21	1.9

Wrestlers Encounter Agricultural Group

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An eighteen-match dual meet record will go on the block this Saturday as the undefeated Oregon wrestling squad goes against the also undefeated Oregon State College grapplers at Gill Coliseum in Corvallis.

Both of the squads have come through the season unscathed so far, and speculation is high as to who will come off the mat with their record still unspoiled. The Ducks have picked up five straight victories this season while the Beavers have also downed five of their opponents.

Oregon, on comparative scores, looks like a slight favorite, having beaten the teams both clubs have wrestled by more points than their OSC opponents.

Coach Bill Hammer is faced with the unpleasant prospect of having to go into this match without the services of his star 130-pound wrestler, U. S. Olympic champ Lee Allen. Allen is troubled by a back injury, and may not be able to go against the Beavers Saturday.

Said Hammer, "We're fairly even with Allen in the lineup, but if he will be out we're going to be hurting bad, since we have no one to replace him, and will have to forfeit five points to OSC."

The one weak spot which has shown up this year is in the 123-pound class, where Bob Stevens, an inexperienced man, has picked up only one victory this year while dropping four decisions, all of which were by less than three points.

Prospective lineups for both clubs show a list of Oregon's wrestling hall of fame. OSC's undefeated Rook team of last year contributed an impressive list of state champs to the varsity this year, while Oregon has back most of its regulars from its runner-up club of last year.

OSC lost the services of three time coast champ Art Keith through graduation, and will be without a number of their coast champion team members, plus John Witt and George Meyers, both heavyweights who will both be out of action. Witte is ineligible for amateur athletics by way of signing a professional football contract, and Meyers is nursing an injured back.

So far this year, five of the Oregon wrestlers hold undefeated records. Lee Allen at 130, Dave Newland at 147, Ken Kesey at 177, and lithe J. C. Wheeler at heavyweight have come through all the matches with little trouble, and Beaton has not had a point scored on him all year.

At 123, Bob Stevens will tan-

gle with Joel Neuschwander, who has done very well this year as a sophomore. Stevens, though much improved, will more than have his hands full.

If Lee Allen is able to compete, he will go against Mel Lehman 130. Lehman has been a consistent performer for OSC for three years, and although Allen will have plenty to keep him busy, he should be able to come out on top.

J. D. Griffith at 137 has his work cut out for him as he takes on John (Strong man) Owings, a two year state champ from Canby. A tremendous performer in high school, Owings has more than kept up his record and should prove very tough.

Experience combined with tremendous strength should give Dave Newland the nod over Larry Wright, another sophomore up from the '56 Rook squad. Another Canby boy, Wright finished high in the state meet, but should not prove to be any trouble to Newland, who has taken 1st and 2nd in the coast tournament.

Jim Beaton will have his nine minutes of mat action pretty brisk, as he takes on tough Lou Taucher, who has been winning consistently this year. Beaton's consistent improvement should give him a slight edge, however.

The Oregon man in the 157 bracket has not been determined yet, but will be either PCC champ George Krupicka or promising sophomore Dave Fish. Whoever it is, however, he will be up against another Canby boy, Jack Connelly, who completely dominated his weight in the state tournament for two years, and is going strong in college circles.

Undefeated Ken Kesey, who wrestles with the seeming intent to dismantle his opponent, should just about do that to his OSC adversary, Ron Hicks, in the 177 class. Hicks, while a fundamentally good wrestler, shouldn't have the stuff to cause Kesey much trouble.

One of the best matches of the

day should be between Oregon's football playing heavyweight J. C. Wheeler and OSC's sophomore sensation John Dustin. Both boys have been performing at 191 the last few weekends, but will go at the unlimited spot for this meet, since 191 is ordinarily only a tournament weight.

Both boys are remarkably agile for their size, and both have demolished most of their opponents this season. Dustin, a state champ in high school, probably has more wrestling experience than Wheeler, who only started last year, but the nod would have to go to Wheeler on the grounds of his tremendous quickness and his 3rd place finish in the '56 tournament.

The Oregon Frosh and the OSC Rooks will mix it up as a prelude to the varsity match, and things look pretty slim for the Ducklings.

The Rooks are yet undefeated this year, having bowled over some of the state's high school powers, while the fast-improving Frosh picked up their first win of the season against Roseburg high last week.

The Frosh lineup will be the same as for other matches, with Gary Parks, at 123, Maurice Comeau at 130, Bob Eastwood at 137, Kim Brewster—147, Lynn Mathews—157, Alan Smith—167, Larry Hines—177, and John Willener at unlimited.

The Frosh matches will start at 11 o'clock, followed by the varsity encounter at 2.

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3:50 Delta Upsilon A vs. Phi Epsilon Kappa A, Court 40.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon A vs. Pi Kappa Alpha A, Court 43.

4:35 Sigma Alpha Mu A vs. Kappa Sigma A, Court 40.
Phi Kappa Psi A vs. Beta Theta Pi A, Court 43.

5:15 Phi Delta Theta A vs. Phi Gamma Delta A, Court 40.
Phi Kappa Psi B vs. Kappa Sigma B, Court 43.

Handball

4:00 Phi Epsilon Kappa vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon, Courts 42, 44, 46.