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Duck Tracks

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The Olympics last year seem to have inspired everyone to do better and better in track and field. Records are being tied and broken right and left, and unusually fast times are being recorded for many events.

One instance is the feat of Bob Gutowski of Occidental College, when he broke the 15 year record of Cornelius (Dutch) Warmerdam in the pole vault. The old record of 15 feet, 3/4 inches was one of the few remaining old timers around, but Gutowski convincingly overcame it with his 15 feet, 8 1/4 inch effort.

Reverend Bob Richards was knocking on the door for several years, but never quite made it, while Gutowski, a comparative newcomer, steadily increased until he set the new record. He still has another step to go, however, to equal Warmerdam's fabulous career, since Cornelius also holds the world's indoor record at 15 feet, 8 3/4 inches.

New Records by 1960

Warmerdam was not overly optimistic about the chances of his holding the record either. He said that he felt that both records would be eclipsed by the 1960 Olympics, three weeks ago, and now that one of them was gone, there would be plenty of effort to get the other.

Gutowski made a determined effort to really set a record on the same day he broke the old one, as he tried to go 16 feet, but failed by narrow margins all three times. It looks, however, like it won't be long until the 16 foot mark will be much like the 60 foot mark in the shot put. It may take a while, but there is a good chance that it will be reached.

More record-breaking performances are given by Bobby Morrow, Abilene Christian's Olympic medal winner. He has twice equalled the world record of 9.3 in the 100, but the time was disqualified in both instances because of too much wind. He is consistently around 9.4 in all his meets, and with a good start someday, he could conceivably do it in 9.3 or under.

Record-breaking performances have been the order of the day around here today, with javelins flying 226 feet and the 100 being run in 9.5, along with a high hurdles time of 14.4. While these are certainly not in the record-breaking class nationally, they have certainly been wiping out a lot of meet and Hayward Field records, and with luck, there could be better times.

Winds Hamper the Best Times

True, there were some pretty strong winds when these times were recorded, and a number of them were disallowed, but wind or not, it still takes plenty to do what these athletes have.

A great hue and cry has been raised lately as pertains to one way to break records. Some of the javelin throwers around the country have been resorting to a half whirling style of launching the spear, which is great for distance, but unfortunately, the thrower doesn't always know where the javelin is going to land.

The method used is to wet down the hand well, grasp the javelin with the hand up instead of down, take a few short steps then throw with an underhand, half-twisting motion. The big excitement came over a throw the other day which eclipsed the world record, but almost skewered an onlooker some 285 feet away in the process. This, of course, caused considerable concern, both among the spectators and the javelin throwers who weren't throwing that way.

Since that time there has been feverish activity in the form of thumbing through the rule book to see if it is allowable, and just in case it is, many eastern coaches are hurriedly showing their boys how to throw a "spit-javelin."

Who knows, there may be a rule against such a thing just as there is against the spitball in baseball.

Oregon Tracksters Set for OSC Beavers

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One of Oregon's strongest track and field teams in history will seek to make it 17 straight dual meet victories Saturday in Corvallis when they tangle with Hal Moe's twice-beaten Beavers.

This encounter will wind up the Northern Division dual meet season for both clubs. Bill Bowerman's unbeaten Ducks have downed WSC, Washington and

Jim Bailey, who has run 1:54.2 other to a new record. this season and may double in the mile and the half.

The two-mile shapes up as a duel between OSC veteran Jerry Larson, finishing a fine three year distance career, and the Ducks' brilliant sophomore Mark Robbins. Larson has the better time for the season with a 9:33 clocking to his credit, but Robbins has never lost to the Beaver senior.

Sophomore Ken Grant will go against Oregon State's defending ND champion, Wayne Moss, in the high jump. Moss has the top leap in the Northwest this year at 6'7," while Grant went 6'5" last week against Idaho. However, Canada's gift to Oregon has cleared 6'7" in practice, and promises to make a thrilling battle of the event.

Four meet records appear to be in jeopardy Saturday. The mile mark of 4:18.6 set two years ago in the rain when Bill Dellinger and Bailey tied for first place should be broken. Duck sophomore Jim Grelle and Bailey are both capable of bettering that clocking, and one almost assuredly will push the

Oregon's hard-working vice president Doug Basham has bettered the meet high hurdle record of 14.7 for the past two weeks in a row and is capable of going under this mark again, but lack of stiff competition may slow him up.

Duane Marshall, chunky OSC sophomore, should have no trouble breaking the Oregon-OSC shot put record of 50 feet even, since he has been putting over 50 feet all year long.

The fourth record that may go is in the mile relay, where the Duck's great 1953 team set the mark of 3:20.9. This year's Webfoot quartet of Jerry Christian, Bernie Ingley, Arden Christensen, and Bailey were timed under this two weeks ago and may try and break the mark Saturday.

Oregon's Frosh will see their second action of the season when they meet the Rooks on the same track. The freshman short distance events will be held before the varsity races, while the field events and mile and two mile will be held at the same time as the varsity events.

BULLETIN

EUGENE #1 — Jim Bailey, the first man to crack the four-minute mile mark in this country, Tuesday said he will be unable to compete against fellow-Australian Mervyn Lincoln, who will race in the United States the next five weeks.

Bailey said he has a "bad foot" that keeps him from running the mile in less than 4:14 minutes.

He said his next and last mile race probably will be in the Pacific Coast Conference Championships here May 17-18.

Bailey ran the mile in 3:58.6 in defeating another Australian, John Landy, in a special meet at Los Angeles last year. Lincoln earlier today said he hoped in his swing through the United States to compete against Bailey.

Idaho in that order, while the Bevos have squeezed by Idaho and bowed to the Cougars and Huskies.

Although the Webfoots are heavily favored to complete their fourth straight undefeated year, several top individual duels will be on tap. Aggie sophomore Cliff Cordy, a 6'1", 131 pounder, has been improving rapidly and boasts a top time of 1:54.8. He will meet Oregon's champion.

'Mural Softball In Action Today

The 1957 intramural softball campaign moves into full swing again this afternoon when six of the remaining 15 games of the regular season schedule are on tap.

Championships and playoff berths in all seven leagues hinge on the outcomes of contests in the final three days of action — today, Thursday and Monday.

Barrister Inn, French Hall, the Legal Eagles, Phi Delta Theta and Alpha Tau Omega attempt to keep their title hopes alive this afternoon when they close out their respective league play.

Perhaps the most crucial of all the remaining encounters comes up Thursday afternoon when Theta Chi and defending champion Sigma Chi hook up in a contest that holds the key to the outcome of the strong League One competition. Sigma Chi, one of the seven teams among the ranks of the unbeaten, presently are in undisputed possession of first place, a full game ahead of Theta Chi and Phi Delta Theta.

Another "biggie" is slated for Monday when Kappa Sigma and Sigma Nu, deadlocked for the top spot in the red hot League Three pennant race, meet at 3:50 p.m. on the upper field.

The championship playoffs are tentatively scheduled to get underway toward the latter part of next week.

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