

Duck Tracks

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Oregon's greatest track team in the school's history looked better and more powerful than ever in their second place finish in the Pacific Coast Conference track meet Friday and Saturday. After winning all their dual meets and the Northern Division clash by greater scores than ever before, Bill Bowerman's superb athletes had their finest hour, scoring 39½ points in the west's finest track competition. The Webfoots not only finished higher in team standings than in any year since 1924, but actually bettered the 37-point total they made that year.

But of greater significance than their high score were the peak performances made by each athlete on the squad. Eleven Webfoot entrants gained the finals in Friday's preliminaries, next best following UCLA's and Southern California's 13. In addition, Oregon had five other entrants in the four events which did not require qualifying rounds.

Saturday came. What a sight! A collection of many of the greatest track and field men in the country on the floor of Hayward Field. The 8,000 or 9,000 fans on hand waited tensely for the opening race — the mile run. The gun sounded and the large field, including Bob Seaman, UCLA; Sid Wing, USC; Jim Grelle, Oregon, and Ray Hatton, Idaho, began the four lap ordeal. A slow start ruined chances of a record-breaking performance, but the race was close with Seaman and Wing fighting for the victory. The Bruin miler led most of the way, but his cross-town rival made his bid on the final turn. They broke the tape in almost a dead heat. An unfortunate bumping cost Seaman at least a second place in the race and the victory was awarded to Wing. Grelle finished a strong second in his best time of 4:09.4.

Tobacco Comes from Behind

Then came the 440-yard dash. UCLA's Russ Ellis and Washington's Terry Tobacco clashed for the first time. These two highly-touted quartermilers were rated co-favorites before the race with their 47.2 and 47.5 best clockings respectively. Ellis appeared to take the lead at the half way point, but Tobacco, who was on the outer lane, unleashed a tremendous burst of speed and headed the field coming into the final 100-yard straightaway winning easily in 46.9.

Possibly the greatest field in American college competition assembled for the 880 — Oregon's Jim Bailey, Cal's Don Bowden, and UCLA's Seaman were favorites. The long-striding Bowden took the early lead and never gave it up. With about 200 yards to go Bailey, who had been running fourth, made his move, sprinted to second place, and then disappeared behind the stands in hot pursuit of his California foe. But when they reappeared on the other side, the Bear half-miler was pulling away and finished the race in the third best time in the history of track and field — 1:47.8. Bailey finished a strong second in 1:49.4.

The two mile run resulted in two races — one between the fabulous Max Truex of USC and Cal's Bob House and the other a battle for third place between Oregon's Mark Robbins, Idaho's Ray Hatton and USC's Mal Robertson. Truex and House matched strides until the final of eight laps when the diminutive Southern Californian won going away in 8:57.5. But Oregon fans centered their attention on the other race. Robbins wasn't given a chance to place before the race. His best time ranked tenth in the 11 man field. But the game Webfoot never wilted under the tremendous pace, finishing a close fourth to Hatton and beating Robertson, who's best time had been 20 seconds better than Robbins'.

'With One Event Remaining ...'

All but one of the events had been completed. Southern Cal was awarded the championship trophy, but on the opposite side of the field three athletes were still competing in the pole vault. The point total was announced over the Public Address system, "With one event remaining: USC, 60 points, UCLA, 38, Oregon 32½ . . ." But the Ducks had clinched second place with Sam Whitney and Jack Burg among the three remaining vaulters.

Both had cleared 14'4", then both narrowly missed the 14'8" mark, but it didn't matter. The seven points gained for the second place tie in the event gave them their 39½ point total and second place. The other entrant? USC's Ron Morris, who finally managed to wriggle his narrow frame over the pole set at 15' 3/8".

Yes, it was quite an afternoon at Hayward Field.

Webfoot Nine Plays Seattle, Oregon State

Oregon's strong bid for the 1957 Northern Division baseball crown climaxes this weekend with a final home-and-home series against Oregon State's second-place Beavers.

The Ducks, who are way out in front in the ND race with a 10-2 record, face Ralph Coleman's Aggies here Friday afternoon, and travel to Corvallis for their last test on Saturday.

After a three-win, one-loss road trip through Washington and Idaho last week, the Webfoots of Don Kirsch are within a gnat's antenna of their fourth Division crown in five years. They're 2½ games ahead of OSC, who has sets with Washington and the Ducks remaining.

Oregon coach Don Kirsch had this to say about it: "We're not in yet, although we're pretty close. We can win the title if OSC



DON LANE
Sparks Webfoot Road Trip

is rained out of both games at Seattle this week, or if they split with them. But if the Beavers win both games from Washington,

and take both from us, then they will get the trophy."

The Ducks' trip North last week was mostly a success, according to Kirsch; his group was rained out of a pair with Idaho, they flattened Washington State twice and stubbed their toe for only the second time this season against Washington, but re-deemed themselves in the second battle.

"The team as a whole hit well against WSC, but they definitely tapered off in Seattle—Terry Maddox was the only man to get more than one hit—I think we had seven. Ellis Olson and Don Lane both continued to hit well throughout their trip." Coach Kirsch also praised the Webfoots defensive play for the four games.

"Our pitching was good most of the time," the Oregon coach continued. "I thought that Dmochowsky threw effectively in the second Washington game—particularly because it drizzled most of the time."

This afternoon, the pennant-driving Ducks face their final non-conference test, with Seattle University's Chieftains due at Howe Field at 3.

The interim tilt is expected to be a seventh-inning stretch and little else for the Webfoots: Portland downed the Seattleites decisively recently, and their season record isn't spectacular.

Voting Saves UCLA From PCC Expulsion

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)—UCLA missed expulsion from the Pacific Coast Conference by a single vote Monday.

Last August, the presidents of the nine member schools ordered the four institutions which were on probation to present proof at this spring meet that their athletic houses were in order.

If this proof was not satisfactory, they were to be "expelled from the conference as of August 1, 1957."

The conference accepted the reports of Washington, Southern California and California on unanimous votes of nine to nothing.

On the report of the University of California at Los Angeles the vote was five to four, with Oregon, Washington State, Stanford and Idaho opposing acceptance of the UCLA report.

The presidential order said: "Any member institution now on probation which fails to present to the conference on or before the regular spring meeting of the conference in 1957 evidence satisfactory to a majority of the faculty athletic representatives indicating that the athletic program of the institution then is and will continue to be operated upon a sound basis on strict accordance with all conference rules and policies and by personnel in whose integrity the conference may have confidence, shall be expelled from the conference as of August 1, 1957."

D. Glenn Seaborg, conference spokesman, said at a press conference the reports of the four schools were presented orally.

Each described the method of operating its athletic department at the present. Dr. Seaborg said he could not disclose the reasons of the minority for disapproving the UCLA report. He said that, as of California's faculty representative, he was satisfied that the UCLA athletic staff is prepared to adhere to conference rules.

The probations stemmed from illegal unauthorized payments to athletes. Washington and USC were placed on probation for two years and UCLA for three years. California has nearly completed its one year probation.

Washington and USC each have one year to go and UCLA is on probation for two more years. All except California are denied the right to participate in the Rose Bowl football game even if they should finish atop the conference football standings.

Order of the O Meets Wednesday

The Order of the O will meet Wednesday noon at Beta Theta Pi, according to letterman president Bob Decker. Members are asked to disregard the earlier notice they received in the mail.

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