

Duck Tracks

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You don't have to look too far these days to ascertain just where national opinion is siding with regard to the coming NCAA track championships.

According to reputed journalistic sources, the midwest is going to supply this year's top college meet with the fastest sprinters, highest vaulter, and best hurlers that ever was.

Could be they've forgotten just what area of the country has been dominating NCAA track and field for the past umpteen years.

It's been USC, with guys like Parry O'Brien and Mel Patton, and California with Bowden and King and, of course, Oregon with Grelle and Dellinger and others who in the past have managed to divert more than just a portion of the first places their way.

By all odds, Southern California's Trojans should be favored in the NCAA meet were they able to compete.

As it is, USC's defending champions and 16-time NCAA winners have been done in once again by their avid alumni who fought just a little too fiercely for the old alma last year, incurring, in the process, several serious football recruiting penalties.

If the Trojans can't repeat and gain the coveted title of team track supremacy, who then?

Like we said, you can pick up any of the national sports releases and come up with the odds-on-favorite—the Kansas Jayhawks.

Kansas a threat

The big news in Lawrence, Kansas is that the Jayhawks, representing the midwest symbolically, boast three certain winners: Ernie Shelby in the broad jump, Charlie Tidwell in one of the hurdles events at least, and Bill Alley in the javelin.

That's all fine and dandy, but as many track meets are won with seconds and thirds as with a scattered number of firsts.

One of the chief reasons Oregon's Ducks were able to chalk up their sixth straight win in the northern division finals last weekend was because of athletes like Dave Edstrom, who piled up four or five seconds or thirds and plenty of valuable points. In other words, the Ducks have depth.

Ducks have fine record

Not too long ago a semi-healthy Duck track contingent journeyed south to Palo Alto and just about defeated the mighty Southern Cal crew in a three-way meet with Stanford.

Even without such stalwarts as Steve Anderson, D. C. Mills and Phil Pacquin on hand last weekend, the Duck cindermen were far and away the class of the Northern Division meet.

The Ducks appear fairly certain of only one first place, and that in the mile. Jim Grelle should get trouble from Ed Moran, Penn State's fine young miler, but here, class should tell.

As far as the hurdles are concerned, Dave Edstrom, on past performance in the big national meets, may well be capable of placing in both hurdle events, particularly in the 120 highs.

It was Edstrom who hit the tape first in the high hurdles two years ago at the Drake relays.

Dick Miller, the surprising Webfoot two-miler, must be considered one of the top entrants in a race that should prove interesting.

440 highlights meet

This weekend's PCC championship race should go a long way in determining whether Otis Davis has enough to run in that great NCAA field that will include world record holder Glenn Davis, Eddie Southern and Willie Atterberry.

But if Otis can outlast the Coast field of Cal's Jack Yerman (46.5), Bobby Staten (47.0), and Terry Tobacco, he has to be considered near the top in any national rating of quarter milers.

While it's always nice to dream about next year's sophomores like Dyrol Burleson, Jim Puckett, Dick Brown and crew, it is wrong to consider the Ducks out of contention for this year's NCAA team title.

The only problem lies in the fact that the Ducks have never won a NCAA title, that they have not been recognized nationally, and that they have, up till this year, been under the shadow of a powerful USC track dynasty.

Things of this nature have nothing to do with what actually happens down on the cinders. There is no doubt in this corner that the Ducks are going to do well back at the NCAA finals this June.

Even if they don't win, the Webfoots should finally bring home that long overdue respect for track and field in the northwestern United States.

Fijis win IM golf championship; Stafford defeats Sheldon Hall

Phi Gamma Delta captured the 1959 intramural golf championship Saturday by scoring a 7½-4½ victory over Morton Hall.

The victorious Fijis gained a berth in the championship playoff with Morton by downing Phi Delta Theta in the semifinals.

Morton defeated Sigma Phi Epsilon to advance into the finals.

In the final softball action on the 1959 IM slate, Stafford Hall won the freshman dormitory title by defeating Sheldon Hall 16-9.

In Tuesday's contest softball playoff Stafford jumped off to a big lead by scoring 11 tallies on nine hits in the first inning.

Sheldon scored once in the second inning. The victors lengthened their lead to 13-1 in the third

inning. Stafford added one more run in the fourth to take a 14-1 lead.

The losers narrowed the gap in the fifth by picking up two tallies to trail 14-3. Stafford's final runs were scored in the sixth on one hit.

Sheldon rallied in the top of the seventh to score six runs on two hits and four Stafford errors to make the final score 16-9.

Wednesday was the last day for living organizations to turn in their entry blanks for the IM track action which gets underway Monday.

Preliminaries in the field events will be held Monday with the initial competition in the running slated for Tuesday. Finals

will be held Thursday, May 28.

Yanks hit bottom

The New York Yankees took it on the chin and how Wednesday when the Detroit Tigers pounded out a nineteen hit attack to submerge the world champions 13-6.

The Yanks were submerged in more ways than one. The defeat knocked the Bronx Bombers into the American League cellar for the first time in 19 years.

Frank Lary, the old Yankee nemesis, was up to his tricks again, beating the New Yorkers for the second time this year and the eighteenth time in his career.



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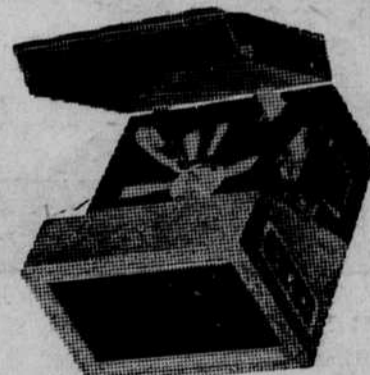
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