Duck Tracks

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When track afficienados see Dyrol Burleson and Ernie Cunliffe of Stanford in action this week, they will be witnessing a top example of the two basic strategies in distance running.

AS MUCH LESS is known around here about Cunliffe we will discuss him first. He is a 5-11, 165 pound senior who first made his biggest impression on the track world with his half-mile (880) race, in which he had a top time of 1:47.3. Then, Cunliffe started running the mile more seriously in an attempt to build up his finishing kick, which is noticeably lacking in his races. As it turned out, he found that he had the stamina to start out at a blistering pace and sustain it long enough to keep his early lead to the finish. And thus Cunliffe is a runner who, as will be seen this Saturday, will jump into an immediate lead and never relinquish it. He doesn't have the finishing kick that is really essential to a middle distance man so he must hold his opponents off by building up an early lead.

However, it is just this type of runner who will be Burley's dish. Burleson is noted for—among other things—his tremendous finishing kick. As Cunliffe is the "front runner", Burly is the type of runner who prefers to follow on the heels of a pace setter and then jump them in the last 300 yards. For this type of runner there is an invisible psychological bond between himself and the man just in front. This bond, even though mental, is a very existant force which serves to pull the second man along, and unless the front runner enjoys his position, the man behind him will worry him. He will always be wondering when he is going to be jumped, and this will tend to tire him. But, if the front runner can extend his lead to roughly 30 yards or more over the second man, this bond will often be broken and it will be unlikely that the number two man will be able to ever make up that distance again (for a mile race).

WILL CUNLIFFE be able to put this much distance between himself and Burley? Extremely unlikely. And, though most of the so-called track experts are putting the odds on Cunliffe because of his 4:02.3 time compared to a 4:05 for Burleson, times don't mean a thing when you recall that Cunliffe likes to run against the clock when Burley just runs to win.

And, if some fans have any doubts that Burley has the ability to go below the four minute mark this incident may disspell some doubts: A few months ago, in the dead of winter as cross country was just ending, Burley was asked to try a little pace work on the stony and irregular practice track. As it turned out, Burley ran a 2:56 three-quarter mile and in all likelihood could have easily broken four minutes at that time, but Bowerman saw no need of pushing him so early in the season. This means he could have run as slow as 64 seconds for the last lap and still gone under the barrier.

AND SO IT LOOKS LIKE a losing race for Cunliffe this Saturday. Cunliffe will start out big and then continue to die—if his speed slackening is not noticeable to the crowd it certainly will be to Burleson and Larson. And when Burleson jumps him, don't be surprised if George Larson does too. For Larson, with a 4:07 indoor mark may have enough to out kick him if he can stay with Cunliffe through the difficult third lap.

At any rate, conditions depending, Burleson and Cunliffe could go below four minutes.

Top Northwest records

Here are the best Northwest track records so far this year compared to the best national record thus far.

100—Amos Marsh (OSC) 9.6, Jim Puckett (O) 9.7, Jerry Stubblefield (O) and Don Maw (WSU) 9.8, Bob Poynter (San Jose), Charlie Tidwell (Kansas) and Stone Johnson (Grambling) 9.4.

220—Marsh 21.3, Ron Bach (OSC) 21.7, Dayton Kolstad (W) and Puckett 21.8. Tidwell 20.2. (Measured short), Vic Hall (Cal Poly) 20.8.

440—Rick Hardet (W) 48.8, Bach 48.6, Sig Ohlemann (O) 48.9. Ollan Cassell (Houston) 46.2.

880—Dyrol Burleson (O) 1:50, Norm Hoffman (OSC) 1:52.6, Ohlemann 1:55.2 Ernie Cunliffe (Stanford) 1:47.3.

Mile—Hoffman 4:11.2, Jack Larson (W) 4:11.5. Burleson 4:16.1. Cunliffe 4:02.3.

Two-mile—Dick Miller (O) 9:09.3, Ray Hatton (I) 9:18.7, George Larson (O) 9:21. Alex Henderson (Arizona State) 9:05.3.

High hurdles—Dave Edstrom (O) 14.1, Spike Arit (WCU) 14.3, Barney Olberg (W) 14.8. Hayes Jones (Eastern Michigan) 13.6.

Low hurdles—Edstrom 23.3, Darrell Horn (OSC) 24.1, Stu Fords (OSC) 24.2. Don Styron (NE Louisiana State) 21.9.

Pole vault—Wayne Wilson (WSU) 14-6, Phil Paquin (O) 14-4, Doug Ballew (OSC) Jack Fanning (WSU), Darl McAllister (O) and Don Failla (W) 13-6.

Javelin—Gary Stenlund (OSC) 236-6½, Dee Mills (O) 223-6, John Douglas (W) 221-9. Bill Alley (Kansas) 260-11.

High jump—Hank Wyborney (WSU) 6-11, John Hunter (OSC) 6-4, Murray Newton (O) 6-3. Charles Dumas (USC) 7-¼.

Broad jump—Horn 24-5¼, Jerry Close (O) 23-11, Edstrom 23-3½. Luther Hayes (USC), Bill Jackson (USC), Hank Visser (Cal. of Santa Barbara) 26-2.

Shot—Neil Plumley (OSC) 52-6½, Tony Angell (W) 52-3¼, George Makela (W) 50-5¼. Dallas Long (USC) 64-6½.

Discus—Doug Martin (OSC) 167-1½, Stubblefield 166-6½, Joe Davis (I) 157-10½. Jim Wade (USC) 177-3.

Mile relay—WSU 3:16.9, Oregon 3:17.2, Washington 3:19.3. Abilene Christian 3:09.5.

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Davis, Dellinger to run in track meet Saturday

Bill Dellinger and Otis Davis, two ex-University of Oregon track and field stars now competing for the Emerald Empire Athletic Club will race in the Mt. San Antonio Relays this Saturday.

The relays draws track and field stars from throughout the country. Many of the competitors there will be attempting to better the Olympic qualifying marks, and there is a good chance that many of them will.

DELLINGER may run in either the mile or two-mile event. In either event he will meet strong opposition. Some of the distance runners competing include, Don Bowden, Lazle Tabori, and possibly Ron Delaney.

In his latest outing, Dellinger ran a 8.52 two-mile and this will probably be the event he will try to qualify for in the Olympic trials.

In his college career, however, Bill was primarily a miler, and he may switch back for this meet.

Otis Davis, declared ineligible for the U of O team earlier this year, will run in his specialty, the 440.

In Otis' last outing, he doubled up, and won both the 220 and the 440 with little trouble. This was in the Oregon-Fresno State meet in which he was not hard pressed.

HE RAN a 47.8 in the 440, not too far off the Olympic qualifying time of 47.2. Last year, Otis was the leading collegiate 440 man in the nation, with a 46.2 as his best time. The world record is 45.6.

Otis will undoubtedly go after the Olympic qualifying time in the meet this Saturday.

Freshman netters win third straight match

Hope for the future of Oregon tennis is in full evidence as the Oregon Duckling tennis squad enters its third week of competition unbeaten.

The Frosh tennis charges won their third match of the still young season Tuesday with a close 4-2 team win over touring Northwest Nazarine varsity from Boise, Idaho.

PACING THE Duckling netters in their latest win were Dave Logan and Jon Cavanaugh, both of whom won their singles maches then helped in the doubles to clinch the win for Oregon.

In other singles action, Larry Brooks of the Frosh decisioned a female member of the touring Nazarene troup, Dorothy Mittleider, while George Harper of the opposition was defeating Ollie Crary of the Frosh.

In the doubles competition, Harper and Mittleider of Northwest Nazarene downed Brooks and Bobby Steinberg of the Frosh while Ducklings Logan and Crary teamed to defeat Etulain and Van Order of Northwest Nazarene.

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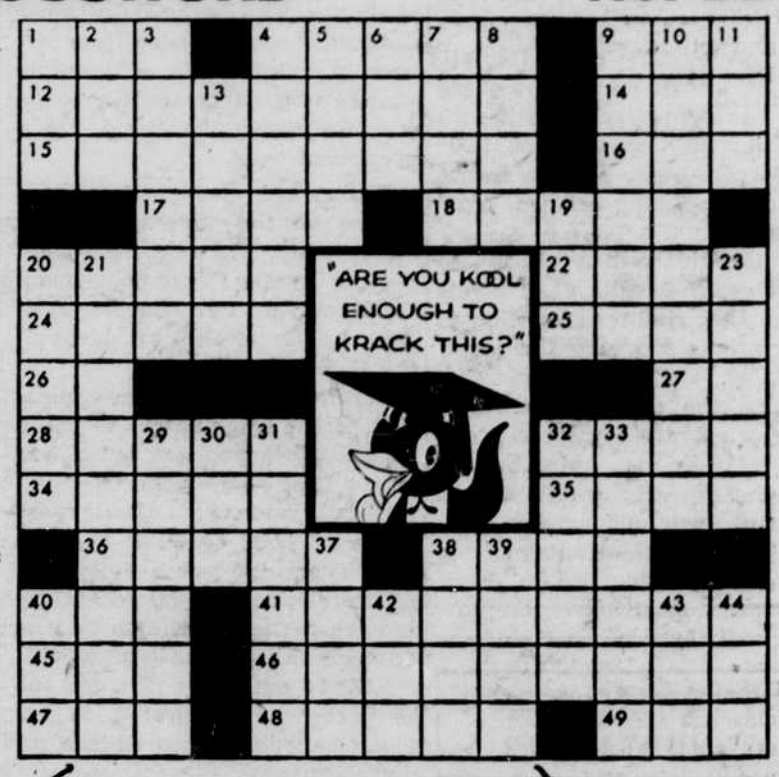
16. Ex-miss
17. Brando's earthy beginning
18. Colorado resort
20. Breezy call to arms
22. They're behind Wagon Train
24. Hires for tears
25. Lovers' quarrel
26. Small Air Force
27. Sound from Willie the Penguin
28. What Mom wants to know why you don't
32. Constable's finish
34. It's good for a squeeze or two
35. Killed a lot
36. Star in Virgo and in despicable
38. To be in Latin I
40. Song of the 20's
41. Come ___ ___ ___ up to the Menthol Magic of Kool
45. Stevenson's initials
46. Just the thing for a fifth wheel (2 words)
47. Anti-bug juice
48. Sen. Kefauver
49. It's profitable for Olmedo

DOWN

1. Sea (French)
2. Alone without Al
3. He's definitely out (2 words)
4. Avoids
5. Where to put your finger on her number
6. Like a TV movie
7. It goes begging
8. Williams, Mack, Husing
9. ___ ___ to Kool's Menthol Magic
10. DeeJay necessity
11. Girl you left behind
13. Crank's last name
19. Little pairs
20. Talk, Southern style
21. How your throat feels, when you're smoking Kool
23. Scatter
29. Tax
30. You (French)
31. Wrap up in Law School?
32. It can be frozen; a Kool is
33. Came to town (2 words)
37. High places
38. French for 38 Across
39. "___ my Annie . . ."
40. Lots of dough
42. Short for Latin
43. Common verb
44. Still



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