

Underdog Tracksters Head for Palo Alto

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The Ducks leave today for Palo Alto for their biggest track test since 1959 when they met Southern Cal and Stanford in a similar affair. Coach Bill Bowerman will have 20 athletes and manager Bruce Bonnell aboard when the plane takes off at 1 o'clock this afternoon for San Francisco.

THE PROBLEM in predicting an event by event score is that each week a few men come up with their best performances ever, and it is almost impossible to say which men will do this. If Oregon gets such performances out of broad jumper Jerry Close, hurdler Jerry Tarr, discus thrower Jerry Stubblefield and javelin throwers Paul Bernick and John Burns, there's no telling what the score will be. Of course, USC may come up with some best ever marks too.

Anyway, here 'tis:
(Times listed are best 1961 performances. "W" indicates wind aided.)

MILE — Dyrol Burleson (O) 4:01.2; Keith Forman (O) 4:05.8; George Larson (O) 4:07.9; John Northway (S) 4:15.2.

One of SC's weakest events and Oregon's strongest. The Ducks won't have much trouble finishing one-two-three here.

440—Rex Cawley (SC) 46.2; Kevin Hogan (SC) 47.3; Bobby Staten (SC) 47.3; Jim Puckett (O) 47.8.

One of the few running events where Trojans are truly strong. On the basis of Puckett's improvement last week, he may sneak up a place higher.

100—Harry Jerome (O) 9.4; Roscoe Cook (O) 9.5w; Bruce Munn (SC) 9.6; Len Breschini

(S) 9.7.
Cook always runs well in California but Jerome is too much of a clutch performer to lose in this meet.

120 YD. H.H.—Jerry Tarr (O) 14.1; Bob Pierce (SC) 13.9; Brian Polkinghorne (SC) 14.1; Gaechter (O) 14.5.

Strictly a hunch. Tarr has improved progressively over the past few weeks while Pierce goes fast, slow, fast, etc. This week should be his "off" race, according to the season record.

800—Dyrol Burleson (O) 1:50.0; Sig Ohlemann (O) 1:51.1; Rich Klier (S) 1:51.1; Warren Farlow (SC) 1:51.6.

Burleson and Ohlemann should have little trouble beating the rest of the field. Their times aren't indicative of their ability as they haven't been pushed yet this season.

220—Harry Jerome (O) 20.9; Bruce Munn (SC) 21.0; Roscoe Cook (O) no time; Rusty Weeks (SC) 21.6.

Should be an interesting duel for first and second and another for third and fourth. Anything can happen.

SHOT PUT—Dallas Long (SC) 44-3 1/4; Dave Steen (O) 55-10 1/4; Jim Wade (SC) 53-2 1/2; Bob Atkinson (S) 51-1.

Competitors are so unevenly matched, there's little room for change here.

DISCUS—Jim Wade (SC) 175-5; Jerry Stubblefield (O) 167-7; Dave Weill (S) 170-5; Don Bell (S) 166-5; Dave Steen (O) 154-11.

This could be the key event of the meet. Wade has thrown over 190 but hasn't approached that this season. Stubblefield is due and ready for a 170 plus throw.

HIGH JUMP—Bob Avant (SC) 6-10 1/4; Norm Grundy (SC) 6-6 1/2; (tie) Steve Goughlin (SC) 6-4; and Murray Newton (O) 6-2.

Goughlin inconsistent so Newton may earn a point for Oregon in its weakest event.

JAVELIN—Bob Sbordone (SC) 230-4; Art Batchelder (S) 229-10; Paul Bernick (O) 223-10; Dick Tomlinson (SC) 218-5.

Like the discus, this event is wide open. Sbordone has not thrown up to his capabilities while Bernick is improving rap-

idly.
POLE VAULT—Jim Brewer (SC) 15-2 1/2; (tie) Mel Hein (C) 14-7, Phil Paquin (O) 14-9, Darl McAllister (O) 14-4 and Phil White (S) 14-4 3/4.

Hein has not been a consistent performer. Two places for Oregon depend of course, on whether Paquin makes the trip and how healthy he is if he competes. The only sure place is Brewer in first.

BROAD JUMP—Jerry Close (O) 24-7 3/4; Dan Moore (S) 25-1; Luther Hayes (SC) 24-7; Bill Jackson (SC) 23-9.

Stanford's lone potential winner is Moore, from Salem, Ore. Close had two scratch jumps over 25 feet last weekend and will probably go 25 or so this week. Moore will have to be at his best to beat him.

220 YD. L.H.—Rex Cawley (SC) 22.5; Bob Pierce (SC) 23.3; Jerry Tarr (O) 24.0; Brian Polkinghorne (SC) 23.9.

Tarr could easily finish second and Mike Gaechter fourth despite times, for USC has run this race on straightaway, Oregon on a curve. Only Cawley is reasonably sure of predicted place here.

TWO MILE—Vic Reeve (O) 9:10.1; Keith Forman (O) 9:15.8; George Larson (O) 9:20.0; Fernando Leon (SC) 9:31.0.

Forman and Larson will be tired from mile. If all nine points are needed at this stage of the meet, Burleson could be pressed into service for a third race, and would have little trouble finishing among the top three.

MILE RELAY—USC (Bobby Staten, Dean Balzaret, Kevin Hogan, Rex Cawley) 3:07.9; Oregon; Stanford.

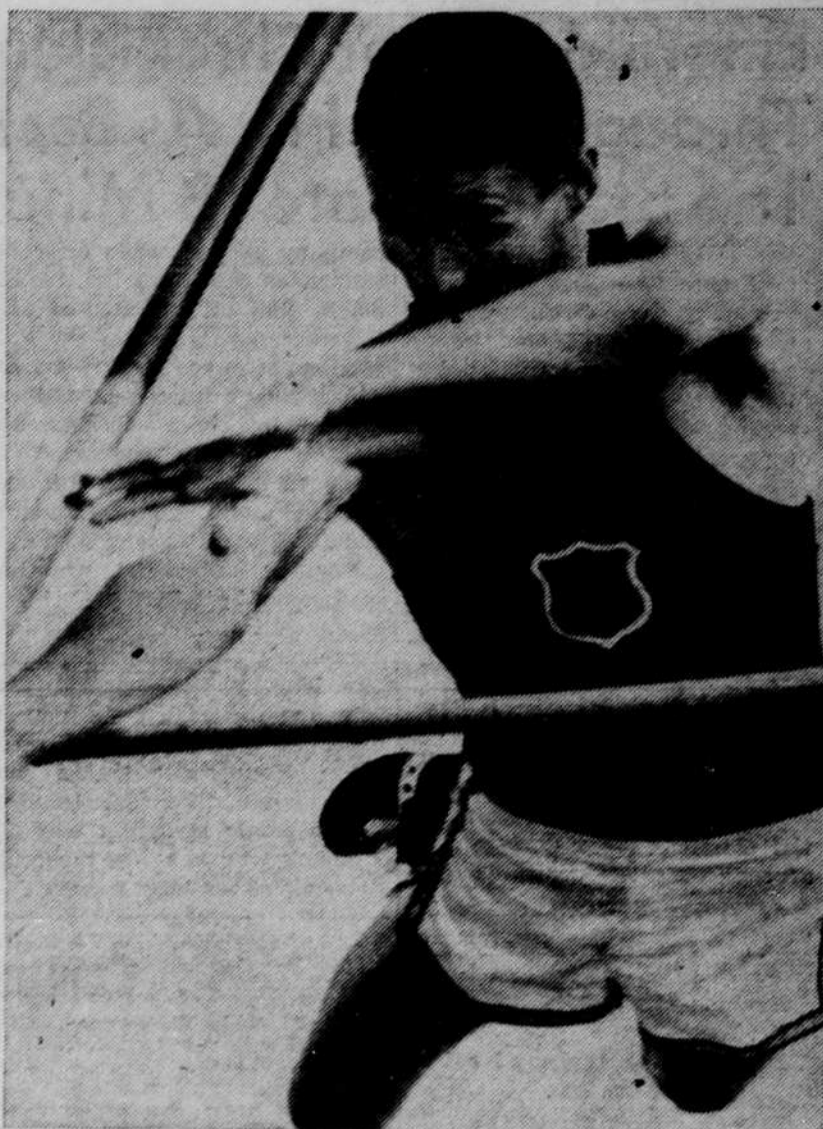
SC set NCAA record last week with above team.

SCORE—USC, 75, Oregon 72 1/2, Stanford 15 1/2
USC 66 5/8, Oregon 64 1/6

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to six hits as he picked up his first win of 1961.

The Milwaukee Braves rallied for an 11-inning victory over the Philadelphia Philies 7-6. And the St. Louis Cardinals downed the Los Angeles Dodgers, 11-2.



JIM BREWER, one of the two best pole vaulters in USC history, is one of the obstacles the Ducks will have to face when they meet the rugged Trojans Saturday at Palo Alto.

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