

Trojans Here Saturday

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Although the stands are empty now and the track is bare, the stage is set for the biggest cinder clash of the year. The athletes are primed and ready, the fans are frantically scrambling for their tickets, and tomorrow two of the nation's best track teams will clash while thousands look on.

When the University of Southern California and the University of Oregon clash, rivalry is hot and the competition fierce, but Saturday's meet holds deep significance for both teams.

USC's TROJANS, a perennial track power, will enter Hayward Field with their eyes set on revenge. The Trojans will be out

to turn the tables on the Ducks who upset them last year, snapping a USC dual-meet win streak dating back to 1945.

Besides the pleasure of avenging last year's loss to the Webfoots, the Trojans will garner the satisfaction of ending Bill Bowerman's Hayward Field dual-meet win string of 36 straight over a 15-year span.

The Trojans have compiled a fantastic record in dual-meet action with 230 victories against only 63 losses. In NCAA action, USC teams have captured the championship 21 times, and an equal number of conference championships have fallen to the Trojans.

With statistics like that, the Trojans are justified in their

drive for revenge, and as things stack up now, the Trojans have cause to feel somewhat optimistic about tomorrow's meet.

INJURIES AND graduation cut a wide swath in the Duck's points from last year. Missing will be Oregon greats, Dyrrol Burleson, Jerry Tarr, and Harry Jerome, all first place winners last year.

Adding to the Duck's list of woes is a rash of injuries, poor weather, and a lack of competition. Both Mike Lehner, two-miler, and John Burns, in the javelin, will definitely be on the side lines. Lehner is on the shelf after a bout with mononucleosis, and Burns will sit out the meet with a pulled chest muscle.

THE TROJANS have enjoyed typical California weather, and

the USC spikers have been putting it to good use, competing in seven meets compared to only two for the Ducks. The Trojans opened on February 23 while the Webfoots were still fighting old man winter.

While the Ducks have lost power, the Trojans have added valuable points and look practically invincible on paper. The Webfoots picked up 49 points of their 75 total from the running events, but only 16 of those points are returning. Meanwhile, USC has bolstered their running attack and even have a couple of spikers who could challenge Oregon's vaunted distance crew.

ALTHOUGH THE Trojans look like an easy winner on paper, critics on both sides agree that the meet could be decided in the

field events. In the javelin, the Webfoots will have three men in contention with tosses over 200 feet, but none can match USC's Larry Stuart. Dave Steen gives Oregon the edge in the shot, but he is still hampered by a sore elbow.

The meet is set to jump off at 1:30 p.m. with the field events and the first running event, the 440 relay, scheduled for 2 p.m.

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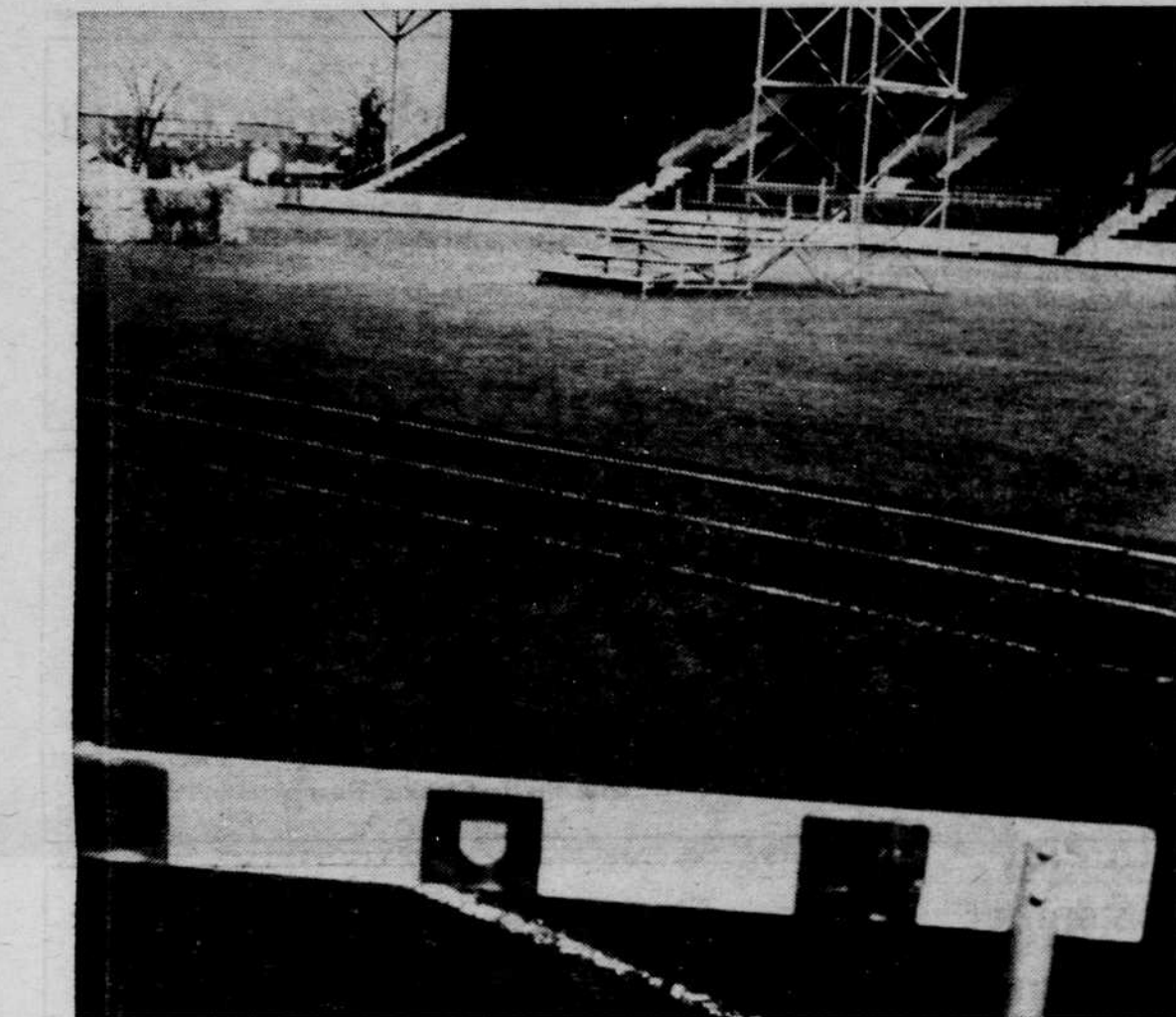
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Bradbury to Bowl at Meet

Jim Bradbury, one of Lou Belisimo's top varsity bowlers, will compete with the nation's top collegiate bowlers this weekend

in Buffalo, N. Y.

BRADBURY, along with his four teammates, leaves tonight by jet for the tourney which is held in conjunction with the ABC competition. The group represents Region 11—Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho and Hawaii.

The Oregon junior qualified for AMF's all-expense paid trip by placing second in all-events action in February's regional tournament at Berkeley. There, he racked up 1778 pins in nine games for a 199 average.

A MEMBER of the varsity for the past two years, Bradbury now maintains a 206 average. He serves as anchorman on the Oregon squad which is ranked No. 1 in the country nearly every year.

Bradbury also finished as the Eugene all-events champion in the recently concluded city tourney.

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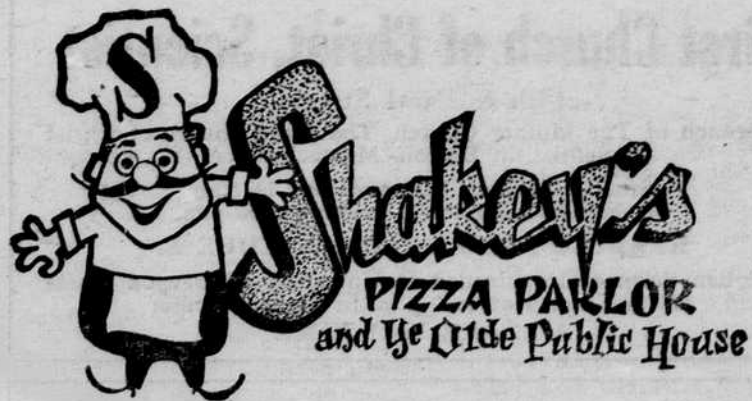
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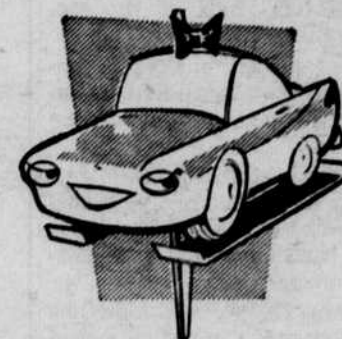
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