

'Nobody's Out of It'

# USC Eyes Sixth Win

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Winning can be habit-forming. And in Southern California's case, the Trojans won't be attempting to kick the habit as they enter the AAWU track and field championships at Pullman Friday and Saturday.

USC has nabbed the first place position for five straight years and, while holding seven best marks in the conference this spring, are favored to make it six in a row.

Oregon coach Bill Bowerman agrees: "There's going to be a lot of real good competition. I think Southern California with their outstanding performances are favored."

But Bowerman doesn't say that the Trojans will walk away with the meet title. "Nobody's out of it. If Washington State has excellent performances, they could take it. We could take it. Oregon State and Washington, too, have a chance."

**Steinhauer Leads PAC**

The Webfoots, off their Northern Division championship win last Saturday, boast a single PAC leader in shotputter Neal Steinhauer and a number of other competitors with good times and distances who will hope to place.

Steinhauer leads conference shot putters with a mark of 63-3 and also holds down the number five spot in the discus event.

Another Webfoot that could nab top honors in the three-mile is junior Ken Moore, a runner-up in the ND meet. After receiving a spike wound in his foot a week earlier in the Washington dual meet, his conditioning suffered,

but not enough to hinder his 14:09.3 three-mile clocking.

"Moore is definitely in the three-mile," said Bowerman. "We'll have to look at his foot to see if he'll be running the steeplechase."

**Mortenson in Steeplechase**

Oregon's Bruce Mortenson captured the 3,000-meter steeplechase victory Saturday in 9:02.9, a new meet record, and could pick up points for Bowerman's crew.

Sophomore Wade Bell, a double threat in both the 880-yard and mile runs for Oregon, ranks in the PAC's top six in each event and could also add points to the Oregon score. He's recorded a 1:50.8 half and a 4:06.7 mile.

The Ducks' hopes for a high finish might rely on the condition of German wonder Werner Sonnenschein's bruised left foot, an injury which hindered his triple jump performance during the ND outing.

Sonnenschein went into the meet with a best of 49-5/8, but could only manage one good jump at 45-2 because of the injury. His best distance places him third in the conference.

Bowerman mentioned that Sonnenschein "says his foot is better."

**Hurdle Points Possible**

The 120-yard high hurdles could be another spot where Oregon may tally points as Ducks Paul Elliott and Marcial Hunter both have recorded 14.1 times, compared to leaders Bill Bleakney and Paul Kerry's 14.0. Washington State claims Cleakney and USC boasts Kerry.

Oregon's Bill Heikkila trails WSU's Buck Kipe in the javelin and rests in the second position with a best of 229-8 1/2. Heikkila and Mike Hodges of Oregon both upset Kipe in the ND meet on Oregon's runway. But Kipe will have to be favored this weekend with the competition being held on the Cougar infield.

Dave Blunt, who rested the majority of the track season due to a leg injury, paces the Oregon sprint attack. He has clocked a 9.5 100, which places him third in the conference before entering the meet.

Also expected to aid the Duck run at the title will be pole vaulter Gerry Moro, who claims a best of 15-6 1/2. That mark puts him in the PAC's top five, which is led by the conference's first vaulter to go 16-feet this year, Bill Fosdick of USC.

**USC's Top Marks**

Favored USC's top marks are Fosdick's, Kerry's, Gary Carlsen's 190-8 1/2 in the discus, Bruce Bess' 1:50.1 in the half mile, Lew Hoyt's 6-11 1/2 in the high jump, Wellesley Clayton's 26-0 in the long jump and Mahoney Samuels' 52-5 in the triple jump.

Along with the northern schools mentioned by Bowerman, both Stanford and UCLA will have a shot at the crown. The Indian's Larry Questad has clocked the best times in both the 100- and 220-yard dashes this spring with a 9.3 and a 30.7.

Paul Schlicke paces the Stanford milers with a best of 4:04.2 while UCLA's Bob Day tops him with a 4:02.2 timing. Both milers also have recorded the top two-mile marks, with Day running an 8:35.3 and Schlicke an 8:51.4.

**Mile Battle Set**

Schlicke and Day will battle OSU's Morgan Groth in the mile, last year's NCAA mile champion, in one of the day's top races. Groth's top time is a 4:04.8 mark.

Preliminaries begin at 4:30 p.m. Friday and will precede Friday night's steeplechase competition. The Saturday performances start at 1:30 p.m.

**Broadcast Set**

The Pacific Athletic Conference track and field championship meet will be broadcast on KUGN (590) at 7:45 p.m. Friday and at 1:45 p.m. Saturday.

# Oregon, Beavers End ND Action

Oregon's hard hitting young baseball team wraps up Northern Division action this weekend with a three-game series with Oregon State.

Friday the Ducks play the Beavers at Howe Field at 3 p.m., then travel to Corvallis Saturday for a doubleheader.

Washington State has virtually wrapped up the Northern Division crown, but Oregon has a mathematical chance to tie for the championship, should the Cougars drop all three games with Washington this weekend, while the Ducks are winning three from the Beavers.

Even if this should occur, Washington State has earned the right to the playoff, after beating Oregon four of six games.

Oregon has proved it has a powerful offensive team, with six starters hitting over .300, and five more players hitting above .280.

Presently Keith Lampard is leading the Ducks at the plate with a nifty .346 average, followed by Don Banderas, who is hitting .327.

Following Lampard and Banderas is Dennis Baldrige, .321; Ron Delplanche, .309; Rich Armstrong, .308; and Steven Bunker, .304.

Lampard, Baldrige, Delplanche and Bunker are all sophomores. Oregon State had two men above .300 before their series at

Washington. They were Bill Bonser, .308 and Ron Lucas, .310.

Jim Jarvis reportedly will be back in the lineup for the first time in the weekend series with Oregon. Jarvis has been out with a broken ankle during most of the season.

Currently Wally Palmberg is leading the Duck pitching staff with a fine 6-1 record, and a 2.16 earned run average.

Joe Rose and John Conrad each have 3-1 records and will probably share pitching duty this weekend.

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