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WEBFOOT-PRINTS . . .

Distance Battles

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What's going to happen when Bruce Mortenson returns? The Oregon distance ace hasn't competed for Bill Bowerman's Duck track team as of yet and, when he does, he'll add his talents to an already solid distance field.

Mortenson reigns as the NCAA and Northern Division steeplechase champion and his winning 9:00.8 1965 time was topped last week by teammate Ken Moore. Moore ran an 8:55.8 and was followed Saturday in an open meet at Hayward Field by a pair of Ducks, who along with Moore, have qualified for the NCAA championships in the event. Bob Williams finished the race in 9:11.5 and Phil Hansen completed it in 9:14.1.

Mortenson has been competing in Morocco in long distance events and his return should set up some good battles in the distance races with his teammates.

A PRIZE FROM THE EAST

It looks like Oregon wrestling coach Art Keith has picked up a winner from the East—and not just out of state.

Keith, the new Duck coach who guided the Webfoot wrestlers to a second-place finish in the AAWU this winter, landed Kenichi Kanno while Kanno was touring Oregon with a group of Japanese high school all-star wrestlers.

Kanno, a senior now at North Eugene, plans on attending the University this fall. And he couldn't have better credentials for entering as a collegiate wrestler.

Kanno finished high in two recent AAU meets in Portland and Saturday, in one of these meets, placed second in the Oregon AAU open wrestling championships at Multnomah Athletic Club.

Two weeks ago, in the Far Western AAU Championships at MAC, he defeated Dwayne Keller, the 1965 second-place finisher in the national AAU Tournament. If enough funds can be raised, the Japanese wrestler hopes to compete in the national AAU tourney being held in Omaha this weekend.

Another wrestler familiar to Keith scored a win in the Far Western meet. This fellow competes for Stanford, though. Len Borchers wrestled under Keith at David Douglas High in Portland for three years, toured Europe with the Oregon prep all-stars last summer, went undefeated as an Indian freshman in the 154-pound class and then took his weight division in the Far Western meet. He was also voted the meet's outstanding wrestler.

Great Britain No Less

UO, OSU Ruggers Set Big Tour



THE UNIVERSITY rugby team will be doing more of this this summer—only in England. Together with OSU, the Ducks will send a 26-man team to tour England and Wales this August. At the center of the above action is Oregon team captain Bruce Howe who is being bulldogged to the turf in a game with Washington earlier this season.

Rugby is supposed to be the international form of football, and Oregon's team is no exception.

The Oregon ruggers together with Oregon State will conduct a first-ever international tour this summer, leaving Oregon Aug. 24 for an 18-day visit of England and Wales. There they will meet eight of the best university teams in the Islands.

Actually, this tour is a first-ever for any sport. Jack Cross, who as associate director of the Student Union heads the Oregon rugby program, said in a statement released Tuesday that "The two teams will represent the state of Oregon. Accordingly, they will wear navy blue and gold (state) colors."

"That," he added, "is the first time this has ever been done."

As far as competition is concerned, the teams the Oregon squad will engage are definitely impressive: Oxford, Liverpool, Northampton — even the U.S. Navy team based in London.

"Actually, they will generally be of about the same caliber as we experienced in the Northwest," Cross said. "But there are teams (he mentioned Oxford in particular) that will be definitely superior to anything we've met so far."

He grinned, "But then, we've got combined squads."

According to Cross, the tour was triggered by an invitation from Gwyn Evans, physical education professor at the University of Aberystwyth in Wales who coached the University rugby squad in 1964 while working on

his masters. Impressed with the enthusiasm he found for the game here, Evans began to make plans for the tour immediately after returning to Wales.

The project currently has the support of the two university presidents—Arthur Flemming of Oregon and James Jensen of OSU—Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield and nearly all of the European authorities connected.

Only clearance from the British athletic union is still to be had—and that, said Cross, should be routine.

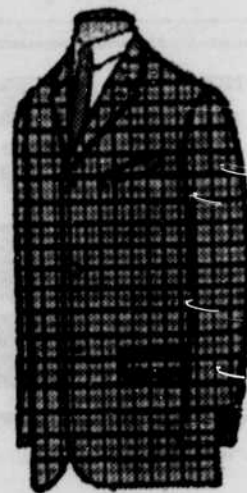
Cross, Murray Dawson, OSU rugby coach who will coach the team, and several other officials involved will meet with Hatfield in Salem April 7 to work out plans for state assistance.

Part of the proceeds expected to help finance the trip will come from three exhibition games each club will conduct during the next two months. Oregon State will host two of the games—on April 30 and May 21—and Oregon the other, on May 21.

Individual contributions are also being accepted at the student unions of both schools.

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