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Dynasty Still On



DYROL BURLESON

Webfoot 880, Mile and Two-Mile Record-holder

Editor's Note: This is the concluding section of a two-part feature on the history of the Oregon distance dynasty. The previous section, which appeared in Thursday's Emerald, covered the period from Bill Dellinger's victories in 1954 to the beginnings of the Dyrol Burleson era in 1959.

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They had reason to talk. As a junior at Cottage Grove High School that year Burleson won both the 880 (1:57.3) and mile (4:25) in the Hayward relays and served notice that he was on the threshold of gaining the greatest distance fame of them all.

Two years after that Hayward Field debut, Burleson entered Oregon with the most prodigious reputation of any freshman cinderman in the school's history.

He was a national high-school record-holder in the mile. He could sprint the 100 in 10-flat. And he did not disappoint.

Freshman Record Holder

Running along with virtually no competition, Burley set a frosh record of 4:07.6 in his first meet and later in the year set the still-standing 4:06.7 mark.

His sophomore year was no less than sensational. . . Burleson eclipsing all Hayward Field mile records with a 3:58.6 effort against Stanford. The second Webfoot ever to go under four minutes in the mile, he finished up the year by winning the NCAA 1500 meter title in 3:44.2 over defending champion Jim Grelle, and competing in the 1960 Rome Olympics.

In Rome, he faced probably the finest miler of all time—Austra-

lia's undefeated and then world record-holder Herb Elliott—and finished sixth at 1,500 meters (the same race in which Elliott set the still-standing—and unthreatened—world mark of 3:35.6).

And Burley was barely 20. As Emerald sports editor Al Hynding commented the following year, "Chalk that up to inexperience."

Burleson Gets Company

In 1961, Burleson was joined by three more promising distance runners—Vic Reeve, Keith Forman and Sig Ohlemann—and the Webfoot distance team was even more formidable than ever.

On May 15, 1961 at Fresno, Calif., Burleson, Forman, Reeve, and George Larson paced by Burleson's 4:00.3 anchor leg, set an American record in the four-mile relay and came within a "whisker" of breaking the world's record.

American Citizens Record

On April 23, 1961, he ran his second sub-four minute mile—a 3:58.3—and on May 21, his third (3:59.2). In the latter race, he ran second to Jim Beatty in the meet that Beatty set his 3:58.0 American citizens record.

But that record didn't last long. The following Wednesday on Hayward Field, Burly ran four laps in 3:57.6 and once again all eyes were focused on him.

On May 12, 1962 he ran a 3:57.7 anchor leg in leading the Webfoot four-mile relay team to the still standing world record of 16:08.9.

Keith Forman ran a 4:02.5 on that relay and then doubled back to run a 4:00.7 in the open mile.

A few weeks later Forman ran a 3:58.3 and bang! he was the third Webfoot to join the four-minute club.

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'Eight-Straight' Webfoots Challenge Red-Hot Beavers

It's Civil War time again—baseball style!

The inter-state series begins Friday afternoon with the Ducks playing host to Oregon State and concludes Saturday with a double-header at Corvallis.

The Webfoots will be seeking to extend their eight-game winning streak and in the process hope to continue the team's recent success against Oregon State. Oregon took four of six contests with the Beavers last year, including the final four games.

But Ralph Coleman's crew aren't expected to roll over and play dead. Oregon State's 13-3 record is a testimony to that.

The Ducks are 10-8.

And the Beaver hitting statistics are almost enough to make Sandy Koufax cringe, with several Orange regulars rapping the ball at a better than .300 clip. Outfielders Joe Lankow and Dar-

ryl Summerfield led the hitting parade with .424 and .397 averages, and are ably backed by John Parisotto's .364.

Oregon State competition, however, has not been the same as the Ducks. All three OSU losses came in a season-opening series with the University of Arizona. Since then, and against lesser teams, the Beavers haven't failed to win.

In contrast, the Webfoots played eight tough games on their Arizona road trip and managed only a single victory.

Oregon mentor Don Kirsch has high hopes for his team following Wednesday's 15-4 romp over Portland State. "We put everything together for the first time," said Kirsch, "now maybe we'll hit good as a ball club."

Kirsch felt the team, although it has been winning, hadn't been playing up to its capability. "We have been picking up a run here and there on the other teams' mistakes, not really dominating like we should," he noted. "We just haven't been aggressive."

The Duck coach feels that the Oregon State team is similar to his own squad, relying on hitting and hoping the pitching is adequate. Another similarity, Kirsch said, is that "they lost some ball players from last year."

Several lineup changes are planned by Kirsch. Regular catcher Dale Ehler will start in right field and sophomore Bob Lindsay will open the plate. Three players have a good shot at the second base job, with senior Dick Ogan the likely starter.

Friday's pitching chores will be handled by Ken Hadden (2-1, 3.96), a senior righthander, while sophomores Mike Nicksic (1-0, 0.00) and Joe Kniser (2-0, 2.25) are scheduled for mound duty Saturday. Jerry Gjesvold will probably get first call for relief work against the predominantly righthanded Beavers. Charles Hopkins, Mike Snow, and Larry Hills will provide any additional pitching that is needed.

Friday's game at Howe Field will begin at 3 p.m. Game time is 1 p.m. Saturday in Corvallis.

Emerald SPORTS

Soccer Slates All-Star Game

International Festival activities unofficially carry onto the athletic field Saturday, as the University's undefeated soccer club hosts the Oregon Intercollegiate Soccer Association all-star team. Oregon, OISA champs, will face the best players of the league's other teams.

Kickoff time is 2 p.m. on the IM field.

Foreign students make up the entire Webfoot starting lineup, and are numerous on the all-star squad. The contest, which concludes the 1965-66 OISA season, may be the last for Oregon's Walter Kyllmann Cup winners, as none of the starting team expect to return next year.

Oregon dominated the conference, averaging over five goals per game while allowing less than one and a half. Zindela led the league in scoring with 14 goals. Tied for second on the Webfoot squad with five tallies each were Hole, Rethans, and Schailee. Iwu booted four goals, Chipamaunga scored two, and six players scored once.

Opposition will come entirely from Oregon State and Lewis and Clark, as the fourth OSIA team, University of Portland, failed to place a man on the all-star squad.

Sports Slate

Friday

Varsity baseball, Oregon vs. Oregon State at Howe Field, 3 p.m.

Varsity tennis, Oregon vs. Washington at Seattle.

Varsity golf, Oregon vs. Portland State at Eastmoreland, Portland.

Saturday

Varsity baseball, Oregon vs. Oregon State at Corvallis, 1 p.m.

Varsity track, Oregon vs. California and San Jose State at Berkeley, 1:30 p.m.

Varsity tennis, Oregon vs. Seattle at Seattle.

Soccer, Oregon vs. OSIA All-stars on IM Field, 2 p.m.

University Hosts Hayward Relays

Corvallis High will return to defend its Metro division title Friday and Saturday as the University hosts the 29th annual Hayward Track and Field Relays on Hayward Field.

Bend, Reedsport, and St. Mary's of Medford will also be defending divisional titles. Seventy-three high schools are entered.

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