

Track Team Meets 'Goliath' Bruins

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The Ducks will be going to slay Goliath Saturday at Hayward Field without David. Duck quarter-miler Jere VanDyk was ruled out of the UCLA meet due to a case of the flu.

That's the situation facing Oregon coach Bill Bowerman as he leads his crusaders against the mighty UCLA Bruins in a meet starting at 1:15 p.m. Saturday with the broad jump event. Running events begin at 2 p.m.

Sports writers all over the Northwest have tabbed the Ducks as 40-55 point underdogs but the mystic Duck wizard of track is unawed. "We're planning on going out there and having a meet," Bowerman said.

The Bruins have won seven straight dual encounters this year and the Ducks are undefeated with a 3-0 record. The Bruins' record is more impressive since they have scored 100 points or more in four of their meets.

Bruins Impressive

Bruin coach Jim Bush will no doubt be trying for a victory as well as another 100 pointer, while the Ducks will be just as eager to be the first team to stop the amazing machine from the Southland.

The Bruins have many, many, impressive performers, including miler Bob Day, pole vaulter Marc Savage, sprinter Norm Jackson and quarter-miler Bob Frey. Another strong point in the Bruins' favor is their amazing balance and depth.

However, the Ducks have some pretty strong performers themselves, including the second leading shot-putter in the nation for 1966 in Neal Steinhauer, miler Wade Bell, distance men Ken Moore and Bruce Mortensen,

along with hurdler Bob Blum.

Oregon coach Bill Bowerman lamented the loss of Van Dyk by saying, "Without Jere we're worse off than before, and things weren't too good to begin with. Jere figured to do something for us."

Bowerman also picked his entrants for the meet. Mike Diebele will run the 100 and 220, with Paul Elliott, Marcial Hunter and Bob Blum in the 120 highs. Blum has a best of 14.0 and will probably be hard pressed by UCLA's Ron Copeland whose best is 14.1.

The 440 which was tabbed as an outstanding event with Frey and VanDyk could still be a great one as the Ducks have Gordy Payne and Dean Southam entered. Frey has a best of 46.6 and Payne has a best of 48.5.

Half-Mile Feature

The half-mile could be the featured event of the meet, next to the mile. The Duck runners include Don Scott, Mike Crunican, and John Palo. Crunican is the cream of the crop here with a time of 1:51.6 followed by Scott at 1:51.7. The Bruin's best is Dennis Breckow with 1:50.3.

The mile field will include UCLA's great distance ace Bob Day and Oregon's own Wade Bell. Day's best in '66 is 3:58.4 and Bell's is 4:04.5. This should be a whale of a race and very possibly a sub-four minute job. Dave Wilbourn and Geoff Hollister are also Duck entrants.

In the two-mile the Ducks have their ace Ken Moore, along with Mortensen, and Phil Hansen. Here again Day is likely to be present and his best is 8:37.2, followed closely by teammate Geoff Payne at 8:47.2. Moore's best is 9:00.3.

The relay events will line-up something like this: in the 440 for Oregon will be Cope, Payne, Blum, and Diebele, while the Bruins will go with Okoye, Frey, Copeland, and Jackson. The best time by Oregon is 41.5, while the Bruins have reeled off a 40.0.

Good Field Events

The field events could also provide some outstanding competition.

Neal Steinhauer will be opposed in the shot by Traugott Gloecker from West Germany. The big German has a best of 60-3½ while Steinhauer has gone 65-3½. Steinhauer should also capture the discus but could be pressed by Dave Weber who's best is only four inches less.

The most outstanding UCLA field man is vaulter Marc Savage who transferred from California when he became dissatisfied with the school and the track program. Savage has responded by being consistently over 16-6 all season.

In fact, Duck fans could be treated to a 17-foot leap if everything goes right. Savage has been pressing that mark for three weeks and has raised the NCAA record to 16-9 in the process.

The javelin throw is also a strong Bruin point getter. No less than three men are over 230 feet

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UCLA Pole Vaulter Marc Savage Clears 16-9



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Friday

Varsity baseball, Oregon vs. Washington at Howe Field, 3 p.m.
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Varsity track, Oregon vs. UCLA at Hayward Field, 1:30 p.m.

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