

Bowerman Defeated; Not Dejected



Bell Struggles Home Behind UCLA's Day

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What's it like to be a track coach two days after your team received its worst licking in recent history?

In the case of Oregon's Bill Bowerman—not bad.

Bowerman, who watched his team lose 94-51 to UCLA on Hayward Field Saturday, said he was not at all depressed—either with the effort given or the potential shown.

"I learned a lot," he said, speaking before Monday's Oregon Club luncheon at the Eugene Hotel. "And I plan to use it."

And the first team to feel the brunt of that use will probably be Washington State, which invades Hayward Field Saturday.

Bowerman made it clear that the Cougars will present several stern individual challenges to more than just a few Oregonians.

"Real Fine Sprinters"

"Either they've got a couple real fine sprinters," he said facetiously, "or they've got a short course."

Both of those sprinters (Dick Hickman and Jim Johnson), he said, have run 9.4 100's—and both of them have been winning consistently. However, the Webfoot to oppose them—sophomore Mike Diebele—upset a Uclan 9.4 sprinter in Norm Jackson to win Saturday's 100, and will not be resting on his laurels.

Bowerman did have some reservations about Diebele's victory, however. "Jackson is a very good sprinter, but I don't think he was

paying attention.

"I think it would be kind of hard for a 9.4 sprinter like him to get up for a guy who's been running 10-flat three weeks in a row."

But Bowerman was no less pleased with Diebele's showing ("he's turning into a real sprinter")—in fact, he was "tremendously" pleased with the whole team.

"Tremendous Job"

"We did a tremendous job. The boys really performed well under pressure."

He noted that after the first few events it was UCLA more than underdog Oregon that was feeling the pressure.

But the Webfoots didn't benefit. "That (getting behind) would cause a lot of teams to choke," he said. "But at the middle of the meet, they were stronger than ever."

One of the things that put the Bruins behind was the surprise one-two Duck finish in the long jump. Bob Woodell jumped more than two feet further than he had before in his life, and Herman Brame more than a foot further with efforts of 23-11 and 23-10 respectively.

Woodell and Brame credited their improvement to using different checkpoints, and Bowerman added another factor: "The other meets they were jumping into the wind," he said. "This time the wind was favorable."

Defending Mile Champ

He also had words for Bob Day, whom he said "showed why he's the defending collegiate mile champion" in winning that event in four minutes flat.

He was not too surprised that Oregon runner Wade Bell ran third in 4:09. "We had not been training Bell for that kind of a pace," Bowerman said. "We hoped he'd be ready, but he wasn't. But you can bet that he'll be in much better condition this June. We're pointing his program for that date."

A couple of other Webfoot cindermen were brought up for discussion—high hurdler Bob Blum and shot putter Bob Foskett.

When asked if he was surprised at Blum's 13.8 second-place showing against UCLA, Bowerman answered an emphatic "no."

If anything, he said, he expected him to do better. "That other guy (Ron Copeland, the UCLA hurdler who beat Blum) is a fantastic piece of equipment. He's about 6-6 and runs the 100 in about 9.5 . . . he will get better, but Blum, I think, will run faster."

Foskett Looked Good

Foskett, he said, made an unexpectedly good showing.

Also at the club to give reports were Oregon football coach Len Casanova, publicity director Hal Childs (subbing for baseball coach Don Kirsch who is currently scouting Washington State) and golf coach Elwood "Krets" Kretsinger.

Casanova informed the club that spring practice has come to a temporary halt to allow the coaches to get in some last minute recruiting before the deadline this week.

And Cas expressed delight at what he's gotten so far. He introduced one athlete present in the audience who plans to attend Oregon—all-state quarterback, basketball player and baseball catcher Tom Blanchard from Grants Pass.

"Tremendous Pro"

Childs expressed satisfaction about the hitting power the Oregon baseball team displayed in its weekend sweep of Washington.

In particular, he lauded Dennis Baldrige ("a tremendous prospect—maybe too tremendous") and Ron Delplanche—the sparkplugs of the team.

The pitching he said, though not spectacular, was "good."

"We'll be going on a road trip to Washington State this weekend," he said. "They're currently leading the Northern Division by one game, so we'll have to win at least one to stay in there."

And whereas Childs was speaking about a second-place team, Kretsinger was speaking about a third-place one.

His golfers are currently 16 strokes behind Oregon State and four behind Washington as the team prepares to finish the second half of the Northern Division tournament this weekend in Clarkston, Wash.

"We're a better team than we've shown," he said. "We should move up."

Emerald SPORTS

Women Softballers Defeat OCE, 12-4

The Oregon women's softball team defeated Oregon College of Education by a 12-4 score over the weekend at Monmouth.

Winning pitcher Sharon Knight and Mary Ann McCormick led Oregon's 13-hit attack, Miss Knight collecting four hits and Miss McCormick getting three.

Netters Win Two

The Oregon tennis squad opened a successful weekend Friday by blanking a Whitworth College team, 7-0. The Ducks added a second win Saturday with another whitewashing, this time defeating Washington State, 9-0, at the Eugene Swim and Tennis club.

The Friday score was erroneously reported in the reverse fashion in Monday's Emerald, with Whitworth winning, 7-0.

Student Union Sets Net Match

The second annual mixed doubles tennis tournament will be held Saturday on the dormitory courts, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The deadline for the Student Union sponsored double elimination tournament is 5 p.m. Thursday in room 301 SU. A 50 cent per person entrance fee will be required.

Tennis balls will be provided and individual trophies for first and second place winners will be awarded.

IM Schedule

Softball

3:50—North field, Alpha vs. Sherry Ross
South field, Stafford vs. Spiller
Upper field, Mat Magnets vs. Burgess

4:55—North field, Sociology vs. Dedy
South field, Delta Tau Delta vs. Sigma Nu
Upper field, Campbell Club vs. Hauna

Tennis

Campbell Club vs. Delta Chi

Golf

Sigma Chi vs. Hauna-Hawaiians winner

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