

# EMERALD SPORTS

## WEBFOOT-PRINTS . . .

### Crowds Different

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There's something about a track-and-field crowd . . .

Maybe Oregon's Neal Steinhauer said it last Saturday during the UCLA-Duck dual meet when he commented that the fans "turned me on too much."

Or maybe the 7,500 in attendance said it with a roar—in unison—when Webfoot distance runner Ken Moore made a run at and took the lead from UCLA's Geoff Pyne late in Saturday's two-mile race.

And it was probably said earlier during the broad jump event when Oregon jumpers Herman Brame and Bob Woodell leaped for the best marks of their lives. Although the distances were not great by national standards, or even Oregon standards—Woodell's 23-11 is more than two feet under Mel Renfro's school record—the jumps set off a surprising amount of noise.

But whatever that something is, it separates track-and-field followers from the typical group that fills Hayward Field and McArthur Court to view Oregon sports events during other seasons. True, there's a great number of football and basketball fans who follow the sports out of genuine interest. But there's also those who attend the games—more so during the fall football season—for more reasons than just interest: the ones who bring the bottles to go along with the game; the ones who give the same heavy liquor bottles a toss toward the bottom of the stands; the ones who appear more interested in what is taking place in the stands rather than on the field.

#### There's A Lot of Interest . . .

It's interest that draws people to a track meet; and it's interest that keeps a crowd—like last Saturday's 7,500—participating in a meet the way Oregon fans have done and, we suspect, will continue to do this Saturday when Oregon hosts Washington State.

Admittedly, a track meet is set up differently than most spectator sports as, like a three-ring circus, there's usually something happening almost all the time. But it takes a crowd that has uniform interests—which football viewers obviously don't have—to cheer for a defeated Wade Bell after losing by a full nine seconds in the mile, a pair of beaten half milers or a 56-foot shot put by the name of Bob Foskett.

It's too bad catcalls from a few spectators directed at UCLA pole vaulter Marc Savage were heard—especially after Oregon's Bob Varley had been out of competition for some time; and it's too bad Bruin coach Bob Bush had to vehemently deny that an infraction called by a hurdle turn judge could possibly be right. These two instances spoiled a great track meet.

Oregon will host two more dual matches this spring—the WSU meet Saturday and an Oregon State meet next week—and, the way Oregon, the team and fans are acting lately, we're looking forward to a few more good afternoons.

#### Another Year, Another Editor . . .

Our favorite page has been left in good hands for the coming year. Dave Baronti, a freshman in journalism, will be taking over this column and the editing of the sports page beginning May 2. He's well-versed in the athletic and communications field, having been an associate editor of his South Eugene high school paper and currently holding a position on the Register-Guard sports staff. He's also knowledgeable when it comes to the reporting of our favorite sport—Baronti competed on the freshman wrestling squad, and thus will give his mat coverage a good deal of background.

It's been a good year for us. We learned a number of things—how easy it is to make some people happy and just how easy it is to create the opposite feeling in others. We also met a good number of people who have kept the string we started in grade school going—the string of never having met a "bad guy" coach. Needless to say, we set a new record every year in this category.

We also continued a good relationship with sports publicity director Hal Childs and worked with a dedicated Emerald sports staff—two reasons, probably the only reasons, that would make any sports editor's job easier and more enjoyable.

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# Bell Captures Pin Title

The normally peaceful Mahlon Sweet Airport was converted into a place of bedlam Monday night as about 40 people turned out to greet Larry Bell, the national intercollegiate bowling champion.

Bell, a 23-year-old Oregon student, averaged over 195 for six games to capture the championship in competition held in Rochester, New York, last weekend.

The lefthander represented Region 14 in the tournament, competing with the winners of the 14 other regions in the United States.

For his efforts, Bell was awarded the coveted Morehead Patterson Trophy, named for the late chairman of the American Machine & Foundry Company, which co-sponsors the national finals together with the Association of College Unions and the American Bowling Congress.

The award is presented annually to the college represented by the all-events champion, with the winner receiving a replica for his personal possession.

#### Scores Singles Win

In addition to winning the all-events title, Bell captured first place in the singles action with a 592 score. Because he won the tourney, Bell now ranks as number one out of the 13,000 college bowlers who participated in regional and national competition.



**LARRY BELL**  
Top College Bowler

Oregon Coach Lou Bellissimo said that Bell's showing was "no surprise to me. In fact, I would have been surprised if he had not won. As I mentioned before, in the tournament, Larry was definitely the man to beat."

Bellisimo went on, "I join all Oregonians in congratulating Larry for the honor he has brought to our state." The coach said that he has already been contacted by Sports Illustrated magazine, which plans to run an article on Bell in its May 9 issue.

Bell, who is from Portland, qualified for the nationals after his record-breaking performance in the regionals, held here last February. He finished with 1901 (618 in team event, 619 in singles and 664 in doubles), which was the highest qualifying score in the nation.

#### High Doubles Score

In the Region 14 doubles event, Bell and Jim Donaldson also had the highest national score, after they combined efforts for a 1282.

Bellisimo said that Oregon has always been represented at the nationals and has usually finished near the top. This was the first time, however, that the school has had a winner.

Bell came to Oregon just two years ago as a transfer student. Little by little, he worked his way up the ladder until he became the number two varsity bowler this year.

After bowling for 13 years, Bell, the only lefthander on the team, brought his league average up to 198 and maintained a 205 average in the numerous matches held throughout fall and winter terms. His coach noted that Bell was the first lefty to bowl on a regionals team since 1958 and was only the third in the school's history.

## Ruggers Slate Travel Trials

Oregon and Oregon State rugby teams will meet in Corvallis Saturday for a dual purpose—to meet each other and to participate in the selection process which will pick a rugby squad to compete in Europe in August.

The game, set for 2 p.m. on the OSU practice football field, is the first in a series of games in which the top rugby players from both schools will be screened to make up the team to represent the state of Oregon in Wales and England.

About 40 players will participate in the trials, which will include a May 14 game at the University following the alumni-varsity football contest.

### IM Schedule

#### Softball

3:50—North field, Thornton vs. Henderson

South field, Debusk vs. Adams

Upper field, Parsons vs. Philadelphia

4:55—North field, Busads vs. Psychology

South field, Phi Kappa Psi vs. Phi Delta Theta

Upper field, Alpha Tau Omega vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon

#### Tennis

4:00—Phi Sigma Kappa vs. Psychology-Burgess winner

#### Golf

Sigma Nu vs. Kappa Sigma-Henderson winner

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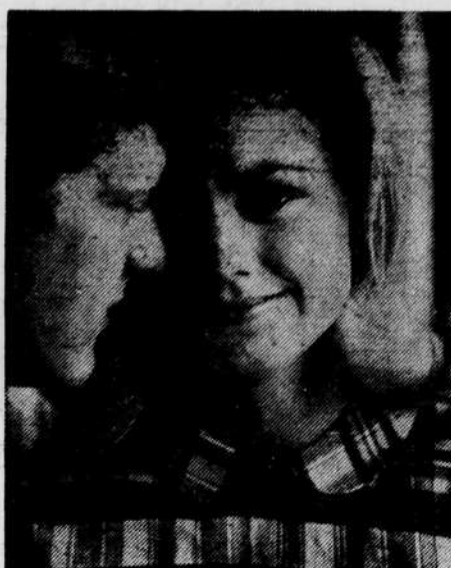
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