

Track Team 'Okay,' Belts Cougars



Bob Varley Begins Miss at 15-feet

Wade Bell Nears Burleson's Record

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"I haven't run a race like that since high school," said a smiling Wade Bell after a change in tactics won him the 880 in a near-record 1:48.4 Saturday. Dyrrol Burleson holds the present school record of 1:48.2.

From the onset Bell set his own pace and quickly outran the entire field.

"I needed mental discipline to get out and run my own race. After last week's mile, I needed to do it myself" (that meet Bell hung back and finished third). So this week Bell took to the half mile and went all out.

Bell felt that he could have run faster if he had someone pushing him at the end, but said he was "satisfied under the conditions."

Neal Steinhauer used this meet mainly as an "exercise," and exercised to a 65-1½ effort in the shot put and 185-1 in the discus for field records and a school record in the latter.

"I really wasn't keyed, but when 64 feet came pretty easy I tried on the last put and there it was," Steinhauer said. Neal also said that he had been lifting weights the day before which is not usually done the day before a meet, but this didn't seem to bother him too much.

In the mile, Ken Moore ran to a personal best as he won the event in 4:04.4. Right behind the Duck ace were Dave Wilbourn and Phil Hansen who also turned in best times of 4:08.3 and 4:11.6 respectively. Hansen trimmed 17 seconds off his previous best mile time. Wilbourn cut another three seconds off his old mark.

"I'm pleased for the type of race that it was," related Moore after the meet. "It was a good exercise race for trying to get out in front and keep the pace I'd like to run."

Wilbourn credited his performance to a lot of hard work. "I worked harder this week than all year and I think it paid off well," said the little sophomore from Albany.

Mike Diebele proved that his 9.6 last week against UCLA's Norman Jackson wasn't a fluke as he powered to a 9.7 performance in the 100. Afterwards, the little bullet from Medford looked tired but managed a big smile and said, "I really don't care what the time is, to an extent, of course, as long as I win."

Long jumper Bob Woodell fractured his back in a freak Millrace accident Sunday afternoon and was operated on that evening at Sacred Heart Hospital. The Theta Chi senior had a best effort of 23-10 in his specialty this year in addition to performing some triple-jumping duties. For details, see page five.

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Bill Bowerman strolled toward the dressing room after Saturday's Washington State meet, shaking hands and stopping every so often to exchange remarks with an acquaintance.

"I thought we did okay," he said. "We weren't really sharp today."

Sharp or not, Bowerman's "okay" Ducks had just ripped Washington State, 82-62, snapping three meet records and tying another in the process.

And Oregon's 20 point victory margin over the Cougars could easily have been stretched to 30 or 35, but Bowerman refused to double some of his aces, resting them once the outcome became obvious.

The meet was decided early. After five events, the Webfoots led 34-7, which increased to 30 points at 49-19 before the Oregon coach scratched some of his regulars.

Herm Brame and Neal Steinhauer, two athletes on the opposite ends of the physical spectrum, sealed the Cougars' doom early.

Brame, a lithe leaper at 5-11 and 150 pounds, hurled himself 23 feet-8¾ inches on his first attempt in the long jump, good enough for first place and five points.

Steinhauer, six inches taller and 110 pounds heavier, snapped the Hayward Field and meet records with his victory in the shot put.

LAST THROW BEST

As he lined up for his last throw, Steinhauer's best lob of the day had dented the earth near the 64 foot mark, good enough for a victory, but obviously not satisfactory to the big boy.

Neal spun, let out a huge "oof" and sent the iron ball orbiting outward. A fan in the stands yelled, "that's it," and it was, measuring out to 65 feet-1½ inches.

"I thought it was further," was Steinhauer's only comment.

In addition, Brame and Steinhauer each grabbed another victory, Brame three-stepping 47 feet-3¼ inches for a victory in the triple jump, and the masterful Steinhauer flipping the platter 185 feet-1 inch in the discus.

That toss, incidentally, was a new meet, field, and school record. The latter two marks were set by Steinhauer last week against UCLA when he threw 183 feet-2 inches.

But Brame and Steinhauer were not the only two performers in the meet. Outstanding efforts were the by-word of the day, by Ducks and Cougars alike:

- Mike Diebele won both sprints, in addition to running a leg on the winning 440 Relay team. He nudged Washington Staters Jim Johnson and Dick Hickman with a last ditch effort in the 100, winning in 9.7 seconds, and also held off Johnson for a 22.0 second victory in the 220.

- Bob Blum tied the meet record in the 120 High Hurdles (set by Jerry Tarr in 1962) with a 13.9 clocking, despite hitting the last five hurdles.

- Wade Bell ripped off a 1:48.4 half mile, third best in the nation this year, while cracking Dyrrol Burleson's five year old meet record of 1:52.3.

- Jim Precht of Washington State put his name in the record book by erasing ex-Webfoot Gerry Moro's meet mark of 15-3 in the Pole Vault. Precht cleared 15 feet-3½ inches.

- Cougar Chris Westman broke Kenny Moore's meet record in the two-mile and in the process set a school record by doing the eight laps in 8:56.0. Moore was timed in 8:59.3 in last year's meet.

After the meet, Washington State coach Jack Mooberry explained the Cougar's somewhat surprising performance.

"You can't leave five or six kids at home and expect to do anything," he said, noting that flu and injuries had taken the toll of his cinder forces. "We were thin enough already."

When questioned about Gerry Lindgren, his ailing distance star, Mooberry just shook his head. "He just isn't making progress. The flu just hangs on and hangs on. Sure, Gerry goes out and runs 10 miles and comes back and says he feels okay. But we try him on some interval work and he says his legs just don't have it. I'm going to try to use him next week, but I don't have any hopes that he'll look good."



SATURDAY'S MEET may have been one-sided, but that didn't prevent several Webfoots from going all out. Above, facial expressions tell the story for half-miler Wade Bell (left) and triple-jumper Werner Sonnenschein. Bell won his race in a near-record 1:48.4 and Werner placed third with a 46-9.

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