

Jim Barnett Drafted First by Boston Celtics

Meet in Coliseum Relays

Neal, Randy at It Again

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Exactly one year ago the two best collegiate shotputters in the nation met at the Coliseum Relays in Los Angeles.

At that meet, the best shotputter in the world humiliated the nearest pretender to his throne by over six feet.

And Neal Steinhauer, the loser in last year's dual, knows that his conqueror, Randy Matson, will be working even more diligently this weekend.

Because, when you're only second best, you try harder.

Last year Steinhauer wasn't even in the same class as his

Texas A&M foe, and traveled to Los Angeles merely "to compete."

This spring it's a completely different story.

Last Saturday the huge Oregon junior shoved the shot, 66-10, the best in the world this year. Later that day the equally-monstrous Matson lobbed the iron ball to within a half inch of Steinhauer's effort.

Still that fraction of an inch represents the first lead Steinhauer has held over the Aggie star since Matson began competing after a winter of basketball.

"It's a little bit different situation this year, notes Steinhauer.

"I don't actually say I can beat him, but I might, and I think he knows it."

Neal explains last May's decisive loss with no apologies. "You just can't get psyched up with a guy that far ahead of you. And I didn't go down there with any intention of beating him, but just hoped he might spur me on to a better effort."

"It's going to be won by inches, predicted Steinhauer, "unless one of us really gets psyched. After all, I might be all he needs to break loose."

Saturday morning following his meeting with Matson, Steinhauer will fly to Seattle to help the Webfoots defend their Northern division crown.

The Duck shotputter refutes any ideas that this trip, plus the two straight days of competition, will have adverse effects on his performance in Seattle.

"It might affect me if I threw the discus Friday night, since that competition will be closer on Saturday, but we declined to enter that event," said Neal.

"And last year I found that being tired, I was more relaxed. I threw the shot over 63 feet after competing the night before."

"I don't think the trip will bother me," claimed Steinhauer, "since the flights from Los Angeles to Seattle are better than those to Eugene which I had to fly last year."

"I thought I might go to St. Louis, but Boston's fine with me."

So said an excited Jim Barnett after he learned that he had been picked Wednesday in the first round of the National Basketball Association's annual draft by the Boston Celtics, perennial champions of the NBA.

"It's a complete surprise," Barnett said. "But actually I'm very happy. Boston is a good place to go."

The 6-4 Barnett, who holds the career scoring record at Oregon after three years as a guard and forward on the Webfoot basketball team, said that he was in St. Louis three weeks ago talking with club officials and scrimmaging with the team and consequently suspected that he might be their first round pick.

But the Hawks took Lou Hudson of Minnesota.

"They needed a guard or forward," Barnett said. "But with K. C. Jones and Sam Jones of Boston at 32 and 33, Boston does, too."

"They may not be there next season," he added. "Maybe I'll break in."

Barnett plans to join the Celtics at their summer training camp Aug. 29—but in the meantime, he'll be in for more "exciting business."

He will leave in July with the United States Basketball team for a trip behind the iron curtain, playing in Russia, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Poland.



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"That will be a great experience, too," Barnett said. "I have never been behind the iron curtain before."

AAWU Net Tourney Action Opens Today

Oregon's tennis team begins play in Thursday's opening round of the three-day AAWU Championships at Los Angeles with the unenviable task of meeting top-seeded University of Southern California.

Duck tennis coach Vern Ball was not optimistic, predicting a sixth or seventh place finish.

"We're just going up against teams who have better personnel," he said.

USC, ranked by Ball as "head and shoulders" above other PAC teams, offers a perfect example. The Trojans are led by Tom

Edelfson, ranked in the U.S. top ten, two former U.S. Junior champions, a leading German player, and the fourth ranked Mexican amateur.

Playing first singles for the Ducks will be Jim Horn, followed in order by Bo Miller, Bob Donnelly, Chuck Deardorf, Bob Whitman and Tom Lehmer.

Freshman Julie Kaspari, the number one ranked player in the Northwest 18-and-under women's division, will lead the Oregon coeds to their AAWU tennis showdown Friday and Saturday at Berkeley.

Co-eds Second In Track Contest

The Oregon women's track team recently finished second in an intercollegiate track meet at Southern Oregon College.

Oregon State won the affair with 41 points, Oregon had 35, Portland State 28, Southern Oregon 25, Marylhurst 17, Shasta of California, 9.

Double winner Rexi Nicholson set a women's national collegiate record in winning the 70 hurdles in 9.6. She also won the 100 in 11.8 and anchored the 440 relay team to another national record of 54.8.

Molly Leabo won the 75-yard dash for Oregon in 9.2 seconds.

Softball Game Set

The Women's Softball Interest Group and faculty members from the women's physical education department will play a softball game Thursday at 6 p.m. on Gerlinger Field.

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