

Trackmen Make It 13 in Row

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SEATTLE (Special)—For 14 events, and two hours, the Northern Division Track Championship in Seattle was just another meet.

Then Gerry Lindgren stepped onto the track.

A chilling wind sweeping off Lake Washington, so-so performances in most events, and a tighter-than-expected, but still obvious, team title race, dulled the enthusiasm and athletic sense of the some 3,000 spectators lost in huge Husky Stadium.

Little Gerry clipped off 12 laps in machine-like fashion to win the three-mile in the meet, stadium, collegiate, and American record time of 12:53.0. Despite a brilliant final lap time of 58 seconds, he failed to erase the pending world record of 12:52.4 set last year in London by Australia's Ron Clark.

"I wasn't thinking about going for the record," said a seemingly fresh Lindgren only minutes after breaking the tape. "I ran primarily to win."

Although Ken Moore, whose presence in the three-mile was supposed to create a tight duel between the Oregon senior and Lindgren, finished a tired and badly beaten third, the smiling Lindgren gave him credit for the near-record performance.

"I wanted to go out kinda fast because I knew Moore was real tough. I was just trying to keep going, trying to keep up a steady pace against the wind."

"I felt great during the race. Right now," he noted, "this is my best race, but I'd like to go six miles."

But if Lindgren stole the spotlight, it wasn't the fault of Washington's Dave Williams.

Williams, an all-AAWU end last fall on Jim Owens' football squad, won both hurdle events, finished second in the long jump, and ran a leg on Washington's winning 440 relay team.

These efforts were worth 14½ points to his school's second place finish, but the strong Husky looked like he was ready for more.

"I'm a little bit tired now, but not like usual," admitted Williams. "I guess I'm getting in shape now."

The winning Oregon Ducks, who amassed 64 points to Washington's 55, Washington State's 44, and Oregon State's 30 to win their 13th consecutive Northern Division title, were not without their heroes either.

At one point in the meet, immediately after the 120-yard high hurdles, the Huskies had moved to within a few points of the Ducks on the basis of Dave Williams' victory in that event.

But there Wade Bell took over. The swift Oregon junior, who earlier had trotted out a 4:11.4 victory in the mile, led a 1-2-4 Webfoot finish in the 880 to insure another title for Bill Bowerman and his troops. Although the time, 1:53.0 was unimpressive, the manner of victory wasn't.

Bell, running dead last halfway through the final lap, turned on his finishing sprint midway around the last turn, and outran the field for an easy and important victory. Mike Crunican finished second for the Ducks, while Don Scott, who led the race until Bell took over,

was just edged out of third place.

Neal Steinhauer, whom Duck fans have come to expect miracles from, responded with only one.

The huge Webfoot cracked the meet and school records by flipping the discus 185-3 in winning that event. But in his specialty, the shot put, Steinhauer threw only 61-7, far below par and disappointing to a good portion of the crowd which sat near the shot circle in hopes of another record.

Although this effort was good enough for a first, it was obvious that Neal was off his feed.

"I couldn't get started today," said Steinhauer. "I didn't want to," he said in reference to his attitude following his decisive loss to Randy Matson in Los Angeles Friday night.

Steinhauer also explained that he was tired from the previous night's competition and the flight to Seattle. "You can get away with being a little tired in the discus," he said, "but not the shot."

But if Bell's and Steinhauer's efforts, plus Bruce Mortenson's second-straight Northern Division title in the steeplechase, were Duck highlights, the performances of regular winners Bob Blum and Mike Deibele endangered the Webfoot cause.

Blum lost the metal plate off his foot on the first hurdle and finished out of the money in the 120-yard high hurdles. Deibele, bucking a strong head wind that seemed to be just too much for him, could manage only a runnerup finish in the 100, and no better than seventh in the furlong.

In Northern Division Baseball

Cougars Sweep Oregon

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Washington State showed its muscle at the plate as it cinched its second consecutive Northern Division baseball crown by sweeping a three-game series from Oregon Friday and Saturday at Howe Field.

The loss dropped the Ducks to third place in N.D. standings.

The nation's fourth-ranked Cougars supported the six-hit pitching of Dan Frisella with three homers to win Friday's series opener 7-3 and then followed with 6-3 and 10-5 victories in Saturday's doubleheader.

The WSU wins, completing a six-game season sweep over Oregon, gave them a 13-1 record and left the Ducks with a 5-9 record, one game ahead of last place Oregon State.

Oregon meets OSU in a season ending three-game series next weekend.

Solo homers by Dale Ford, Jim Hannah, and a two-run shot by pitcher Dan Frisella highlighted WSU's 10-hit attack against four Duck pitchers Friday.

The Cougars had already scored four runs by the time the Ducks got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the third. Steve Banker walked to open the inning and scored after singles by Ron Delplanche and Scott Cress.

Trailing, 7-1, Oregon added two runs in the eighth when Cress and Delplanche singled and scored on Dale Ehler's fly and Dick Ogan's double.

Doug Luckens held the Duck bats to four hits in Saturday's opener as WSU struck quick with three runs in the first inning. Jim Lance driving in two with a bases loaded single.

Oregon finally scored in the fifth when Ehler doubled, moved to third on an infield out and scored on Rich Armstrong's sacrifice fly.

A Duck throwing error with two on in the sixth led to the three unearned Cougar runs which proved the margin of victory. Phil Olrich slammed a two-run homer in Oregon's half of the seventh.

Washington State scored five runs in the third, held off Oregon

threats in the fifth and sixth innings, and added four runs in the seventh to take the final game.

The Cougars hammered 12 hits to Oregon's six and used five pitchers, three of them in the sixth.

Oregon had taken a 2-1 lead on an error and Ehler's double before the Cougars' third outburst in which they scored five runs on four singles and a bases loaded error.

The Ducks fought back gamely. Cress homered for two runs in the third and Delplanche drove in starter Mike Nicksic with a sacrifice fly in the fourth.

But that's as close as the Ducks could get. Ehler was tagged going to third after his third double of the afternoon to end a Duck threat in the fifth.

Two perfect pegs from the outfield halted another Oregon threat in the sixth.

Ted Amato led off the inning with a walk and pinch runner Don Pooley was awarded second on a balk. Delplanche then singled with one out, but a throw by Jim Doyle kept Pooley from scoring.

Dennis Baldridge followed with a fly to left and again Pooley was denied as Dale Ford's throw nabbed him at the plate to end the inning.

Any further Oregon hopes were sealed by the Cougars in the seventh when Hal Brunstad singled in a run and Dan Frisella belted a three-run pinch-hit homer over the left-centerfield fence.

Frisella then came on to retire the Ducks in their last chance at the plate.



WASHINGTON STATE catcher Jim Hanna scoots safely back to first after Oregon pitcher Charles Hopkins' throw to first baseman Scott Cress was too late to catch him for an out.

Probables Win in Rugby Game

The Probables squeaked by the Possibles, 9 to 8, in Oregon Universities rugby football action Saturday at Hayward Field.

The all-star game took place following the traditional University alumni-varsity football game.

The 15-man Possibles squad led the Probables at halftime, 5 to 3. Wing Don Simonson of Oregon scored a try for three points and halfback Peter Raven, also of the University, picked up two more points with a conversion.

Halfback Lloyd Chapman of OSU scored the Probables' only points of the first half with a penalty kick.

But in the second half, University's Dan Tannacito scored a try for three more points and Wiley Smith of OSU clinched the victory with another try just before the final whistle.

Fred Erlenbusch of OSU made the only score for the Possibles in the second half with a try.

Tom Hussy, a wing from the University, suffered an injury to his left ring finger during the

second half and was taken out of the game. How long he will be out of play hasn't been determined.

Frosh Beat Clark In Doubleheader

Jon Wheeler and Terry Ley pitched back to back one hitters Saturday as they led Oregon's Frosh to a 3-0, 5-0 doubleheader sweep over Clark College.

Wheeler struck out 10 and walked four in the first game as Gerry Knudsen singled in a run in the first inning and then scored on a wild pitch. Clark's only hit was a single in the fourth by Bill Chase.

Ley struck out 13 and walked four and had a no-hitter going until the sixth when he gave up a single to pinch-hitter Ripley.

Carl Tinsley and Steve Arnold each doubled in the second game. Arnold also drive in two Frosh runs with a single in the fourth.

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