

Inches Could Decide Oregon-WSU Contest

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A quarter of an inch, a single step, or a bad baton pass could make the difference of victory in tomorrow's Oregon-Washington State spike dual at Hayward Field.

By no fault of anyone, coaches Bill Bowerman and Jack Mooberry have come up with two of the most evenly matched squads in the conference. In fact, the teams are so closely paired that the local gamblers won't even take odds.

Pullman's Cougars will bring to Duck Country a 1-1 record, walloping Stanford 106-39, but losing to Oregon State 84-61. The Ducks will be looking for their initial win, bowing the past two weeks to Washington 70-66 and USC 92-53.

Oregon will put its 14 straight wins over WSU on the line, currently leading the rivalry 21-12.

Lindgren vs. Kvalheim

Probably the closest races of the meet will be the mile and the two mile. Former Olympian Gerry Lindgren will face Oregon's two-mile record holder Arne Kvalheim. Lindgren's best time this year is 9:14.5 and Kvalheim's is 8:37.9, but Lindgren has run it in 8:31.6.

Lindgren, the Cougars senior superstar, will double in the mile and face the "Albany flash" Dave Wilborn. Wilborn ran an outstanding 3:58.4 last week, and "Little Gerry" toured the four laps in 4:07.8.

Roscoe Divine, one of the top milers in Oregon's history, still has a fatigue fracture and will not run for the rest of the season. Divine, by "redshirting," still has two years of varsity eligibility left.

Another race that should have the fans off their seats is the quarter-mile. Ron Couser, a transfer from LA Valley College and last week's winner over USC, will face WSU's Larry Scheurer. Couser's best time is 48.7 and Scheurer's is 48.3.

Close Sprints

The sprints will be another battle that will go down to the last stride. The locals' Mike Deibele, sporting a best of 9.7 in the century and 21.4 in the 220, will meet the Cougars' Jim Johnson (9.7, 21.2) and Dick Lapham (9.7, 21.5). Frank Marlatt and Larry Sweek could also sneak in for the lemon and green.

Jim Reverman, who pulled off his lifetime half mile best

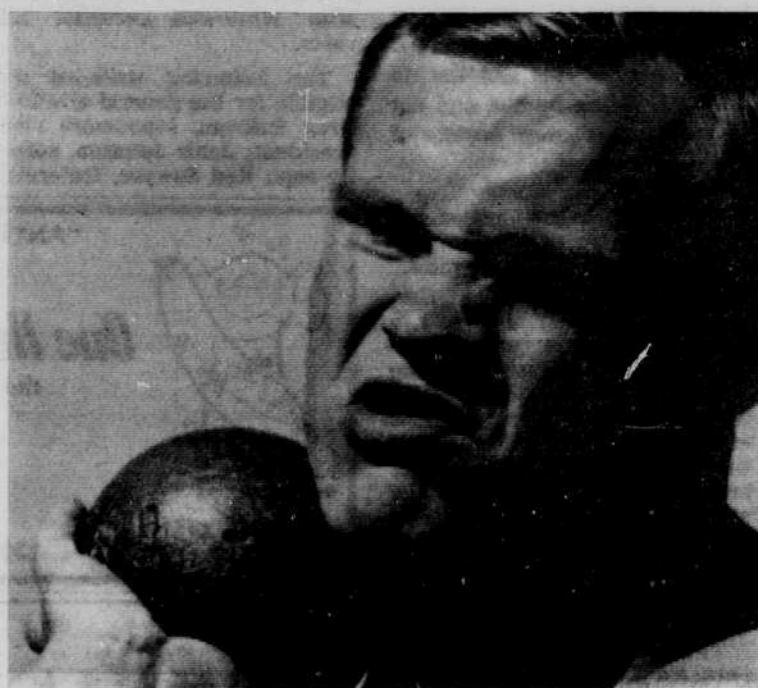


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ZIGURT STRAUTS Top weight man at Oregon

against USC with a 1:51.8, Jere Van Dyke and Scott Taylor of Oregon will be matched with Art Sandison and Rod Dahl of Washington State in the 880.

In the hurdles, Olympian Gary Knoke and senior Bob Blum will face Boyd Gittens and Bob Daily of WSU. The hurdles are the only events where Bowerman's thinclads hold a distinct advantage.

On paper it would appear that if the Ducks want to keep their win streak alive they will have to come up with some points in the field events.

Thrilling Long Jump

The long jump will provide the best contest of the competition. Sophomore Tom Smith, who was edged last week by one-quarter inch by Trojan Earl "The Pearl" McCullough, has a best of 24.7. Washington State's Barrie Johnson, one of the top in the AAWU last year, has a best this season of 24.7 3/4.

Another field event that could go either way is the high jump. Oregon's Tom Endicott has cleared 6-6, but WSU has Keith Dalluge, who has also gone over the 6-6 height.

Washington State figures to take the triple jump with Johnson (49-2 3/4) and the shot with John Van Reenen (61-9 1/2), and the javelin with Carl O'Don-

nell (237.4). Oregon's Bob Varley has the best pole vault mark of the competitors, hitting 15-6.

Another tight duel could be the discus. Van Reenen has a 195-10 shot this season, but Canadian Zigurt Strauts has pulled upsets before. Strauts has a 174-3 to his credit.

The final victory may well come down to the mile relay, and that too is going to be close. Oregon will probably run Reverman, Van Dyke, Couser and Knoke, and the Cougars will combat with Art Sandison, Al Karlberg, Gittens and Scheurer. Oregon's best time is 3:13.7 and the Cougars have completed the four laps in 3:18.5.

The prediction here is Oregon by less than the amount of fingers you can count on one hand. However, if you're thinking of placing a bet... our suggestion is to pick USC over Stanford.

Field events began at 1:15, and running events get under way at 2 p.m.

Oregon Leads Golf Meet

Finals at WSU

Coach Jack Adler's Oregon golf team, holding a 28-stroke lead at the midway point, travels to Clarkston, Wash., this weekend for the final 36 holes of the Northern Division Golf Championships.

Washington State, currently in last place among the four Northern Division teams, hosts the meet at Clarkston Country Club. The first 18 holes were played last Friday at the Corvallis CC, and the second 18 at Eugene CC.

Oregon has collected 913 strokes to Oregon State's 941, Washington's 975 and WSU's 979.

The Ducks can also boast the

two leading golfers in the tournament so far in Mike Davis and Gay Davis. Mike, a senior from Portland's Grant High, shot a 74-73-147 last weekend, and Gay, a senior from Cleveland High in Portland, shot a 74-74-148 for second.

Also travelling to Clarkston are senior Rich Knight, junior Scott Smith, and sophomore Mike Currie and Fred Haney.

Adler says that he doesn't feel safe even with a 28-stroke lead, as the Clarkston Club has proved difficult for Duck golfers this year. A month ago, Oregon lost a sudden death decision to Whitman in the Banana Belt Tournament after leading the first day.

Clarkston is a small, tight par 71. "The greens were very hard when we were up there last time," said Adler, "and we had to hit short and run up, something we weren't used to doing, and this hurt us."

Oregon Frosh golf team will travel to Bend Sunday to meet the Bend Men's Club in a 10:30 a.m. encounter at the Bend Country Club.

Oregon Frosh Baseball Stats

(Won 8, Lost 2)

Batting	AB	R	H	Ave.	RBI	HR
Merz	6	2	3	.500	1	0
Whitman	6	2	3	.500	3	0
Masters	4	1	2	.500	0	0
Pachot	15	2	6	.400	1	0
Peterson	18	2	7	.389	3	0
Nall	28	9	10	.357	5	0
Wicklund	27	7	8	.296	4	0
Main	17	3	5	.294	1	0
Verhaeghe	7	1	2	.286	0	0
Dingman	11	1	3	.273	1	0
Knapp	12	3	3	.250	4	0
Loeffel	13	2	3	.231	2	0
Graham	22	5	5	.227	0	0
Balkovich	25	6	5	.200	5	0
Woolsey	11	1	2	.182	3	0
Lawrence	25	4	2	.080	1	0
Others	16	1	0	.000	1	0
Totals	263	52	69	.262	35	0

Pitching	IP	W	L	Pct.	SO	ERA
Iholts	13	3	0	1.000	22	0.00
Mealey	3	0	0	.000	7	0.00
Hollen	9	1	0	1.000	14	1.00
Masters	13	1	0	1.000	11	1.38
King	5	1	1	.500	17	1.80
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