

# Four events 'crucial' to Duck victory

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It's north to Seattle for Bill Bowerman's spikers and the rest of the Pacific-8 teams for the conference championships. The Ducks, runners-up for the past three years, will again be favored for the number two position behind powerful defending champion UCLA.

The meet gets underway this afternoon with finals in the long jump, javelin, shot put and 3000 meter steeplechases all crucial events for the Ducks. Local radio station KUGN (590) will broadcast tonight at 5:15, and will begin continuous coverage tomorrow at 2 p.m.

One of the most crucial events for Oregon has to be the long jump where Duck Bouncy Moore is the defending champ. Moore's best mark this season is 25-8 $\frac{3}{4}$  and while this is a very respectable effort he trails three other Pac-8 leapers. Southern Cal's Henry Hines (26-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and UCLA freshman James McAlister (26-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) are number one and two in the world this year, with McAlister's teammate Finn Bendixen sporting a pretty fair 25-10. Moore cannot be counted out, however, as he competes better in the big meets. Last year he took second in the NCAA, first in the AAU and then topped the Russians in Moscow last summer.

Shot putter Pete Shmock has been putting over 60 consistently the last few weeks and could be a top contender in his event. Only USC's Doug Lane (63-2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ) and Bruin Mark Ostoich (62-10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ) have marks above Shmock's best of 62-4.

The javelin could prove to be fatal for the Ducks. Last year Mark Richardson and Mac Wilkins placed 2-3 giving Oregon a big 14 points, this year Wilkins has been sidelined with a sore arm (after he three 255-4) and Richardson's condition is also somewhat questionable.

## SPE's rally for 11-9 win

A slow starting Sigma Phi Epsilon struck for four runs in the fifth inning and bagged three more in the sixth and seventh innings to defeat the San Diego Georges 11-9 and capture the IM softball championships Wednesday afternoon.

The SPE's Al Menashe, by bagging a homer with two men on base in the fifth inning, brought the fraternity men within one run at 9-8 score.

The San Diego Georges failed to earn any runs in the sixth and final inning as the "fired-up" SPE's earned three more runs and played flawless defense.

Traditionally it has been independent teams that have captured the IM softball crown. Last year's champs the Has Beens did not play this year.

Ironically none of the San Diego Georges' players are from San Diego. The team is named after one of their players last year.

For the SPE's the victory was sweet. With only track remaining, (SPE is defending), the fraternity has an outside chance of capturing the Legal Eagles and winning the IM points title.

The final event on Friday's calendar, the 3000 meter steeplechase, could be a big one as far as Duck title hopes are concerned. With conference record holder Steve Savage (8:38.6) and the year's Pac-8 leader, Todd Lathers (8:47.4), Oregon could pick up a very big 1-2. Norwegian Webfoot Knut Kvalheim might even slip in for third as he has clocked a 8:54.2 in his only outing. It won't be an easy race however, as host Washington's Jim Johnson has the number two time in the league this year at 8:48.8, and certainly will be the favorite of the crowd.

Kvalheim is expected to double back in the mile Saturday and with a 4:00.2 time is rated the favorite to take that event. Lathers may also double up for the four-lapper, with Savage going again in the three mile.

If there ever was, or is, a sure thing in track it might very well be a Steve Prefontaine victory in the three mile. The defending Pac-8 and NCAA titlist should have little difficulty outdistancing his opponents as he

has a 30 second edge over his nearest competition.

The Ducks could capture several other events, but they would definitely have to be rated as dark-horse favorites. Marty Hill and Phil Singleton might place high in the high jump, but only if they can crack the seven-foot barrier that has been their nemesis all season.

In the sprints Al Hearvey could surprise everyone, but don't count on him beating Southern Cal's Willie Deckard. Deckard clocked the fastest double in several years two weeks ago with a 9.2 100 and a 20.2 220.

High hurdler Ivory Harris should be one of the first across the finish line in his event, but his 13.8 clocking ranks behind USC's Lance Babb and Stanford's Rick Tipton, both with 13.7 marks.

Sweden's contribution to Oregon, Nils Emilsson, might break through in the half mile, but according to the form chart his season best of 15 1:51.1 will probably be good for only sixth place.

## USC drops Oregon in Pacific-8 playoffs

Pullman, Wash. (Special)—Good omens sometimes play a big part in a baseball game.

Omens such as Earle Wicklund, the Oregon centerfielder, doubling on the first pitch of the game and scoring an out later, breaking the Ducks scoreless jinx against the Southern California Trojans.

Or such as Andy Jones, the Oregon pitcher, bunting safely for his only base hit of the season and helping the Ducks score another run in the fifth.

Unfortunately, few omens work when the team you're playing is undefeated in league play and the number one team in the country.

The USC bats pounded Jones for twelve hits Thursday and pitcher Mark Sogge set the Ducks down in the clutch, as the Trojans claimed a 6-2 victory over Oregon in the first game of the Pacific-8 conference play-offs.

In the day's second game, Stanford defeated host Washington State 8-4.

Oregon is scheduled to meet WSU at 10 a.m. today, and the loser of that contest will be out of the double elimination tournament.

USC faces Stanford at 1 p.m. today in the championship bracket. The winner of the morning game meets the loser of the 1 p.m. contest at 4 p.m.

"I thought we played a good ball game," said Oregon coach Mel Krause.

"But USC is definitely a better team."

Wicklund got the Ducks started quickly in the first inning when he doubled to left. The fleet outfielder stole third on an aborted pickoff play at second, then scored as Gary Nall bounced out to first.

But USC rallied for three in its half of the inning. Jeff Pedersen singled, and Tim Steele and Craig Perkins followed with back to back doubles for two runs. Then Jeff Port singles to bring home Perkins with the eventual deciding run.

The Trojans took a 4-1 lead in the third on singles by Pedersen and Perkins spaced around a ground out. Then the Ducks nearly tied the game in the fifth.

Greg Brosterhous doubled to left, and Jones followed with his bunt single, sending Brosterhous to third. Wicklund struck out, then Nall hit a long fly ball that USC rightfielder Steele hauled down just five feet in front of the fence. That scored Brosterhous but cut the rally short.

USC put the game away and chased Jones from the mound with two runs in the seventh. A walk, infield single and error loaded the bases. Perkins lined into a double play, but Daryl Arenstein and Port rapped run-scoring singles.

Alan Hardin (5-2) or Rick Mealey (4-3) will pitch for the Ducks against the Cougars this morning.



Photo by Frits Schmidt

Coach Bill Bowerman and quarter man Weldon Vance discuss pre-race strategy. Last week, Vance set a Pacific-8 Northern Division record in the 440 with a time of 46.7 as

Bowerman won his 15th ND title in 16 years. The Duck sprinter will compete in the 440 and mile relay in this weekend's Pac-8 championships at Seattle.

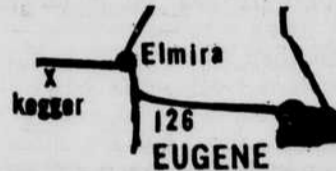
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