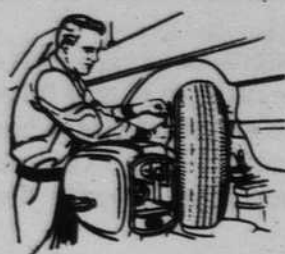


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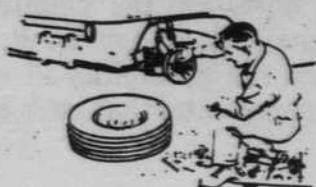


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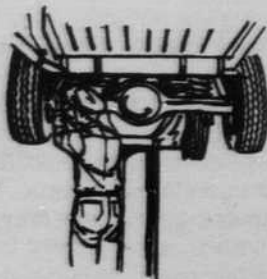
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Mays, Pre shine in Oregon Indoor

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PORTLAND (SPECIAL) — You could call the relationship between Al Hearvey and John Mays special. Or you could call it fiercely competitive. Either way, both men appear well on the way to making the Oregon track team something it hasn't been lately—an NCAA threat in the sprints.

Mays beat Hearvey and Don Quarrie in the finals of the 60-yard dash at Memorial Coliseum Saturday night.

It certainly wasn't the dominant feature of the Oregon Indoor Invitational. In the same meet Al Feuerbach muscled the 16-pound shot 69-5 1/4 to establish a new indoor world record. And Steve Prefontaine, the man running less and enjoying life a whole lot more, broke the American two-mile indoor record when he blazed home in 8:24.6.

For Mays, the transfer from Lane Community College who constantly ran in Hearvey's shadow through the past outdoor season, his win Saturday night was important.

"I thought I was going to run good. I had to," he enthused. "I've been doing so poorly the last four years."

In a race that contained one of the world's fastest runners indoors and out, Quarrie, Mays was more fearful of teammate Hearvey.

"I knew Al was the man to beat."

Mays and Hearvey both won their heats, then, in the final, John bolted off to a big edge at the start and held off Al to the tape. Mays time was fast—6.1.

And his start?

"It was a false start—I know it was," smiled Hearvey later. "But it was a good race."

The competitive fervor that drives Mays to escape his teammate's shadow doesn't end at the track. "To tell you the truth," he said Saturday night, "I think about Al in my sleep."

"I ran behind him all year last year. And I worried about him. I just hope the team will accept me more if I do better."

If he keeps beating people like Quarrie, acceptance will be no problem.

The next time you see Steve Prefontaine drinking beer at the Stadium Club, don't worry.

Pre looked in top outdoor form while winging around the wooden track in record time.

"I've done things this year I've never done . . . stayed out all night and had a lot of fun," he grinned.

"I may just keep it that way. It doesn't seem to be affecting me."

For the first time in three years, Pre didn't get the outstanding performer award. That went to Feuerbach—who got his second world record in two weeks here.

But more intriguing is Pre's reaction to what happened at Munich. The resultant layoff—the rumors about being out of shape—and then the big victory over Lasse Viren and Frank Shorter at the Sunkist meet. Now his sixth American record.

Clearly, his attitude is changing.

"I don't get nervous for a race anymore. Well, maybe 15 minutes before," he nodded. "I think it's maturity. You can kind of take the races in stride."

Pre wasn't conscious of the record until he heard the roar of the packed Coliseum crowd near the end. By then, he'd beaten off a mid-race challenge by Don Kardong and was by himself.

The last quarter-lap was probably the fastest he's ever run.

"He (Kardong) inspired me because the pace was just going along," said Pre. "I was just running the way I felt. That's sort of my philosophy now."

Second-ranked Indiana team defeats gymnasts

On a mid-west roadswing over the weekend, Oregon's 'flying duck' gymnasts met with not only victory over teams from Wheaton and Ball State, but also suffered their first defeat of the season at the hands of second ranked Indiana State, 161.15-150.45. Freshman Steve Roskam also set an all-time Oregon record performance in the all around competition on Friday night, with a 49.50, and then

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followed it up with a 47.50 against Indiana State on Saturday.

Now garnishing a 5-1 record, the Ducks scored 152.0 points in a double dual meet on Friday night to easily beat both Wheaton (136.80) and Ball State (131.35). Oregon captured all but two individual event championships, and the meet was highlighted with double dual wins by freshman Bob Rikli (free exercise 8.8), freshman Jim Lester (pommel horse 8.7), Steve Roskam (parallel bars 8.35), senior Warren Weiseth (high bars 9.15), and Roskam again in the all around at 49.50.

Other standouts included, single dual wins by Steve Roskam on the rings 8.4 over Wheaton, and freshman Mike Blumenstein winning on the long horse vault 8.85 also against Wheaton. Completing the overall depth win were, freshman Don Lester second in floor exercise 8.55, sophomore Joe Percival second on the pommel horse 8.65, junior Kevin Cornelius second on the rings 8.35, freshman Tom Phillips second on the parallel bars 8.15, senior Greg Maxwell 9.0 second on the high bar, and freshman Roskam 8.45 for third on the high bar.

Roskam's all-time performance in the all around competition at 49.50 bettered the old mark of

47.60 set by present senior, and injured team mate, Trey McDowell last season. The long horse vault was definitely Oregon's weakest event against these two teams in double dual meet confrontation.

While Friday night's wins over Wheaton and Ball State were relatively easy ones, the confrontation against second ranked Indiana State was a totally different story. Beaten 161.15 to 150.45, the Oregon team was only able to capture a tie for one individual event championship as freshman Bob Rikli saved face for the Ducks setting another all-time Oregon record performance, this time in the floor exercise.

Tying with Indiana State specialist Dean Mellum at 9.25, Rikli broke the old standard set by former Oregon great gymnast George Shoemaker in 1970 of 9.20. Highlighting the meet for the Ducks, freshmen Jim Lester took a third place on the side with a 9.0, junior Kevin Cornelius tied for second with Indiana State specialists Barry Woodward and Paul Blasko, all at 8.80, on the rings, freshman Mike Blumenstein captured a third place on the long horse vault at 8.70, Warren Weiseth had a third place on the high bar at 9.05, and Steve Roskam took third in the all around with a 47.50 mark.

This Indiana State squad is the defending NCAA national champion and are evidently among the strongest teams in the country again this year. Unlike Friday night the parallel bars proved the weakest event in comparison to the competition, and the long horse vault saw improvement, statistically, over the previous night.

Despite the "flying ducks" first defeat of the gymnastics season, at least one thing was proved by the mid-west roadswing and a previous victory over Chico State 154.15-150.20. Oregon's youngblood team, consisting of a vast majority of freshmen, has made an improvement on their first dual meet competition held several weeks ago against the Portland State Vikings.

Oregon coach Bill Ballester stated then, that "this team is capable of scoring up to 155 or 158 points, right now." After three dual meets away from home, and two all-time individual event performances . . . including a 173 season team high 154.15 score, the 'flying ducks' may not have much farther to go, before they realize their full potential.

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