

Little joy in Pullman, mighty Ducks flake out

PULLMAN, Wash. — If Oregon's Saturday performance in Pullman was any indication of what the Ducks will do when they return in a month for the Pacific-8 meet, then the team may not be busying to meets anymore.

It kept happening — Washington State won the long jump — which could have been a laugh if you compared best marks. They won the shot put, discus, and 100 in similar fashion.

In all of the close matchups, Oregon lost. Tinker Hatfield lowered to 15-0 after his record breaking pole vault a week ago against UCLA. He, too, was second.

Dave Voorhees lost out by a foot in the discus, as did Bruce Hill in the shot put. Dale Scott beat Steve Bence in the 880 by a second. Scott Daggatt, the top miler in the Pacific-8 at the present time, didn't place in the 880.

Predictably, Washington State won the three-mile behind Kenyan

John Ngeno, as well as the high jump and both hurdle races. But the Ducks lost the 100, 440 and mile relay, also.

It was not a good day. Paul Geis did win the mile — in 4:10.3 — which was somewhat of a consolation to Daggatt's misfortune.

The Ducks now have a week off from team competition, as they try to regroup with the Twilight Meet at Hayward Field before taking on Oregon State in Corvallis May 3.

In the jayvee meet in Eugene, better things were happening. Lars Kaupang, who didn't go to Pullman, ran a sizzling 1:51.8 in the 880, maybe the best Oregon mark of the day — here or there.

But then again, maybe Lars is happy that the stayed home. Those buses are murder and the weather was worse.

Coach Bill Dellinger may have the team walk back to Eugene — and forget about the NCAAs.

In a meet that the Ducks should have won, everything happened that wasn't supposed to, and everything that wasn't supposed to happen did. The only reliable factor in the meet was the weather. It was typically awful.

In short, Oregon humiliated themselves against Washington State, 94-69. Granted, marks for the meet were poorer than usual. The two teams combated rain, hail and cold breezes to complete what should have been a rain-out. But it really fizzled on the Ducks, as nothing seemed to go right except the wrongs.

For example, Larry Hurst captured the steeplechase for the first time ever in varsity competition while teammate Tom McChesney finished second.

Then Ed Bilusak won the triple jump, another Oregon surprise, with a lifetime best no less, although wind-aided. To round out the Duck plus column, sprinter Al Dukowski captured his second 220 race in a row with a 21.4 clocking over favored Gary Minor of WSU.

So much for the good. Now for the long list of disappointments.

Clark Eklund snared the hammer throw for the Ducks, but WSU's Marl Murray slipped into second after mediocre performances by Mike Bolliger and Rich Perkins.

Then Oregon lost the 440 relay, another event that should have gone the Ducks' way.

Ken Kramer of WSU won the javelin with a mark of 198-10, a mark that will usually get you sixth in a Hayward Field meet. Jeff Carter, who has thrown over 240 for three straight weeks, slipped to 193 for second.

Volleyball championships slated

The best men's volleyball teams in the Pacific Northwest will be in Eugene Saturday, April 26. Thirty teams will compete in the United States Volleyball Association's Region II Championships.

Final matches in the "A" and "AA" divisions will be held at South Eugene High School starting at 7 p.m. Saturday. The "AA" (open) championship match is set to begin at 8:30. Admission is \$1.00.

"Volleyball at this level is an exciting spectator sport; I'm told it's the second most popular spectator sport in the world," says Ed Jacobson, a member of the tournament committee. "These guys will show you why. You'll see spikes traveling over 100 miles per hour and bodies flying through the air to meet the ball before it hits the floor."

The Multnomah Athletic Club of Portland, one of the top-rated

teams in the nation, comes into the tournament as defending champion and highly favored to win the open or "AA" competition. Two local teams, the Eugene Planing Mill/YMCA team and the University of Oregon sextet, are given a chance of reaching the finals.

Other highly regarded teams in the tournament include the Renton Volleyball Club, winners of the Washington State Championships, and the Army's national All-Star team which has been training in the Pacific Northwest.

Qualifying matches begin at 9 a.m. with all "AA" teams competing at South Eugene High. Teams in the "A" division will play elimination rounds at Lane Community College, while "B" teams complete their championship at Central Lane YMCA. Admission to all qualifying matches is free.

Questions about the tournament can be directed to Ed Jacobson, 2345 Patterson, Eugene; phone 342-6989.

Lacrossers crossed up

By BRIAN HAARSTICK
For the Emerald

The University lacrosse team suffered its first conference defeat Saturday in losing to the Washington Huskies 10-6 in Eugene. Oregon began in slow motion and never established any momentum until the second half. By then it was too late.

Washington's Rocky Goodhope turned a hat trick in the first three minutes of play. He added a fourth goal and his teammates hit for three more as the Huskies roared ahead for a 7-2 halftime lead. Junior midfielder Sayre MacNeil accounted for both Oregon goals.

Oregon rallied itself appreciably in the third quarter by controlling possession and scoring twice on goals by midfielder Pete Diffe-

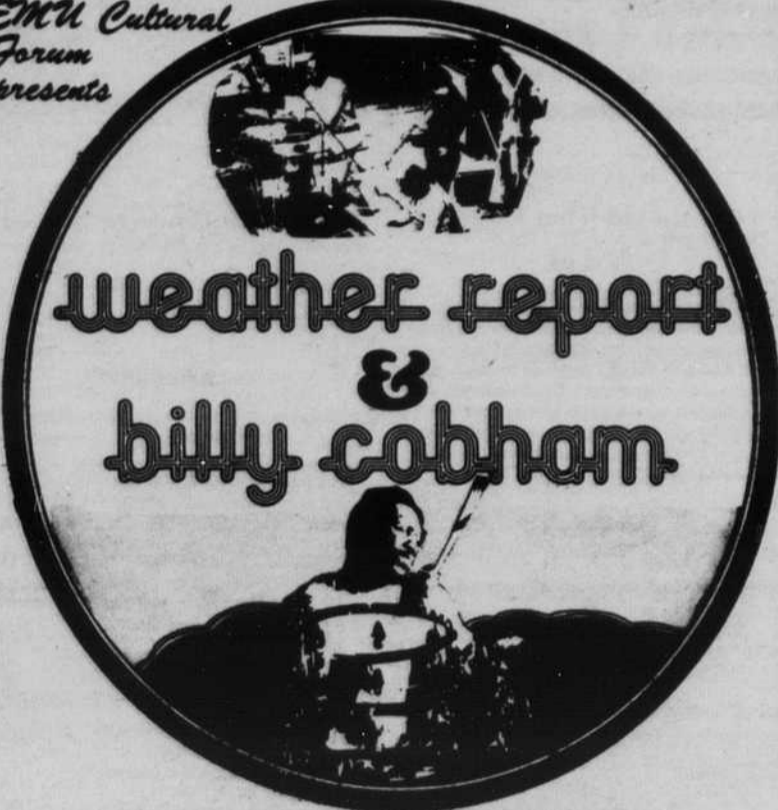
nderfer and attackman Ted Montague. Ferocious body checking by the Duck defense stymied Washington's attack while the Duck's offense kept surging.

Ted Faye scored from his attack position and Diffenderfer tallied his second goal as the Ducks closed to within two at 8-6 with four minutes remaining. Here the comeback collapsed.

Mark Puppy was called for a misconduct and Oregon was forced to play a man short for three of the final four minutes. The Huskies exploited the situation by scoring twice to put the game out of reach.

Oregon is now 1-1 in conference play. The Ducks face some strong California teams next weekend as they play host to Berkeley on Saturday and Stanford Sunday.

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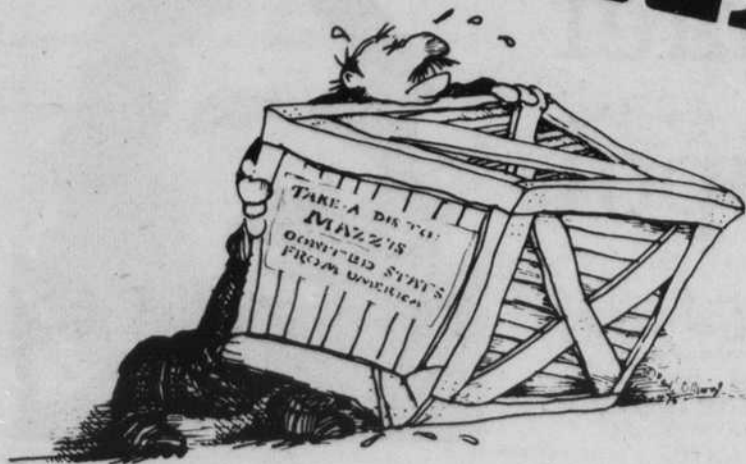
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