

Hayward field gets set with a brand new look

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Wednesday afternoon a crew of workmen was busily pouring concrete onto the base of the Hayward Field time clock tower, which will soon be the home of the newly donated \$80,000 scoreboard. Another crew was digging a new runway for the javelin and still another was pouring a yellow goo onto parts of the track to fill in spots that are severely worn.

All this is part of an \$86,000 track resurfacing and renovation project that will make Hayward the best track facility in the world, assistant coach Frank Morris said. Bar none.

"As far as viewing a track meet, and the intimacy between the athletes and crowd, this will be the best track facility in the world," Morris said of the soon-to-be completed renovation. "Others like Montreal and Munich have great stadiums." But Hayward Field has intimacy, something the large, 80,000 seat stadiums sorely lack.

The resurfacing project money was raised primarily by jog-a-thons the University held the past two years.

How soon the project will be completed will depend on the weather, which will allow the track to be touched up, a new surface applied and drying time before

painting.

The resurfacing will go something like this: first, deeply worn areas will be filled in, then a 3/16 inch deep layer of liquid polyurethane will be poured onto the present surface. Before the surface dries, a chemically treated sand will be blown onto the track, and after the excess sand is swept away, lanes and start-finish lines and such will be painted. The sand will give the track a non-skid surface.

In addition to the track resurfacing, a new discus ring was installed, which Morris calls the fastest in the world; new surfaces for the pole vault, long and triple jump approaches to improve traction; and new approaches for the javelin and high jump.

The javelin approach will be angled from the southeast to the northwest corner of the field, which will allow the javelin throwers to throw into the wind instead of into a cross wind as the present south-north configuration now requires. A new 120-degree high jump approach will be built where the present javelin runway is, and will be totally surfaced. Presently high jumpers have to begin their approach to the bar on grass.

By separating the high jump and javelin approaches, Morris said the events could be run simultaneously according to meet rules.



Despite the rain, the resurfacing of Hayward Field is continuing.

Photo by Steve Schneider

"It could be the difference in getting the AAU meet in 1979 or the Olympic Trials in 1980," Morris said. "But there is some opposition to us having the trials for a third time in a row. But no one else can guarantee the Olympic com-

mittee a well-run 10 day meet that will net the committee \$300,000."

The hammer will also be thrown in the infield from the shot put ring with the addition of a new portable screen for the hammer throw ring and a beefed-up infield.

Morris said the resurfaced track and new scoreboard, which is the best on the continent besides the one in Montreal's Olympic stadium, will help the University's efforts to attract big meets in the future.

Oregon scores four early to beat OCE, 7-2

MONMOUTH — Oregon put together a couple of two-run innings early on and held Oregon College of Education scoreless in the final eight innings for a 7-2 win here Wednesday.

Steve Elam had a three-for-five afternoon with two doubles and two RBIs in the game that gave freshman Dean Kegler his eighth win against three losses.

The Ducks scored two runs in the first inning when with two out Tom Dodd singled and took third on a double by Ron Sloy. Elam then singled to left to drive the pair home.

Oregon added two more in the third on a throwing error by Wolverine leftfielder Doug Lulay. The Ducks picked up single runs in the fourth, sixth and seventh innings for the seven runs on twelve hits.

Oregon, now 22-19 overall this season, travels to Corvallis this Friday to face Oregon State in Northern Division action. Glenn Fisher is scheduled to start for the Ducks.

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Kegler, Jordan (5), Kelley (8) and Tabler, Wilkinson (9), Simich and Beltz, W — Kegler (8-3), L — Simich.

Seattle beats Nuggets, Sixers stay alive

From Associated Press reports

Fred Brown popped in 11 points and John Johnson added 10 in the final period, leading the Seattle SuperSonics to a 105-91 victory Wednesday night in Seattle over the Denver Nuggets and a 2-1 lead in their National Basketball Association semifinal playoff series.

The Nuggets, who trailed by 13

points early in the third period, closed to 77-74 at the end of the period on a Mack Calvin jumper. Johnson rammed home a 10-footer and Brown followed with a long jumper for a seven-point Seattle lead.

Bobby Wilkerson and rookie Anthony Roberts followed with baskets for Denver to pull the Nuggets within three points with

8:36 remaining. They never got closer down the stretch.

In Philadelphia, Julius Erving and Doug Collins scored 24 points each and Caldwell Jones shut off Elvin Hayes as the Philadelphia 76ers smashed the Washington Bullets 107-94.

The 76ers took an early 9-1 lead and never trailed as they used a devastating fastbreak and a tough

defense to stop the Bullets before a sellout crowd of 18,276.

The 7-foot-1 Jones held Hayes, who had averaged 26.3 points through the first four games, to just 12 points. In addition to his scoring, Erving put the lid on Washington's forward Bob Dandridge, who had scored at a 24.3 clip in the first four games. Dandridge got only 12.

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