

Duck men always ready for dual

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The current Oregon men's track team probably will have trouble measuring up to comparisons with some of the Oregon track teams of the past and their achievements. The current Oregon track teams probably won't have trouble winning dual meets.

Oregon head coach Bill Dellinger has a career record of 104-24 in dual meets. Oregon finished fifth at last season's conference meet, but it was 8-1 against dual meet opponents. Oregon has been ranked as one of the top 10 dual meet teams in the country each year since *Track & Field News* began its end-of-the-season top 10 listing of dual meet teams in 1971.

So maybe Oregon's 107-56 victory at Washington last Saturday wasn't a surprise. And maybe Navy, which comes to Hayward Field for a dual meet that begins at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, ought to be a little bit concerned.

Dellinger was pleased with the Ducks' performance in Seattle. "I thought they came together as a team and competed really well. They were pulling for one another, and even though there may not have been some great marks, the idea is to win the competition," he said.

"As the season goes along, if the competition gets better then you like to have the habit of winning."

Oregon won 14 of 19 events in the meet. It would have won the 4x100-meter relay also but the relay team was disqualified. Dellinger said Oregon lost by inches in two other events.

Ray Livingston (pole vault), Dino Philyaw (200-meter dash), Karl Keska (5,000 meters) and

OREGON VS NAVY

12:30	Hammer - Dan Zorich, Jeremy Robinson, Dusty Carlson
12:45	Long Jump - Eric Trice, Ryan Mayes, Ray Livingston
	Pole Vault - Jeremy Williams, Ray Livingston, Charley Patterson
1:00	Javelin - Jared Vigna, Todd Van Hee
1:05	Shot Put - Dusty Carlson, Dan Zorich, Les Phillipa
1:15	High Jump - Chris Nelson, Eric White, Jeremy Williams
1:30	Steeplechase - John Dimoff, Tim Dodson
1:45	4x100 Relay - Eric Trice, DeWayne Ingram, LaMont Woods, Dino Philyaw
1:55	1,500 - Scott Nicholas, Benjamin Andrews, Karl Keska
2:05	High Hurdles - Sol Sallos, Ray Livingston
2:10	Discus - Dan Zorich, Dusty Carlson, Jeremy Williams
	Triple Jump - Todd Bleakney, Matt Classen
2:15	400 - Patrick Khoo, Tony Jeremiah
2:25	100 - LaMont Woods, Dino Philyaw, DeWayne Ingram
2:35	800 - Gordon Johnson, Scott Kolenic, Goss, Lindsey
2:45	400 Hurdles - Sol Sallos, Robin Kiyonaga
2:55	200 - LaVon Pierce, Dino Philyaw, LeMont Woods
3:05	5,000 - Tracy Hollister, Rick Cantwell
3:20	4x400 Relay - Sol Sallos, Gordon Johnson, Patrick Khoo, LaVon Pierce

Dan Zorich (hammer) qualified for the Pacific-10 Conference championships with their performances against the Huskies. Keska's time of 14 minutes, 17.39 seconds came close to the NCAA provisional qualifying standard.

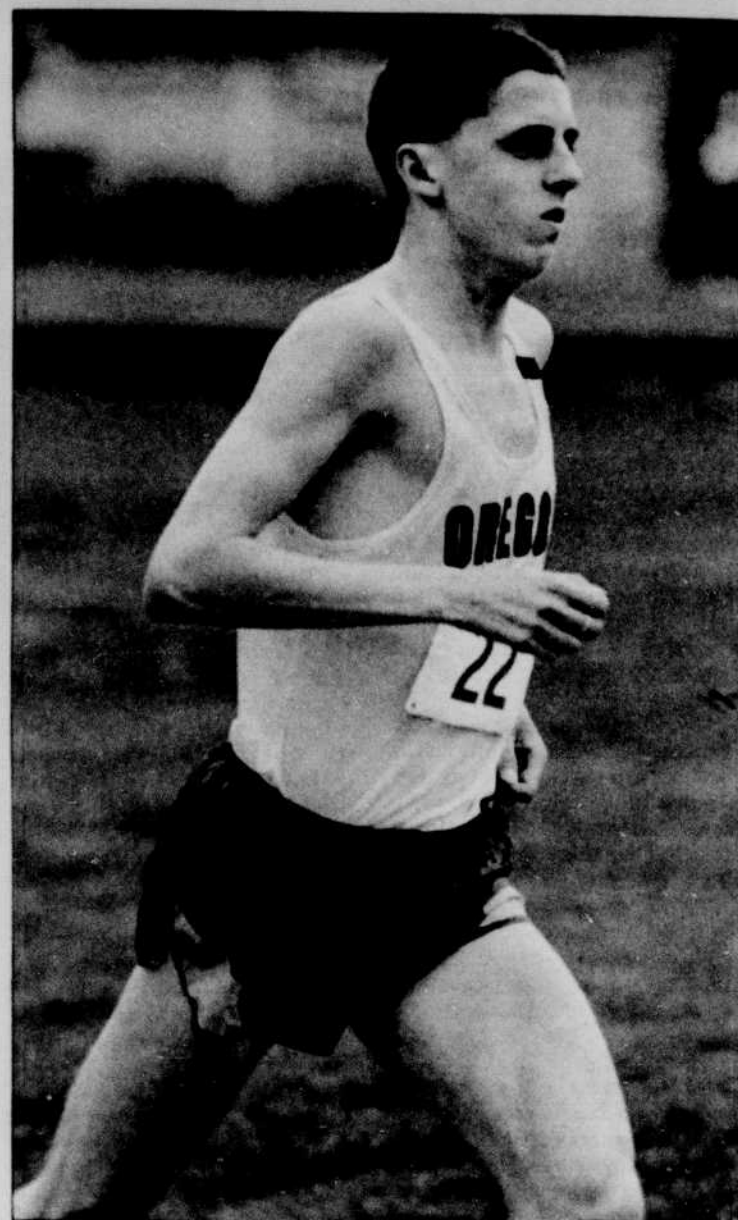
Livingston was a busy man at the Washington meet. The sophomore decathlete won the long jump and 110-meter hurdles. He finished second to teammate Jeremy Williams in the pole vault. He was asking the Oregon coaches whether they needed him for the 200 meters before it was decided that Oregon had the meet in hand and Livingston could rest.

LaVon Pierce had a hand in two victories for Oregon, winning the 400 meters and anchoring the victorious 4x400-meter relay team.

Dellinger said Oregon appears to have an advantage in depth against Navy. The Midshipmen feature Joel Robinson, who has topped 52 feet in the triple jump and 24 feet in the long jump during his career. Another top competitor is Stan Duplaga in the javelin. Duplaga finished 10th in the event at last year's NCAA Championships.

Dellinger said that Navy has a good group of sprinters, and the Middies appear to have some athletes to challenge Oregon in the distances as well.

And the Oregon head coach welcomes the competition. At Washington, Dellinger said, "Some of our guys were upset with their marks. Marks don't mean that much. Some of them, quite frankly, weren't that good. But the competition was still there."



FILE PHOTO
Oregon sophomore Karl Keska's time of 14 minutes, 17.39 seconds in the 5,000 meters last weekend came close to the NCAA provisional qualifying standard.

"I told Scott Nicholas that if he'll win every race, he'll have a qualifying mark by the end of the season," Dellinger said.

The philosophy, it seems, is to concentrate on winning and allow the marks to come when

they will. Coming from a coach who has won three Pac-10 championships and who has 16 finishes in the top 10 at the NCAA Championships, that ought to seem like pretty sound advice.

Meet on paper turns into reality this weekend

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How did Navy's track team end up in Eugene for a dual meet this weekend?

At the 1960 Olympics in Rome, Bill Dellinger ran the 5,000 meters for the United States. Al Cantello competed in the javelin. Dellinger would win

a bronze medal four years later. Cantello would at one time hold the world record in the javelin.

After the 1993 United States Track and Field Championships in Eugene, longtime friends Oregon head coach Bill Dellinger and Navy assistant coach Al Cantello were at Dellinger's house.

Cantello told Dellinger that Navy had a pretty good dual team, the best one Navy had seen in awhile. "So we started scoring a meet on paper with his (team's) marks from last year and ours. It turned out to be a good meet."

Good enough that Dellinger suggested that Cantello, who

had become an institution at Navy as the track team's long-time head coach before turning the reins over to one of his assistants six years ago, try to bring his team to Eugene for a dual meet. After finding the money to finance the trip, Navy is here. Oregon's coach pointed out that Navy's team is not spend-

ing government dollars to get here. The father of one of Navy's athletes gave money to help finance the trip.

"They're here really through donations," Dellinger said. "They're not here at the taxpayer's expense, in case anybody wonders if the Navy is sending people all over the country."

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