

Hayward Field

One of the premier track facilities in the USA, Hayward Field also was the home of the football team

WHO'S HAYWARD?



**BILL
'COLONEL'
HAYWARD**

1868-1947

WHAT HE DID: He was the "father" of Oregon track and field, and was track coach from 1904-1947.

ACCOLADES: He was on six U.S. Olympic track coaching staffs, as well as coaching four world and six American record holders. He coached four NCAA champions and nine U.S. Olympic team members.

SEATING:

12,000 spectators can watch a track meet at Hayward Field.

BOWERMAN BUILDING:

Built in 1990s, its \$2 million cost was financed by coach Bowerman's family. It functions as an all purpose facility for Oregon as well as for housing all the track trophies.

TRACK TOWN USA

Eugene calls itself the track capital of the nation. Hayward Field has hosted many International events and has helped Oregon win many championships:

Hayward has hosted:
3 Olympic Trials
8 NCAA Championship meets
4 National Pro Meets

UO has won NCAA track titles in:
men 1962,
1964, 1965, 1970
women 1985

UO has won NCAA cross country titles in:
men 1971, 1973, 1974,
1977, 1984
women 1983, 1987

EAST GRANDSTAND:

The oldest existing part of Hayward Field, this wooden structure was moved 11 meters closer to Agate St. in 1987 to make the track wider.

SCORE BOARD:

In 1991, a \$200,000 scoreboard was installed that features instantaneous unofficial times.

TRACK:

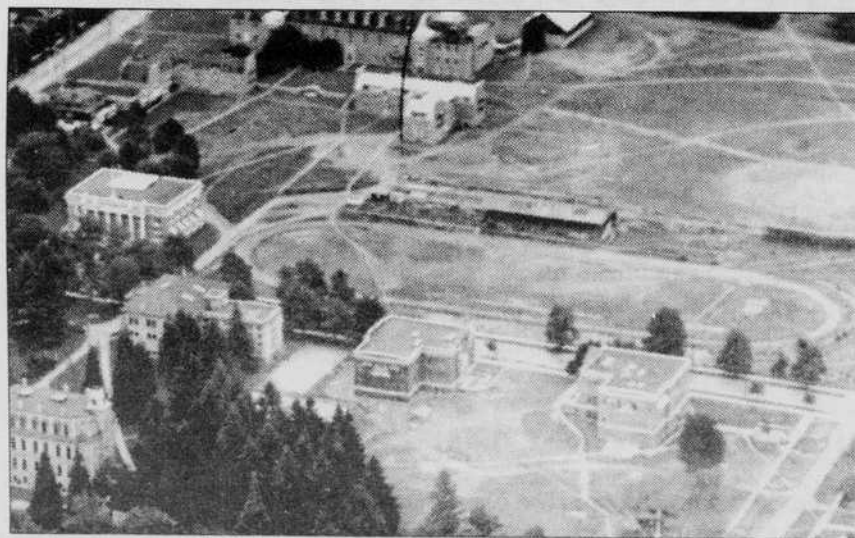
It is a 400-meter oval with 85 meter straightaways. In 1995, the track was resurfaced with a new 5 millimeter granulated polyurethane material at a cost of \$266,000.

WEST GRANDSTAND:

Originally much like the east grandstand, it was demolished in 1975 (right).

A new grandstand was built from concrete to replace the badly deteriorating wooden structure.

Bowerman led the fund-raising drive to build this stand and the 80 meter straightaway track that is under the seats.



BEFORE HAYWARD FIELD

The first permanent track and field, "Kincaid Field" was built in 1895. Both football and track were played here until 1921. The end-zones were roughly where modern day Condon and Chapman halls now sit. Johnson, Fenton, and Deady halls can be seen to the left and modern day Gilbert Hall is across E. 13th Avenue from the field.



AFTER HAYWARD FIELD

Hayward Field was the football stadium until modern-day Autzen was built north of campus in 1967. Dedicated solely to track, Hayward Field then let Oregon become "Track Town U.S.A." Since the move to Autzen, the football team has been as successful as the track team. They have gone to three bowl games in the last five years, and have had many more recruits since building the Casanova Athletic Center and starting the Indoor Practice Facility.

AN HAYWARD FIELD TIME LINE

▼ 1919:

A football stadium is built at 15th and Agate streets. East and North grandstands are built and it is named after coach Bill Hayward.

▼ 1921:

The track program officially moves from the earlier Kincaid Field and preparations for east grandstands begin (below).

▼ 1949:

Bill Bowerman (right) takes over the coaching reins and begins what will become the golden era of Oregon men's track.



▼ 1960s & 70s:

Steve Prefontaine (below) leaves his mark on Hayward Field as one of the greatest distance runners in US history. Before his death in 1975, "Pre" won four consecutive NCAA titles and broke 13 US records while aspiring to be the United States' best hope for a gold medal in the 1976 Olympics.

▼ 1975:

The original west grandstands are demolished and a new concrete grandstand is built.



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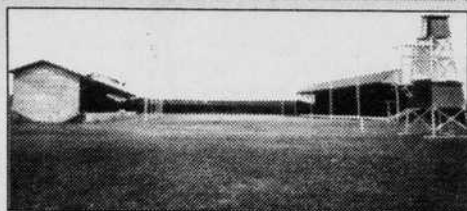
1965

1975

1980

1985

1990



▲ 1947:

Coach Hayward dies and the north grandstands are demolished.

▲ 1967:

Autzen stadium is built and the football team stops playing at Hayward Field.

▲ 1969:

A urethane track is poured to replace the original cinder surface from 1921. It resembles the Olympic track in Munich.



▲ 1980-97

Modern athletes, Rudy Chapa and Alberto Salazar (above) break many records, while Mary Slaney, Maria Mutola, Annette Peters and Kelly Blair (right) leave their mark on women's track.

