

Oregon Track Era Ended

USC Snaps Webfoot Home Winning Streak, 92-53

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An era in Oregon track history came to an end Saturday afternoon on Hayward Field.

It was ushered out by Southern California which, perhaps remembering its fate at the hands of the Webfoots a year ago, methodically marched to a 92-53 dual meet victory under bright sunshine.

There were 7,500 fans watching from the stands. And it was the first time in 15 years that those fans have seen the Ducks lose a dual meet at home.

Since Bill Bowerman became track coach in 1948, Oregon trackmen had compiled a record of 36 straight victories and no defeats at Hayward Field. The Ducks, in fact, had 15 straight wins both at home and away.

But this record of straight

wins was scuttled Saturday as the well-practiced Trojans, with seven meet victories already to their credit this season, unleashed an impressive display of talent and depth. In doing so, they gained a measure of revenge for the 1962 loss to Oregon at Los Angeles which snapped an even longer USC victory string.

No single Trojan athlete was a stand-out. Only Dick Cortese, a 6-foot junior sprinter from Downey, Calif., emerged as a double winner as he won the 100 and 220-yard dashes. Nonetheless, the Southern California team collected 13 of the 17 first places.

Oregon's four first places were won by a quartet of three familiar names and one that's less well-known.

Keith Forman let USC's Julio Marin set the early pace

in the mile run, then surged ahead to win easily in 4:03.7, followed by Archie San Romani in second place with a 4:04.7. Marin—who later showed his heels to the Ducks in winning the two-mile run in 9:05.7—ended in third place with a 4:06 clocking.

But the biggest burst of excitement during the meet came during the 880 as several USC and Duck runners jostled each other on the backstretch of the first lap.

From the stands, it appeared that USC's Kevin Hogan and a Trojan teammate boxed in Oregon's San Romani and bumped junior college transfer Ray Van Asten as the runners headed into the turn.

As the fans erupted with a prolonged barrage of booing, there was more bumping, grabbing and jostling as the runners reached the midpoint of the turn. Hogan and

a teammate came out of the melee ahead, only to be greeted as they passed the stands with sustained booing.

Although both Van Asten and the Ducks' Lew Powell finally regained the lead, Hogan made a determined bid in the final quarter lap and surged ahead.

Van Asten, however, put on a last-minute burst of speed and surpassed Hogan a few scant yards from the tape.

Referees soon afterwards disqualified Hogan for his actions during the first lap fracas. With Powell thus moving up to second place, and San Romani to third, Oregon made its only clean sweep of the day for a single event.

All-America track man Mel Renfro won the broad jump for the Ducks, as expected, with a leap of 24-6 1/2. But Renfro came in third in his only specialty, the 120 high

hurdles, as USC's Brian Polkinghorne streaked to a 13.9 clocking and teammate Bob Pierce followed with a 14.0. Renfro's 14.1 was his best so far this season, but less than his all-time mark of 13.8 which carried him to second place in the 1962 NCAA championships.

Oregon's other first-place winner was Dave Steen, who heaved the shot better than 60 feet in a practice throw and then proceeded to wrap up the event with a marking of 61-8 3/4 on the first put that counted. He thus broke his own varsity shot put record of 60-2 1/2 set in the first meet of the season against California March 16.

Renfro also competed in the 330 intermediate hurdles, a new event this year, and tied for second place with USC's Polkinghorne despite a fall which saw the Oregon ace tumble full-length at the finish line.

The Webfoots' next dual meet is next Saturday against Stanford at Palo Alto.

400 Relay—1, USC (Dick Cortese, Bob Pierce, Dave Morris, Rex Cawley), 41.7 (New meet record. New event). 2, Oregon (Dave Crowe, Al O'Leary, Mel Renfro, Dave Blunt), 41.8.

Broad jump—1, Mel Renfro, Oregon, 24-6 1/2. 2, Max Johnson, USC, 23-0. 3, Carlos De La Rosa, USC, 23-0.

Mile run—1, Keith Forman, Oregon, 4:03.7 (new meet record. Old mark 4:07.2 by Jim Grelle, Oregon, 1959). 2, Archie San Romani, Oregon, 4:04.7. 3, Julio Marin, USC, 4:06.

Javelin—1, Larry Stuart, USC, 240-1 1/2 (New meet record. Old mark 238-4 1/2 by Les Tipton, Oregon, 1962). 2, Les Tipton, Oregon, 229-0. 3, Ron Gomez, Oregon, 227-5.

Shot Put—1, Dave Steen, Oregon, 61-8 3/4. 2, Dennis Wynn, USC, 58-3 1/4. 3, Dave Dornis, USC, 52-4 1/4.

440—1, Kevin Hogan, USC, 48.1. 2, Rex Cawley, USC, 49.0. 3, Al O'Leary, Oregon, 49.3.

100—1, Dick Cortese, USC, 9.5 (Meet record equalled, but not allowed because of excessive trailing wind). 2, Dave Morris, USC, 9.5. 3, Dave Blunt, USC, 9.5.

High Hurdles—1, Brian Polkinghorne, USC, 13.9 (Equalled meet record, set by Jerry Tarr, Oregon, 1962). 2, Bob Pierce, USC, 14.0. 3, Mel Renfro, Oregon, 14.1.

880—1, Ray Van Asten, Oregon, 1:34.0. 2, Lewis Powell, Oregon, 1:34.1. 3, Archie San Romani, Oregon, 1:34.2 (Kevin Hogan, USC, finished second but was disqualified).

220—1, Dick Cortese, USC, 21.8. 2, Dave Morris, USC, 21.8. 3, Dave Blunt, USC, 21.8.

330—Intermediate Hurdles—1, Rex Cawley, USC, 37.7 (New meet record. New event. New field record. Old mark 39.7 by Rich Harding, California, 1962). 2, (tie) Mel Renfro, Oregon, and Brian Polkinghorne, USC, 38.4.

High Jump—1, Lew Hoyt, USC, 6-11 (New meet record. Old mark 6-9 1/4 by Charlie Dumas, USC, 1959). 2, (on fewer misses) Paul Stuber, Oregon, 6-8. 3, Terry Llewellyn, Oregon, 6-8.

Discus—1, Mike Rowe, USC, 138-11 1/2. 2, Terry Mix, USC, 136-10. 3, Dick Brown, Oregon, 131-11 1/2.

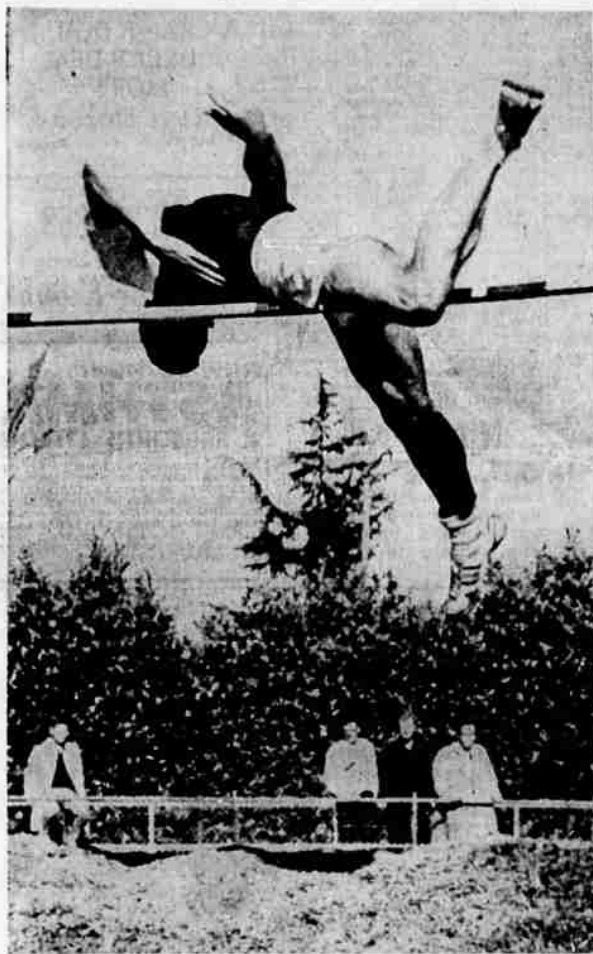
Pole Vault—1, Mike Finnegan, USC, 15-0 (New meet record. Old mark 14-11 1/4 by Mel Hein, USC, 1962). 2, (on fewer misses) Marty Frank, Oregon, 14-6. 3, Bob Watson, Oregon, 14-4.

Two-Mile—1, Julio Marin, USC, 9:05.7. 2, Clayton Steinke, Oregon, 9:10.7. 3, Dan Tonn, Oregon, 9:31.2.

Triple Jump—1, Carlos De La Rosa, USC, 46-4 (New meet record. New event). 2, Vernon Fox, Oregon, 46-3 1/2. 3, Max Johnson, USC, 44-8.

Mile Relay—1, USC (Bob Pierce, Ted Eggleston, Brian Polkinghorne, Rex Cawley), 3:17.5. 2, Oregon (Lew Powell, Jim Meinert, Keith Forman, Al O'Leary), 3:18.7.

An Upside-Down View of Success



High Jumpers

Three contestants cleared 6-9 in the Oregon-Southern California dual track meet Saturday at Hayward Field. One of them, USC's Lew Hoyt (left), goes over at 6-11 to take first place. Hoyt tried at 7-3 1/4, but failed all



(Register-Guard photos by Phil Grenon)

three attempts. Oregon's Terry Llewellyn (right) equals his all-time best at 6-9. Teammate Paul Stuber also cleared that height and was given second place on fewer misses.



(Register-Guard photos by Phil Grenon)

Oregon's Dave Steen Goes 61-8 3/4 in Shot Put

HIGHCLIMBER: Elbow Duel in 880 Roughest Since 1957 PCC Mile

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★ Nearly 8,000 Oregon track fans sounded off with explosive boos at Hayward Field Saturday during the final 330 yards of the half-mile race as Kevin Hogan, USC ace sought a double victory. The Trojan and Ray Van Asten of Oregon tossed an assortment of elbows going into the final turn.

It was the roughest race run on Hayward Field since May 18, 1957, when Bobby Seaman of UCLA was disqualified for shoving Sig Wing of USC during the final 20 yards of a mile race in the Pacific Coast Conference (PCC) championships.

P. O. Sigereth, referee for the meet, said the foul occurred coming into the back stretch of the race when Hogan and another USC runner boxed and roughed Archie San Romani.

... What most of the fans witnessed was elbowing, holding, etc., down the back stretch and into the final turn. No ruling was made regarding those incidents.

USC coach Vern Wolfe and Oregon coach Bill Bowerman had little to say other than the usual "one of those things," and Wolfe assured me that while unfortunate, the incident certainly would not strain athletic relationships between the two schools.

Van Asten apologized to Hogan immediately after the race. And you can add Van Asten, the junior college transfer, to the growing list of Webfoot "Tigers" by beating Hogan at the tape. ... Hogan later apologized to both San Romani and Van Asten. ...

The 880 is usually a rough race, but nothing like the Saturday brawl, unusual on the Hayward Field track, but customary when running the half-mile or 800 meters on

European tracks. ... Jim Bailey was a past-master with his use of elbows, but he was much more polished than either Hogan or Van Asten.

In the PCC mile in 1957 Wing was declared the winner in 4:08.7. With Seaman disqualified, Jim Grelle of Oregon was second in 4:09.4 and Ray Halton of Idaho third in 4:16.4. ... USC won the meet, by the way, with 67 points and Oregon was second with 39 1/2 points.

The mile that day was a two-man battle and Hec Edmundson, veteran Washington coach and referee, ruled the foul against Seaman.

★ There will always be a Hayward Relays!

But it kinda' tears at the heartstrings to learn that the Portland Interscholastic League (PIL), the Metro League (in the Portland fringe area) and even some of the schools in our immediate area will not compete in the 26th annual Hayward Relays here next Friday and Saturday.

Colonel Bill Hayward will always come as close to the immortal classification as any athletic figure in Oregon. ... If and when the University of Oregon builds a new football stadium, Hayward Field will remain as the Webfoot track-and-field stadium. ... The Bill Hayward-Banquet of Champions, held for the 15th time in Portland last February, will grow in stature.

Bill Hayward's memory will live forever and during his 44 years as University of Oregon track coach one of his greatest contributions to aspiring young runners and jumpers was the founding of the Hayward Relays. ... The inaugural meet in 1937 was not impressive, with the Chemawa Indian School winning the championship over a six-school field.

Purpose of the relays, usually staged around the middle of April and many times on the weekend of the trout season opening, was to provide early-season competition for high school athletes and provide coaches an opportunity to evaluate their available talent.

In the early days Colonel Bill had Ray Hendrickson and Fritz Kramer, then University High and Eugene High coaches, handling all of the details with Oregon physical education majors and varsity track squad members helping with the officiating.

I was shocked when the Portland-area coaches decided to withdraw from the Hayward Relays. The other day I talked to Paul McCall of the PIL and Gene Freese of Beaver-

ton, head of the Metros, involving a total of 21 schools.

★ McCall, the former Bradley All-American and ex-Klamath Falls coach, said there were a number of reasons the PIL decided against the Hayward Relays: 1. The time element; 2. Cost of transportation; 3. Conflict with collegiate meets; 4. Restricting the number of entries.

Freese said the Metros have taken action for much the same reasons. "I'm interested in the development of athletes from the high school level and I could care less about the collegians," Freese said, "and besides I feel that we have natural rivalry in Portland that will provide competition for all of our boys rather than a select few. We're interested in more participation."

McCall pointed out that last year it cost between \$1,200 and \$1,500 to bring the Portland athletes to Eugene, "and we didn't return home until 11 p.m. I believe we defeated the purpose of the meet."

So there we have it — the reasons why at least 21 of the Portland area schools will not come here next weekend for this traditional relay meet.

The Oregon Schools Activities Assn. (OSAA) has, at times, made some rulings contrary to the original Hayward Relays plan — open competition to any school wishing to enter. ... I'm sure Colonel Bill had long-range visions of the event developing into a Pacific coast edition of the famous Penn Relays in Philadelphia that includes a bulky field with both collegians and preppers competing. ... Vancouver, Wash., at one time during the history of the Hayward Relays, had outstanding entries and the OSAA then decided the Hayward Relays would be confined to Oregon schools. ... This was changed at a later date and several times Charlie DeAutremont, now Willamette High coach, brought entries from Crescent City, Calif. ... Now the Relays are again open to Washington entries.

While the Portlanders appear to have sound reasons for wanting to stage their own relays, nevertheless "there has always been greater honor in being the best in the state rather than being in your own back yard," the way Bob Newland of North Eugene High puts it. "After all, our North Eugene teams were pretty weak at the start, and actually it was somewhat embarrassing, but it was good experience for our boys," Newland concluded.

★ Oregon's next track test will be Saturday at

Stanford — one of the strongest teams coach Payton Jordan has developed. "We're looking forward to having Oregon here and the kids are pointing for this meet and it should be a real fine affair," writes John Simmons, assistant sports publicity director at Stanford. He adds a note on the progress of "your two fine Eugene boys, Harlan Andrews and Dave Deubner, on our track and field squad."

Harlan has added valuable depth to our distance events on the varsity team, especially in the mile run. Two weeks ago, against Oregon State and Fresno State, he finished third in this event in 4:12 flat. Last Saturday, against Oklahoma and San Jose, he finished fourth in 4:13.9. These times make him the ninth best miler in Stanford history, and as he is a sophomore there is every indication that he will go even higher. Right now he is the second miler on the team behind the great Harry McCalla, who ran a 4:04.4 last weekend.

"Dave, as expected, has been one of the big stars of our freshman track and field team. This last fall, as you may remember, he and McCalla were co-captains of the varsity cross country team. Now Dave and Bob Stroecker are co-captains of the freshman track and field team, indicative of the high regard in which he is held by his fellow teammates."

"Last weekend in a freshman triangular with the College of San Mateo and Contra Costa College, here at Stanford, Dave won the mile in 4:22 and the two-mile in 9:29.3, both races were run on a heavy track from rains earlier in the day."

Both Andrews and Deubner graduated from North Eugene High.

Don Liebendorfer, Simmons' boss man, informed me recently the weather man is predicting a break — and there will be sunshine for the Oregon meet. ... He also added that the meet will be staged in the afternoon instead of a previous experimental meet that started in the morning to eliminate the customary late-afternoon winds.

★ Oldtime local basketball fans will be sorry to hear that Al Westergren, two-time first-team All-State tournament player from Astoria in 1922 and 1923 and third-team all-time Pacific Coast Conference selection from Oregon, is hospitalized at Twin Falls, Ida., with a mild heart attack. ... Al is business manager, circulation manager and promotion manager for the Twin Falls Times-News. ... He recently returned from the Hawaiian Islands on a newspaper promotion trip.