



Anglers on Middle Fork of the Willamette Opened Trout Season Saturday Morning in a Wintery Setting (See Page 3B)

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Oregon's 'Eskimo' Trackmen Deal BYU 96-49 'Freeze'

By JERRY UHRHAMMER Register-Guard Sports News Editor Oregon track coach Bill Bowerman asked someone how to spell "Eskimo." But before anyone could answer, he finished writing a message to his team on the dressing room blackboard. "Good Job, Eskimo Men of Oregon," the message said. The Ducks had just won 13 out of the 17 events in a dual track meet with Brigham Young Saturday at Hayward Field. The final score

was 96-49. And they did it under weather conditions more suitable for winter than spring sports. The "Eskimo" tag — or "Eskimo," if you prefer — was an apt one for the Webfoot track team Saturday. The mercury was hovering around the 42-degree mark as the meet started. And it dropped lower as the afternoon continued. Rain, off-and-on at the outset, began falling steadily midway in the meet.

Nonetheless, it soon became apparent to the 3,500 track faithful in the stands that the Oregon team would win with ease in its second annual meeting with the team from Provo, Utah. The Ducks did it by an even greater margin than last year when the final score was 83-48. Generally, the cold and wet tended to put a damper on the performances by both teams, adding seconds and tenths-of-seconds to the running events and cutting down on distances in the field events.

But an outstanding exception to this was Duck javelin thrower John Burns who, on his second throw, saw his javelin sail nearly to the pole vault runway—250 feet and one inch. The two-year letterman's throw snapped the field record of 249-6 1/2 set by Al Cantello of the U.S. Marines in 1960, the school record of 244-1 set by Ron Gomez of Oregon in 1962, and the meet record of 222-0 set by Gomez last year. "I couldn't believe it. . . . This happens to other people but not to me," smiled Burns, who was competing in only his second meet of the season. "I knew I got behind it. . . . and it had a good flight. I got everything together for once."

Burns Goes 250-1

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The mile run, to no one's surprise, was a clean sweep for the Webfoots as Archie San Romani, far out in front, snapped the tape with a 4:14.1 time. Teammate Barry Adams was the runner-up in 4:18.6. What was surprising, however, was that Keith Forman—the nation's fastest collegiate miler so far this year with his 4:00.1 time at Stanford last week—came in third in 4:20.9. But, as Forman explained later, "We wanted to make sure we got third place." That's all he was trying for. In the next-to-last lap, in fact, Forman had a clear shot

at overtaking BYU's Ray Barrus. Instead, the blond senior jockeyed around with teammate Adams and sent Adams ahead of Barrus. Forman passed Barrus later. "I wanted to make sure Barry placed," Forman said, adding: "He could have done it by himself anyway. . . . he was going strong." Forman was not scheduled to run in the mile, but when ailing Vic Reeve was not ready, he filled in.

Forman, who earlier in the week pronounced himself ready for a crack at the mile record and maybe the two-mile, brought excited applause from the spectators when he streaked out ahead in the two-mile run and seemed intent on breaking some sort of record. His time at the first mile mark was 4:22.

But he seemed to ease up in the second half of the race and finished in 8:58.4—only 1.6 seconds off his 8:56.8 time of last week at Stanford. Forman said later he had planned an assault on the record but junked the plan because of the cold. Coach Bowerman echoed this: "He was trying, sure. . . . But it was too doggone cold. His arms were numb. His legs were numb."

Another victim of the cold was Oregon's Ray Van Asten. He won the 880-yard run in 1:51.5 to reach one of his objectives—meeting the 1:52.0 qualifying standard for the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. (NCAA) championship meet in June.

"I qualified, that's the main thing," said Van Asten, but he thought he could have gone faster than 1:50. The track was "very soft for my kind of weight," said the 180-pounder. The Webfoots produced a pair of double winners—sprinter Dave Blunt, and Mel Renfro with a 23:31; broad jump and 14.3 in the 120-yard high hurdles.

Blunt, who tied the meet record by winning the 100-yard dash in 9.9 and who beat out BYU's Bob Tobler by one-

tenth of a second in the 220-yard dash with a 22.3, was pleased with his efforts. "I'm not as nervous," he said, explaining there wasn't as much pressure as during the Southern California and Stanford meets. "Even though the times were slower, I think I have been doing better."

One surprise of the afternoon came when Bob Cowart of Brigham Young won the high jump with a leap of 6-8, equalling his best effort of the season. The Ducks' Paul Stuber also went 6-8 but got second place because of more misses. Terry Llewellyn, who has gone 6-9 this season, managed only 6-6 Saturday for a third.

Tobler Sets Mark

BYU's Tobler with the 440-yard winner with a clocking of 48.0, bettering the meet record of 48.1 set by Oregon's Harry Jerome in 1962. Ron Mickle of Brigham Young, second-place finisher in the 1962 NCAA championships discus event, won the discus with a heave of 165.4. BYU's Howard Parker captured the Cougars' fourth and last win with a 39.0 clocking in the intermediate hurdles.

Oregon's Dave Steen, national collegiate leader in the shot put with 61-8 1/2, wasn't able to reach that distance Saturday, but still won the shot put event with a put of 59-6. Marty Frank won the pole vault with a 14-0, and Vernon Fox placed first in the triple jump with 44-5 1/2.

The Webfoots also won both the relay events, with Blunt anchoring the 440 relay team to a 4:17 and anchorman Ray Van Asten fending off a last-minute effort by BYU's Tobler in the mile relay to snap the tape in 3:17.5—a new meet record.

The fans also saw a special exhibition race—with former Oregon and Olympics sprinter Otis Davis competing against a group of Duck frosh, headed by Gordon Payne, in a 330-yard race. Davis won handily with a time of 33.8. Payne, second, was clocked in 34.5.



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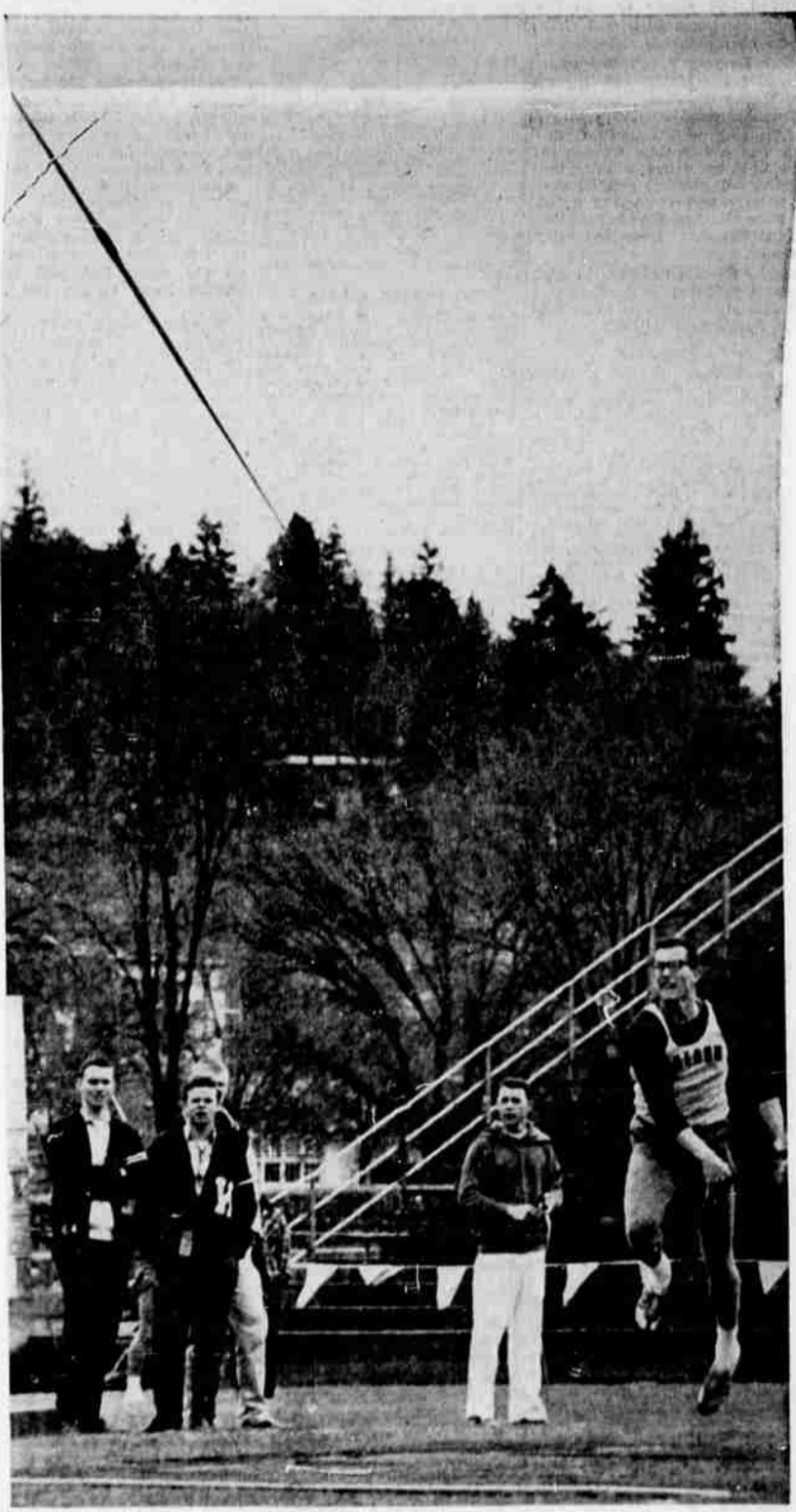
Oregon John Ray Van Asten hits the tape to take first place in the 880 at the Oregon-Brigham Young track meet Saturday at Hayward field. Van Asten was clocked in 1:51.5 — his best of the year and a half second under the NCAA meet qualifying standard.

UO-BYU Track Summaries

440 relay—1, Oregon (Dave Crowe, Jim Meiner, Mel Renfro and Dave Blunt), 4:17 (New Event); 2, Brigham Young, 4:21. Mile—1, Archie San Romani, Oregon, 4:14.1; 2, Barry Adams, Oregon, 4:18.6; 3, Keith Forman, Oregon, 4:20.9. Javelin—1, John Burns, Oregon, 250-1 (Setters field record of 249-6 1/2 set by Al Cantello, U.S. Marines in 1960, school record of 244-1 set by Ron Gomez, Oregon in 1962, and meet record of 222-0 set by Gomez last year); 2, Terry Thatcher, Brigham Young, 236-3; 3, Lee Tipton, Oregon, 224-4. 400—1, Bob Tobler, Brigham Young, 48.0 (Setters meet record of 48.1 set by Harry Jerome, Oregon, in 1962); 2, Jim Meiner, Oregon, 48.1; 3, Al O'Leary, Oregon, 48.7. Shot put—1, Dave Steen, Oregon, 59-6; (Setters meet record of 56-9 1/2 set by Dave Steen, Oregon, in 1962); 2, Dick Brown, Oregon, 55-10 1/2; 3, Dick Mertze, Brigham Young, 52-4 1/2.

100—1, Dave Blunt, Oregon, 9.9 (Ties meet record set by Jim Puckett, Oregon, 1962); 2, Dave Crowe, Oregon, 10.0; 3, Rich Zimmerman, Brigham Young, 10.2. High jump—1, Bob Cowart, Brigham Young, 6-8 (Ties meet record set by Terry Llewellyn, Oregon, and Bob Cowart, Brigham Young in 1962); 2, Paul Stuber, Oregon, 6-8; 3, Terry Llewellyn, Oregon, 6-6. 120 high hurdles—1, Mel Renfro, Oregon, 14.3; 2, Howard Parker, Brigham Young, 15.0; 3, Mike Douglas, Brigham Young, 15.1. 800—1, Ray Van Asten, Oregon, 1:51.5; 2, Lewis Powell, Oregon, 1:52.3; 3, Joan Lundell, Brigham Young, 1:52.9. Pole vault—1, Marty Frank, Oregon, 14-0 (Ties meet record set by Murry Frank, Oregon, in 1962); 2, Bob Watson, Oregon, 14-0; 3, Danny Boyle, Brigham Young, 13-4. 220—1, Dave Steen, Oregon, 22.3; 2, Bob Tobler, Brigham Young, 22.4; 3, Dave Crowe, Oregon, 22.4.

330 intermediate hurdles—1, Howard Parker, Brigham Young, 39.0 (New event); 2, Mike Douglas, Brigham Young, 39.2; 3, Mel Renfro, Oregon, 39.7. Discus—1, Ron Mickle, Brigham Young, 165.4; 2, Dick Mertze, Brigham Young, 142.9; 3, Dick Brown, Oregon, 126-11. Two mile—1, Keith Forman, Oregon, 8:58.4; 2, Clayton Steinke, Oregon, 9:21.4; 3, Dan Tonn, Oregon, 9:32.8. Triple jump—1, Vernon Fox, Oregon, 44-5 1/2 (New event); 2, Dick Sonder, Brigham Young, 43.5; 3, Emmett Smith, Brigham Young, 42-10 1/2. Mile relay—1, Oregon (Jim Meiner, Lewis Powell, Archie San Romani and Ray Van Asten), 3:17.5 (Setters meet record of 3:18.2 set by Brigham Young in 1962); 2, Brigham Young, 3:17.8. Broad jump—1, Mel Renfro, Oregon, 23-3 1/2; 2, Emmett Smith, Brigham Young, 22-6; 3, Joe Schlappe, Brigham Young, 20-11 1/2.



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Record Heave

Oregon's John Burns is shown in the process of breaking field, meet and school javelin marks at the Oregon-Brigham Young track meet Saturday at Hayward Field. Burns got off a winning toss of 250-1 — one the best collegiate efforts in the javelin this year as Oregon won the meet 96-49.