

Improving Pelican Track Team Duels Powerful Grants Pass Saturday

The Klamath Union track team, improving with each meet, will have its toughest task of the season this week when the Pelicans challenge Grants Pass for a dual meet with the Cavemen, one of the state's strongest teams.

The Pelicans will be meeting the team which surprisingly won the big Hayward Relays meet a week ago in Eugene. The Cavemen have some of the

best marks in the state and the Pelicans will be hard pressed to stay with them.

Coach Jack Peterson is back with his team after a layoff because of the death of his father. His Pelicans have improved and could give the Cavemen a tussle if the weather should turn good in the valley.

The biggest noise for the Pelicans will come in the form of Walt Smith in the javelin toss.

Smith has the best throw in the state (as far as is known). He tossed the spear 208 feet 8 1/2 inches Tuesday in the county track meet at Modoc Field for a new school record. He reportedly hurled the shaft 213 feet in practice the night before.

He will get good support from Bill Mills. Mills will be the favorite in the shot put and the discus. He set a new school record in the shot Tuesday with a heave of 50-8 1/2 and whirled

the discus 140 1/2. His competition should be closer than Smith's. It will be ironic if Smith doesn't have some good competition because the national high school javelin record belongs to Glen Winningham of Grants Pass with a toss of 225-6 1/2. Smith is gunning for that record.

A good high jump duel is expected. Grants Pass has some good jumpers in Bob Shepard, Al Hutchins and Terry Crenshaw. The Pelicans can counter with Terry Eccles, Fred Kelley, Dick Scott and freshman Kurt Peterstetter. This could be one of the closer events.

Grants Pass probably will take the pole vault with no trouble. Gary Van Koten has one of the best leaps in the state at 13 feet. Ray Thorne has the top jump for the Pels at 11-6. Van Koten is backed up in

this event by Tom Sparlin with a 12-9 vault.

Arie DeGroot will lead the parade of KU sprinters. He was clocked in 10 flat in the century in the preliminaries Tuesday but lost to a 10.2 in the finals of the county meet to Bonanza's Monte Burnett. He also has a 22.0 220 timing.

Gerritt DeGroot tops the quarter milers with a 52.8. Don Piper has a 52.5 time from a running start. He also tops the

800 men with a running start time of 2:05.6 and the regular start time of 2:06.7. Bob Scholl tops the milers with a time of 4:30 flat with a running start. Teammate Steve Lawrence outlasted Scholl in the mile Tuesday for a clocking of 4:32.2.

Terry Eccles and Grover Dahn are the top broad jumpers for the Pelicans. Eccles has the top jump of 19-6 for the

season. John English is tops in the 100-yard low hurdles with a 22.7 timing. But he will be a big underdog to Shepard of Grants Pass who has a brilliant 19.8 clocking. Don Graham tops the high timber toppers with a 15.4 best time.

The 800-yard relay could be a decent race if the Pelicans put forth their best effort. Their best time has been 1:36.1 this season, but that is

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KU Pelican Baseballers Go To Ashland Saturday For Twin-Bill

Local Nine Near SOC Loop Lead

The Klamath Union baseball team, hanging onto the shirt tails of league-leading Medford, take on the Ashland Grizzlies Saturday afternoon in a doubleheader in Ashland.

The Pelicans whipped the Grizzlies in the first meeting of the two clubs when Gary Benson and Rich Jackson threw back-to-back 9-hit games at the Grizzlies to win 11-0 and 7-0. Coach Bill Mansfield's team has lost only one league game in a split with Crater. The Pels are 3-1 in league and Medford still is unbeaten. The Whitebirds are to play Medford next week in the makeup games.

The Pelicans downed Grants Pass Tuesday in a doubleheader at Gem Stadium. The second round against the Grizzlies may not be quite as easy as the first go-around and the Pels had better not rest on their first game laurels to beat the Grizzlies. Ashland is an improved club and has

beaten Grants Pass twice also.

The Pelicans lead the league in season batting with a fine team average of .301 through the seven games in the latest statistics. They got 14 hits in 46 at bats against Grants Pass and are now hitting at a .300 team clip.

Klamath also has the two leading batters in the league according to the latest statistics. The stats have first sacker John Gray hitting an even .500 for the season. He is hitting .440 which includes the last two games that the stats do not include. They also have Mike Kitching listed at .448, but he has raised his average to .476. He was three for five in the Grants Pass series.

Rich Jackson is also among the leading pitchers. He has, not including the 4-3 win he picked up Tuesday against Grants Pass, a 1.29 earned run average which is very good. He also the leading strikeout artist of the league with 37 whiffs. He has hurled over 28 innings to gain a 4-0 record. Benson also is among the pitching leaders.

Standings Stay Same In ABC

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UPI)—Standings in the team and minor events remained firm Thursday night as the American Bowling Congress tournament went into its final three days of action.

Tonight the last of 65 classic teams will appear when L&L Castle Lanes of San Francisco and National Bowling Centres of Montreal, Canada, turn in their opening three-game blocks. The teams will attempt to overtake the California Bombers of Los Angeles which lead the classic division with 6233.

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EVASIVE TACTICS FAILED — Los Angeles Angels Jim Fregosi drops to the dirt in an unsuccessful try to avoid a tag after being trapped in a run-down between second and third base during the ninth inning of the Detroit-Los Angeles game. Putting the tag on Fregosi is, bottom, Tiger left fielder Rocky Colavito. The Angels won the game, 7-5. —UPI Telephoto

69th Annual Penn Relays Getting Underway Today

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — The 69th annual Penn Relays opened on Franklin Field today with Villanova bidding for two of five championships the Wildcats optimistically hope to win during the two-day meet.

Traditionally, the 400 meters hurdles opened the 17-event meet involving more than 5,000 athletes from 104 colleges and scores of high schools.

Two major college relay championships, heats in the sprints and hurdles, and a splattering of field events were on the first day program, with six major relays and a raft of field event finals jammed into a hectic Saturday afternoon.

Five defending champions—Villanova in the 800 and distance medley, Michigan in the two and four mile relays, New York University in the one mile and

SOC Divides With Shasta

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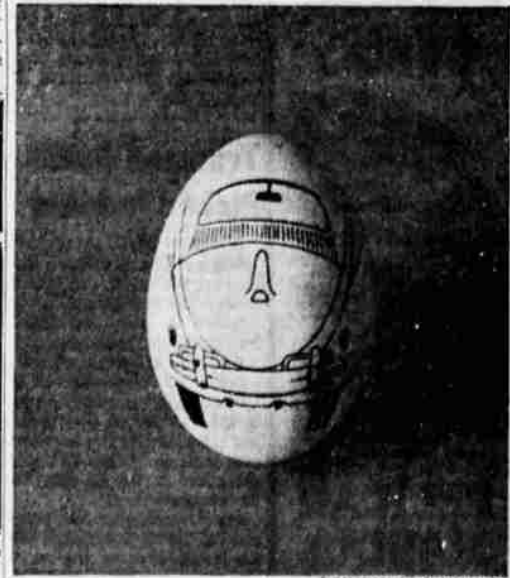
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