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SPLIT PUTS THREE IN RACE

Smith, Bob Strider, George Wagoner, and Professor Frederick Joerg.

Duke's Mixture

The Duke Chronicle

Sports

by Bob Gibson

Duke Tracksters Enter Florida Relays

Yesterday, Duke's contribution to the 1949 version of the annual Florida Relays left Durham flits for Gator country in Gainesville, where they will compete against some of the best track and field performers in the Southeast.

The holiday tour includes, first the Florida Relays on Saturday, a dual meet with the University of Florida on Wednesday, and finally, back to Chapel Hill in time for the Carolina Relays on Saturday.

This latter meet completes the holiday schedule, but two days after the great return, the Chambermen meet a potent Princeton squad here in Duke Stadium on April 6. This should be one of the better home meets of the year as Princeton will field several talented performers from the always potent Ivy League.

Features Test In South

The Florida Relays aren't quite up to the Penn Relays in reputation, but it is the best offered in this section of the country. The first meet was inaugurated in the spring of 1939 and, except for the war years has continued with great success to the present day. Some of the teams that take part this year are Georgia Tech, L.S.U., Florida, Auburn, Tennessee, and others. Independents such as Rollins and Miami are also included on the roll.

Duke currently holds one of the Florida Relay records, established in 1941 in the sprint relay.

The mile relay will probably see Henry Bullock, T. Reeves, Buddy Griso, and Laren Young, in that order. With the places changed about somewhat, these same four boys will be the main hopes for a Duke victory in the sprint medley.

In the 440 yard race this season, it will be Young, Griso, and Larry Carr hitting the cinder path. Griso won this grueling distance run in the annual Southern Conference Indoor Meet at Chapel Hill a few Saturdays ago.

Bullock and John Miller will feature the Duke entries in the half mile, while John Bullock and Bob Marshall put the mile run in the greater distances Madison Spach and Bill Griffith will carry the load.

The field events will be Duke's heaviest bid for points as last year's Southern Conference shot put champ, Jim O'Leary, returns to town for the Blue Devils. Last year, the "hunk-league" broke Steve Lach's old record in the outdoor shot by putting the rock four inches over fifty feet. A neat toss!

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Conner Enters Nationals; Captures Eastern Crown

Johnny Conner, Duke's only entry in the NCAA Swimming Championships being held at Chapel Hill this week-end. After winning the Eastern Intercollegiate Diving Crown last week on the low board at Princeton, and placing second in the Southern Conference two weeks ago, John is going after a place in the upper brackets in the National Championships.

This will be the 26th annual NCAA swim meet and it's Carolina's first time as host to NCAA swimming.

The favored teams for the National Crown are: U. of Michigan, last year's champions, Yale, Michigan State, Ohio State, and LaSalle College.

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turning back an eager but out-

classed SAE (C) team, 40-19. In

winning the championship this

year, the Grade A Sigma Chi

team replaced last year's cham-

ping the faltering KA (A's) who lost

out in the divisional playoffs.

Largely through the efforts of

Wes Skibsted, the Sigs ran up an

18-10 halftime lead, pumped hard

in the opening moments of the

second period, and floated home

in the latter minutes for a well-

earned triumph.

Waiving Wes netted 19 points,

14 of which were garnered in the

opening half. Harlan Turner was

second best for the Sigs as he

replaced Lynch at center midway

for a lost cause as they collected 6

points apiece.

The talented Sigma Chi's, after

raking in four scalps in as many

starts, entered the final as de-

finite favorites. Victims felled by

the Sigs in their mad dash to the

championship were such stand-

teams as the KA (E), the SAE

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