

DUCK TRACKS

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Oregon's ice swimmers—Jerry Macdonald, Sherman Wetmore, and Jack Dallas—didn't exactly set any worlds afire in their debut in "big league" splash competition . . . but neither were they unimpressive.

Dallas was seventh in the breast stroke, Wetmore eighth in the back stroke, and the three-man team tenth in the medley relay. This wasn't as good a showing as loyal Webfoot fans hoped the triumvirate would make, yet it wasn't surprising to local analysts who warned the Northwest not to expect too much from its favorite swimming sons.

The answer is simple—just too much competition. Sure, Dallas and Wetmore are the best on the coast, but swimming is one sport in which westerners aren't tops. For instance, Southern Cal's touted Charley Wolfe, a real freestyler, had to take a back seat to eastern paddlers. What's more, Southern Cal, a high ranking school in all sports, couldn't get to first base in the point standings. The winning teams were Michigan, Yale, Ohio State, Wayne of Detroit, and Princeton, in that order.

Strike One on Jerry

Just to show what Oregon's splashers were up against, let's take Dallas' case. His best time on the coast was 2:26.6 for the 200-yard breast stroke. One school, Yale, had three men in this event who had times of 2:26 to their credit. As if this wasn't enough, last year's champion, Jim Hough and Runner-up Red Callahan were on hand gunning for new laurels. Both were far better than 2:26, yet could not compare with Ohio State's John Higgins, who won the national collegiate title. Higgins is a veteran national campaigner.

As for Macdonald here's a little incident that shows the competition he was up against. While working out one day, Jerry met a fellow from Texas. The conversation ran something like this:

Texas—What is your best time in the "hundred," Jerry?

Jerry—53.9, Texas.

Texas—That's mighty fine, Jerry.

Jerry—What about you, Texas?

Texas—Oh, I've done 51.8.

Now, this was enough for Jerry; he left the pool muttering to himself. But the worst was yet to come. Mr. Texas wasn't good enough to place high in his specialty.

Cutler Could Have Helped

As a medley team, the Webfoots' best time was around 3:01. Compare this with Michigan's

winning mark of 2:54.6. Yes, it's small wonder Jerry, Sherm, and Jack only placed tenth.

Also figuring in the rather mediocre showing of the Duck trio was the fact that the kids were some three thousand miles from home, in strange surroundings, without anyone to bolster their spirit and morale. In fact, Dallas, in one of his letters said, "It'll be amazing if we qualify." What wouldn't they have given to have had smiling, capable Russ Cutler on hand to say, "Bosh, you kids aren't so bad. Go on out there and show these birds."

As it is, the kids didn't do badly. They kept Oregon's name in the eastern papers, and they certainly found out what they have to do to prepare for next year's meet . . . this should mean a lot, for seldom do athletes place high in their first national whirl . . . and yes, it must have been a swell trip!

Short Shots . . .

Slim Wintermute, Oregon's all-American center of 1939 (the national champion), is back in school . . . Slim played professional ball this winter with the Detroit Eagles, the same club Laddie Gale joined later in the season . . . really likes the program, too, and may go back next year . . . his club was runner-up for the professional championship, losing in the playoff. "If all our young players are back next year, we'll have the best team in the circuit," says Slim . . . incidentally, Slim had a great season.

Football players, and one basketball ace, too, should help Bill Hayward's track team considerably . . . Bill Regner, "glamour boy" end, is taking time off from grid duties to throw the shot and discus . . . last year, he heaved the platter some 150 feet . . . good enough to take anything in the Northwest . . . Jay Graybeal, the Pendleton kid, is broadjumping . . . he's gone well over 23 feet and was state champ in high school . . . Porky Andrews, casaba guard, yesterday donned a pair of spikes . . . he tosses the javelin around 175 feet . . . addition of these three versatile athletes may give Bill Hayward some needed second and third place points.

Possible Webfoot infield: Herb Hamer or Lloyd Beggs, first base; Bill Calvert or Jack Shimshak, second; Tini Smith or Tom Cox, short; and Arba Ager, third base. Ager, incidentally, is a married man . . . so is Tom Cox.

April fool joke of McArthur court: Bill Kirtley's pocketbook and string frank . . . Anse Cornell, Vaughn Corley, and Sally Mitchell were victims.

Amphibians Elect New Officers

The Amphibians, girls' swimming club, held election of new officers the end of last term. Martha McClung was elected the new president. Other officers appointed are: vice-president, Mary Ellen Smith; secretary, Mary Louise Vincent; treasurer, Janet Farnham.

The swimming club is presenting its annual water pageant in the boys' tank next April 15, 16, and 17th. The first presentation is only open to the AWS convention, but the two following nights are open to students and others. Martha McClung is chairman of the pageant.

The Amphibians were instrumental in winning second place in the recent northwest division of the telegraphic meet.

Fullback



Big Bill Rach, Webfoot ball carrier of Tex Oliver's 1938 team, returned to school this term after a year's absence.

Volleyball Play Opens; Phi Deltas Defeat Omega

Kappa Sigs, ATOs, DUs Also Capture Contests

University of Oregon's intramural volleyballers opened their spring campaign yesterday afternoon with the defending championship Phi Delta Theta "A" sextet picking up just where it left off last season. The Phi Deltas waxed the Omega hatters by 15-0, 15-0 scores.

In other "A" league volleyball opens, the Alpha Tau Omega and the Delta Upsilon turned in victories over Alpha hall and Kirkwood co-op, respectively. The ATOs won their match, 15-8, 15-6, and the DUs were triumphant by a sweep, 15-1, 15-8.

Kappa Sigma waxed Sigma Chi, 15-10, and 15-6. Bob Lansdon, Bob McAuliffe, and Jack Lansing were stellar performers for the Kappa Sigs.

Slim Plays

The defending champs floored a strong lineup led by Slim (Killer) Wintermute, back from a season of professional basketball in the East with the Detroit Eagles. Other members of the Phi Delt team were Jack Blanchard, Paul Jackson, Ray Houghton, Bill Feasley, and Don Galbreath.

Play in "B" league competition will start Thursday afternoon with the Betas, defending titlists meeting Sigma hall. Alpha Tau Omega was second in "A" volleyball competition last year, and Gamma grabbed runner-up honors in the "B" league.

Games slated for today (all "A" league):

4:00—Theta Chi-Yeomen; Sigma Nu-Deltas.

4:40—SAE-Sigma hall; Fijis-Super Chargers.

Swiss Ski School Movies to Be Shown Tonight in Chapman

Motion pictures on the Swiss Ski school, sponsored by the University Ski club, will be shown tonight at 7:30 in 207 Chapman, Neil Farnham, president, said last night.

As an important business meeting will also take place at that time, all members are urged to attend.

There will be no admission charge, and others interested in skiing, even if they are not club members, are welcome.

Near Tops Webfoot Golfers, Cards 287

By MILTON LEVY

Dwight "Doc" Near, captain-coach of the Oregon varsity golf team, blasted out a par-shattering 287 to head the list for the qualifying rounds of the Duck golfers.

Near carded a consistent 72, 70, 73, 72 to place 15 strokes ahead of the second high man. This 287, one under par for the 72 holes, is the lowest qualifying score that has been turned in by an Oregon player in several years and is 11 strokes under the low score last year.

Engelke Second

Bob Engelke was second on the list with 302. Engelke is making his first appearance on the golf team, having played on the tennis team last year. Don Cawley followed Engelke by one stroke when he turned in a 302. Cawley was a member of last year's frosh team and played No. 2 man most of the season.

Chuck Phipps turned in a 304 to get the No. 4 position. Phipps is a sophomore in law school and was a member of the frosh golf squad. Benny Hughes, northwest individual champ last year, shot a 308 to place fifth on the list.

Face Huskies

Rich Werschkul carded a 310 to tag the No. 6 position. Werschkul is a returning letterman from last year. Bob Skelly followed Werschkul with a 311. Chet Keller, a varsity reserve of last year, turned in a 319. Fred Stickels, a member of last year's frosh team, carded a 323. Gene Speer, another member

Swimmers Fail to Place

Three University of Oregon swimmers failed to chalk up a single point Saturday as Michigan University walked off with the national team championship, edging out Yale by two points.

Sherman Wetmore placed eighth in the 150-yard backstroke, and his teammates failed to do much better as Jack Dallas finished seventh in the breast stroke, and Jerry Macdonald failed to qualify in the 100-yard free style event.

The three teamed together in the 300-yard medley relay event to finish tenth.

As sixth place was the bottom point-scoring position, the Ducks failed to garner a single point, Dallas being edged out of sixth place in the breast stroke event by a hair.

Dickie Releases Softball Schedule

Three twilight softball games will be played every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening this spring. Intramural Director Rollie Dickie announced yesterday as he posted the complete schedule on the gymnasium bulletin board. The freshman baseball field will be partitioned into three softball fields which will be occupied by donut enthusiasts at 6:15 on the weekdays and at 9, 10, and 11 o'clock Saturday mornings.

Possible Conflict

In order to avoid conflicts with exchange dessert schedules, Dickie is anxious for the various social chairmen to glance at the softball schedule before scheduling desserts.

"In all probability, no single fraternity will play more than one Wednesday night game, so the social calendars will not be seriously affected by these twilight games," Dickie said.

When the baseball team is on the road, the freshmen will occupy the varsity field, and regular 4 o'clock games will be played on weekdays.

GOLFERS NOTICE

Playing Coach Doc Near asks that all varsity and frosh golfers meet with him at the College Side at 7:30 tonight.

of the '42 squad, turned in a 327 to take the last place.

The varsity's first match this season is Saturday when they meet the University of Washington Huskies in Seattle. Expected to make the trip are Hughes, Cawley, Werschkul, Engelke, Phipps, Keller, and Near. These players are familiar with the tricky Washington course.

The first home match will be with Oregon State on April 20.

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