

DUCK TRACKS

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Busher Smith, Oregon's great 1939 first baseman, an outfielder! Absolutely amazing, that's what we say, but it's true. Ford Mullen tells us so in a letter from Beaumont, home of the Beaumont club of the Texas league.

If we didn't have it in print from the dependable Ford, we probably wouldn't believe it . . . for it's darn hard to imagine the agile Busher, peer of northwest college first basemen, being shifted to the outfield because of fielding faults. Yet, that is exactly the case.

In three years of college baseball, Busher had only two errors charged against him, and one of these was a very scratchy, score-keeper's error. What's more, there were a good many "eggsperts" who said Smith could out-field most Pacific coast league first sackers.

But right or wrong, the Beaumont officials told Busher his fielding was fundamentally hay-wire, especially on ground balls, and are trying him in the outfield. According to Ford, Beaumont likes his hitting as Bush has been pounding the old apple in spring training.

That Famous Stretch

Beaumont may be right about his fielding of ground balls, for, if you fans who watched Busher last year recall, the one weakness Mr. Gale Smith had in handling his position was picking up grounders. However, he usually managed to come up with the ball, and that's what counts. As for the rest of his play, Oregon fans still talk of Busher's ability, his famed stretch, and the way he nabbed high, wide and low balls.

As for Ford, himself, he's had a rocky time of it in spring drill what with a couple of charley horses in his legs and a spike wound on his hand and arm.

Busher, Ford, and Bob Hardy, southpaw pitcher, all accompanied the team to New Orleans for a

series of practice games the first of this week. All were slated for duty, with Ollie Hardy set to open on the mound in one of the contests.

The trip is an important one for Ford and Busher, for, according to the lively second baseman, their play in these games would determine whether or not they would be kept by Beaumont or farmed out again. We don't know the results as yet, but hang on to your hats, gents, for we'll know in a few days.

Bridge Experts, too

Spring training has been a lot of fun for the boys, though, especially the big bridge games between Ford and Busher on the one hand and Bob and Mrs. Hardy on the other. Ford claims he and Busher have the edge in the duel so far.

Coach Hobby Hobson had quite a laugh explaining why the Ducks and Linfield defied the rain to get in last Wednesday's ball game. Says Hob: "If you let it (the weather) bluff you, it'll rain every day. We just decided we wouldn't let it get the upper hand."

What did Hobby think of Southern Cal's touted Ralph Vaughn when he saw him play in the western NCAA regionals at Kansas City . . . "Well, I saw several I thought were better basketball players . . . Indiana had two."

Little Ed McCrary, Indiana substitute who paced his team to the national championship, was one boy who really caught Hobby's eye. . . "On one play," marvels Hob, "McCrary, a little fellow, leaped high in the air to snatch a ball which was going out of bounds and with a flick of the hands flipped it in."

My Son, My Son

Indiana, a university located in a basketball hotbed, used the fast break . . . one of the few East teams that did. Incidentally, the Hoosier outfit was not the Big Ten champ as many fans out here thought . . . the champion was Purdue, but because of difficulties, Purdue decided not to compete, and Indiana, a club which had beaten the Boiler-makers twice was voted the Big Ten representative in the nationals.

This year, thank heaven, New Yorkers cannot insist that one of their teams was the best in the nation as they did last year when Long Island won the New York sportswriters' invitational tourney. Reason — Colorado entered the New York tourney and won, beating Duquesne handily in the finals. The champion Colorado team then followed up its triumph by competing in the NCAA and was bumped by Southern California, loser to Kansas in the finals of the western regionals.

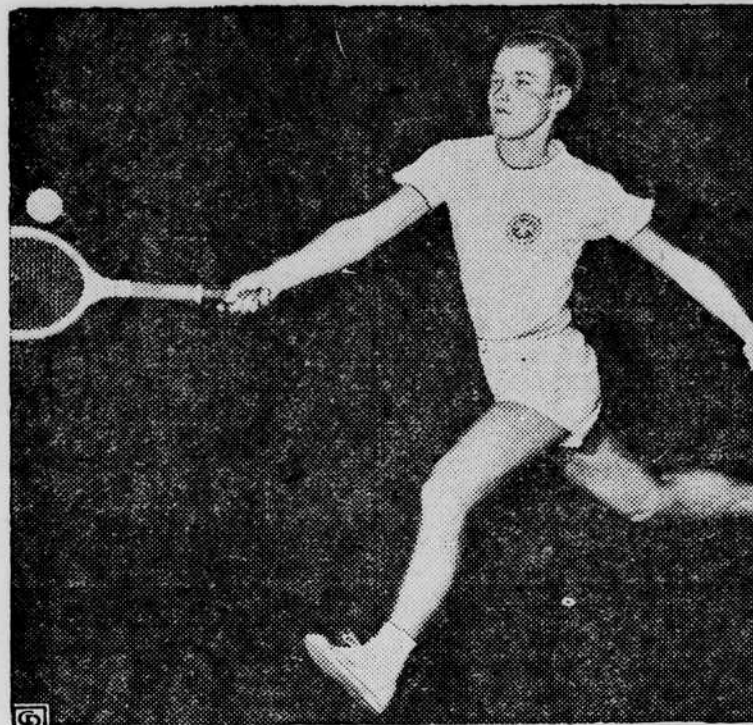
Everywhere Coach Hobby went in the East, he heard comments about the one-handed shooting of Western teams . . . back there, you know, they still prefer the orthodox two-hander on practically all shots. Coach Hobby's answer is this: "We teach the one-handed shot out here." By this, the Oregon coach means that the shot is taught as a fundamental, just as dribbling is.

Kansas' Coach Phog Allen's chest must have swelled with paternal pride when his son played a leading role in downing over-confident Southern Cal. Young Allen scored the basket that tied the ball game, the free throw that put Kansas ahead, and then, after USC had come back with a bucket, stole the ball from USC and passed to a teammate who scored the winning goal.

Nineteen schools have entered the Hayward relay which will be held here next Friday.

Ducks Take Twin Bill From Pacific, 3-2, 11-2

Junior Star



William Umstaedter of Louisiana university is one of the United State's favorite junior players. Here Umstaedter shows how he goes after a hard smash.

Rieder, Igoe Post Wins

By TOM COX

FOREST GROVE, Ore., April 5—Special—The University of Oregon took both ends of a twin bill from Pacific university here today, winning the opener, 3 to 2, and then walking away with the nightcap, 11 to 2.

The Ducks today move to Portland where they take on the Portland Pilots in a return game on their home field. The Webfoots took the first game, 7 to 2, at Howe field Thursday.

The Badgers reached Pete Igoe for 12 hits in the opener, but it wasn't enough to win. The slim Oregon hurler kept the blows well scattered and, with near perfect support behind him, stopped the Badgers, although he weakened in the ninth.

Whitman Slugs

In the second Bob Rieder allowed the Badgers just three hits, while Oregon pounded three Pacific hurlers for 11 runs on 10 hits. Rieder was greatly aided when the Pacific defense fell apart, nine errors being chalked up to the northerners.

Dick Whitman, Webfoot center fielder, led the attack with a pair of hits in the opener and three more in the nightcap. It gave him five in seven times at bat for the day and 11 in 15 for the season, for the tremendous average of .733.

Summary of first game:

Oregon	B	R	H	E
Austin, 1	4	0	1	0
Calvert, s	3	1	0	0
Whitman, m	3	1	2	1
Carney, r	3	0	0	0
Walden, c	3	0	0	0
Ager, 3	3	0	0	0
Beggs, 1b	3	0	1	0
Shimshak, 2	2	0	1	0
Igoe, p	3	1	0	0
Totals	27	3	5	1

Pacific U.	B	R	H	E
Mann, m	4	1	1	0
Laughy, 2	4	1	2	0
Petrasso, r	4	0	2	0
Risk, s	3	0	1	1
Mayer, 1	4	0	2	0
Lake, 3	3	0	1	1
Cripe, 1b	2	0	1	0
Anderson, 2	3	0	1	0
Dierrix, p	3	0	1	0
Totals	30	2	12	2

Summary of second game:

Oregon	B	R	H	E
Cox, 2	2	2	1	0
Smith, s	5	1	2	0
Whitman, m	4	2	3	0
Hamer, 1b	4	0	1	0
Carney, r	5	1	1	0
White, 1	5	0	0	0
Ager, 3	3	1	0	2
Rieder, p	4	2	1	0
Kelly, c	2	2	1	0
Totals	34	11	10	2

Pacific U.	B	R	H	E
Petrasso, 2	2	1	0	0
Laughy, 2	3	1	0	1
Mayer, 1	3	0	1	0
Risk, s	3	0	0	1
Lake, 3	3	0	1	0
Cripe, 1b	3	0	1	5
White, r	3	0	0	1
Anderson, c	1	0	0	0
Gilman, p	2	0	0	1
Rankin, p, 2nd				
McCurdy, p, 5th				
Totals	23	2	3	9

Athletes Notice!

Due to the small number signing up, all-campus entry books will be left open a few days longer, according to announcement from the intramural department. Sports included are both singles and doubles play in tennis and golf.

Official softball schedules were placed in the mail last night.

Four 'B' League Teams Advance In Volleyball

Sigma Nus, DUs, Gamma Phi Delts Win Matches

By DON GIBONS

With the "B" league taking over the volleyball schedule for the day, four more teams advanced towards the finals. The Sigma Nus took two easy ones from the Chi Psis by 15 to 13 and 15 to 4 counts.

The DUs came back in the third game to win two out of three from the Theta Chis. Following in the footsteps of their "A" team the Phi Delts took the Sigma Chis into camp in another two out of three session. Gamma hall won by default as the Alpha hall team failed to show.

Three Tilt Series

Best of the four games was the Phi Delt-Sigma Chi encounter, which saw the barn boys take the first one in easy style by a 15 to 5 count, but running into stiffer competition in the second game as the Sigma Chis came out on top, 15 to 7. In the deciding contest the Phi Delt crew edged out a 15 to 10 win. The winners showed a well-rounded crew that should provide stiff opposition in future competition.

In the other two out of three contests the DUs split the first two (Please turn to page seven)

Tex Books Grid Game

Tex Oliver's Reds and Golds will battle Vaughn Corley's and Mike Mikulak's Greens and Whites in a scrimmage this afternoon at 2 o'clock on Hayward field.

The Greens surprised the Golds in a session Thursday when Don Mabee scored the only touchdown of the afternoon on a pass from Larry Monroy.

An all-veteran backfield will start for the Golds with Chet Halski at quarter, Len Isberg and Buck Berry at halves, and Marsh Stenstrom at full.

Frosh Runners Open Season In Two Weeks

Coach Ned Johns Well Pleased With Present Turnout

"As for the first week, I don't think we'll have any tremendous team but we have some good men," stated Ned Johns, coach of the Oregon freshman track team.

Coach Johns will not be on hand Monday but is posting a list of directions for workouts on the bulletin board.

The first trials of the season are slated for this coming Wednesday. The meet with the University high and, possibly, Eugene high, will be run off the following Wednesday, April 17, with the Oregon State relay meet here Saturday, April 20.

Two more sprinters reported yesterday—Bill Wren and Joe Wicks. John Crowe, freshman, took over the managership of the team.

So far, Johns has been working his distance men on endurance practice, with milers doing over-distance to the tune of a mile and a half or so a night and half-milers taking three or four 880's, walking a stretch between each one.

Sprinters are still getting their quota of stamina drill too, with all dash men taking sprint-laps—sprinting the straightaways and walking the stretches.

Miler Tony Nichachos and Sprinter Ray "Arkansas" Bigger are both working out again after sieges of shin-splints. Probable events in the OSC relay meet include 440, 880, mile, two-mile, and distance-medley teams.

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