

DUCK TRACKS

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"What's the dope on that big fan-like affair Hilton wears for a mitt at first base?" asked a lot of Howe field baseball fans during the Oregon-Idaho series. It happens to be a legitimate question as Lanky Hilton's "brief case" mitt is larger than the regulations allow.

Forrest Twogood, the personable Vandal coach, offered a darn good reason why the Idaho first baseman wears this queer affair . . . that is if you believe Twogie. "He has to," explains Twogood, "he can't get a regular mitt on his hand it's so big. It's regulation for him!" And maybe he has something there. Anyway, the Idaho coach has to get special permission from every team he plays in order that "Rookie" Otis Hilton can wear his "brief case." Up to now every opposing skipper has offered that concession. Dutch Reuther, the Los Angeles scout who watched Oregon against Idaho, explains the seeming generosity, "That mitt won't settle the game anyway."

The elongated Hilton has to have special basketball shoes made . . . No. 14s, I believe . . . and Publicity Man Bruce Hamby reports they even claim at Idaho to make special pants for Hilton. Otis hails from a place named Headquarters, Idaho, and was listed on basketball programs as six foot eight and 204 pounds. Twogood claims, "he got to be a darn good basketball player last winter before the season ended," a very logical statement in view of the fact that the Idaho quintet finished strong. Most of the Vandal basketeers were football players and true to Coach Twogie's prediction were slow starting.

Buck Boots and Bats

Perhaps that's the main reason why Buck Berry has been booting so many at shortstop for Oregon. Slugging Buck went through a strenuous spring football session under Tex Oliver and then turned out for baseball just before the Washington State series . . . and he has been what fans call "tied up." But what else could you expect? The husky Californian has a nice arm, and he bats in more runs than he boots in, so . . .

Buck's score to date in fielding through three conference games against Idaho and Washington State is ten errors! But he also has nine hits and only yesterday batted in six runs! Buck Berry has collected eight hits in his last nine times at bat, including five for five yesterday afternoon in which he smacked out a single, a homer, a single, a double, and a single. Monday afternoon it was a triple, a double, and a single. The football husky broke into the lineup as a pinch hitter on the first Washington State game on April 24 . . . and since then has hit safely nine times in 15 trips to the plate for a conference average of .600.

The Generous Webfoots

Oregon's defensive record of late has frankly been nothing to write home about but with an important Washington series due for Howe field on Friday and Saturday shows signs of picking up. Of the last 53 runs scored off Webfoot hurlers, a total of 32 have been unearned. That means over half of the opponents' tallies

have been gifts on bobbles of Oregon fielders.

The Emerald's operative for information on Bob Hardy, Ford Mullen, and Gale "Busher" Smith—Carl King, Detroit Tiger Scout—reports that Ford collected four hits in four times at bat the other day for Henderson in the East Texas league. . . . Busher Smith handled about 11 fielding chances without an error. All of which is good ball for the two Webfoots of last year's northern division pennant winners who were recently crowded out of Class A-1 ball with Beaumont of the Texas league. King believes Mullen is pretty certain to be back with Beaumont this season.

Your correspondent saw Elmer Mallory, another infielder from the '39 Oregon champs, play in part of a doubleheader for Los Angeles in the Coast league game against Portland Sunday. Afield, Elmer looked like a veteran, throwing two men out at first base from shortstop . . . at bat he rolled out to first base in one official time up. Mal is being carried as utility infielder by the Angels and has crashed the lineup several times as pinch hitter or to run bases. They're expecting to ship him down to a minor league any time now for more seasoning where he can play every day . . . this information being from a reliable source.

A "Million Dollar Infield"

Probably Busher Smith at first, Ford Mullen at second, Elmer Mallory at short, and Wimp Quinn at third, were one of the nation's best college infields last year . . . they were dubbed the "million dollar infield" . . . and now all four are going strong in professional baseball.

These trips of six games in seven days for northern division clubs are killing for clubs with poor pitching staffs and Coach Forrest Twogood of Idaho was wondering this week just who he'd have left for Wednesday and Thursday games against Oregon State college. It amounts to six games in six days for Idaho this trip as last Friday's game was rained out and the Vandals had to play a doubleheader on Saturday against Washington. "I had planned to pitch Stoddard on Friday, Monday, and Thursday with two days of rest between," says Twogood, "now I don't know what to do." (He pitched Stoddard on Saturday against Washington in a 15 to 5 game which practically "amounted to a doubleheader in itself" and then on Tuesday against Oregon.)

Co-ops Down DG Softballers, 29-4

The Co-op girls piled up a total of 22 runs in the second inning and until the DGs went up the third time it looked as though they were going to be blanked out. However, their luck turned and they were able to drive in four runs to make the final score stand at 29 to 4. The game was called at the last half of the third inning.

Summary:

Delta Gamma (4)	(29) Co-ops
Filcher	5, Allen
Brooks	4, Tomlinson
Bush	4, Alderson
Wenger	4, Schalock
Wilmot	5, Deffenbaugh
Barlow	3, Singleton
Borda	1, Musser
Dake	1, Smedley
McCurdy	1, Shipler
Delaney	1, Christensen

Oregon's All-Sophomore Outfield Patrol



Dick Whitman, center field; Bill Carney, left field, and Burke (Whitey) Austin, part time right fielder, have been robbing northern division baseball opponents of hits. Whitman is hitting his stride with a batting average of .308. Carney is marking up a .333 average.

Frosh Face Prep Runners

Yearlings Seen As Favorites

EHS, UHS Entered As Oregon Points For Medford Duel

By BERNIE ENGEL

Oregon's frosh trackmen make their only home regulation meet appearance of the season today as they vie with the Eugene and University high squads at 4 o'clock on Hayward field.

Although the freshmen expect no strong competition from their prep rivals, Coach Ned Johns has given the Oregon boys an incentive to "get on the board." He declared, "Those that do well, I'll take to Medford Friday; those that don't, I won't."

Their numbers seriously reduced by a siege of shin-splints and colds, the yearlings took an easy workout yesterday, running three-quarter speed to conserve energy for today and Friday.

Potential Champions

Under the lights at Medford Friday, the frosh take on the strong Tiger high team. Coached by Bill Bowerman, the Medford runners have been walking away with all meets in Southern Oregon and are rated by local scribes as potential state champions.

Today's most serious competition is expected to be in the sprints and the mile. Stewart of Eugene in the dash and Hammock, also an Axeman, in the mile, beat out the frosh entrants in the early season time trials.

Medford has stars in Bob Crosby, a 10-second man in the 100; Ray Johnson, who is believed capable of a :50 quarter; and Dick Finch, hurdler, who has been doing the low sticks in :23.9 to set various meet records.

Entry List

100-yard dash—Gearhart, Ralston, Cougill, Wren.
Mile run—Engel, Nichachos.
120-yard high hurdles—Furman.

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NOTICE

Coach Ned Johns would like to hire one more car to carry his frosh trackmen caravan to Medford, leaving Friday morning and returning Saturday.

Anyone willing to make the trip call University extension 202.

Final Entrant Date Is May 2

Sigma Delta Psi Donut Meet Closed To Trackmen

Tomorrow, Thursday, May 2, is the last day for entries to be filed for the Sigma Delta Psi track meet slated for next Monday, May 6. All entries must be in the intramural office by 5 p.m. Independents may secure blanks at the office.

An annual event, the meet is closed to members of the track team and is scored on a basis of times and distances achieved. All races or contests are timed or measured and points awarded proportionately—whether a man finishes first or last makes no difference.

Houses are allowed to enter five men in each event.

Following is a list of those ineligible because of their track work:

Varsity: Mitchell, Lohack, Wolfe, Clever, Reiner, Diez, Buck, Keene, Reider, Dickson, Luther, Buhler, K. Storli, E. Storli, Kleinfeldt, Ross, Bryant, Harris, McKee, Lang, Hansen, Hendershott, Brown, Andrews, Emmons, Regner, Short, Olsen, W. White, Reber, and Graybeal.

Freshmen—Nickachos, Engel, Gearhart, Furman, Maher, Mallory, Rudolph, Rucker, McKinney, Riley, Watt, Soper, LeClair, Foster, Powers, Wren, Ericksen, Bouck, Thomas, Hannen, Beifus, Damskey, and Elliott.

Duckling Hitters Resume Drill

Toledo Ball Team Slated Saturday; Tuttle Injured

Oregon's Duckling baseball squad will begin practice in earnest today after a two-day layoff in preparation for Saturday's contest with Toledo high school in Toledo.

With John Tuttle on the sidelines, Bob Yancy and Lyle Selleck will probably handle the shortstop position. Tuttle has an infection in his leg, but should be ready for action by game time Saturday.

Warren put his squad through warmups and batting practice yesterday and promised them a tough workout for today.

Stew Fredricks, temperamental frosh fast-ball pitcher, complained of a twinge in his throwing arm and may be kept out of action this week.

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