

DUCK TRACKS

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Nobody seems to know much about University of Washington's baseball team which plays here Monday except that it is unbeaten in northern division play with a double header victory over Idaho and a single win over Washington State. Perhaps it's better after all for the Webfoots to not know what they're bucking. . . . Hob-



Elbert Hawkins by's wrecking crew can just play 'em as they come.

The conference season is only well started now and already general dope has been kicked topsy turvy. With Idaho, Washington, and Oregon all sporting inexperienced lineups it looked like a horse race for the title between Oregon State and Buck Bailey's Washington State Cougars.

Poor Buck must be tearing his hair now and kicking water buckets all over creation. The super fine Cougar pitching staff which Buck himself admitted was a whiz has collapsed and Washington State holds one victory against four defeats. That's virtual elimination from the race already. . . . the sole Cougar win being over Oregon. Oregon State with shrewd Ralph Coleman directing play and Southpaw Glenn Elliott doing the twirling has won six in a row against every club in the league except Washington and seems to be on the way.

Tubby's House Cleaning

The reason Tubby Graves' Washington Huskies weren't given a top rating at the season's start is obvious. Coach Tubby had to find himself a new catcher, pitcher, first baseman, second baseman, shortstop, and right fielder. Maybe it would be easier for us to say he has only a third backer and a couple of outfielders returning. At that, the Washington coach apparently didn't bring out a crying towel about his sophomore baseball team. He told his Seattle followers of Washington to watch his smoke and seems to be making good.

Oregon's best varsity team this spring. What is it? The answer is simple if you consider the records of the various Webfoot teams. . . . the golfers, the baseballers, the cindermen, and the tennis team. Russ Cutler's tennis team holds the No. 1 spot in Oregon athletics today. Consider the records of all varsity teams for the school year and the answer is still the tennis team. . . . it must be, the Oregon netters are unbeaten.

Here's the way opponents have fallen before Cutler's racquet swingers.

- Oregon 5, Linfield 0.
- Oregon 6, Willamette 1.
- Oregon 4, Leader Shop 3.
- Oregon 7, Washington State 0.
- Oregon 7, Idaho 0.

Coach Russ Won't Predict

As to whether the Oregons are going to win a northern division title for themselves, we'll just have to wait. "I don't make any predictions," says the popular Webfoot coach, "but we'll see. . . . it looks pretty good. . . . we're in the right frame of mind to win."

A big test for Cutler's crew is Saturday when they meet Oregon State. . . . they'll be trying the equal record of Doc Near's golfers who not only defeated the rival Beavers but did it easily. By comparative scores it'll be win No. 6 for Oregon's unbeaten tennis team. . . . Oregon State lost

several matches to Washington State and Idaho teams which were swamped, 7 to 0, by Oregon. And the Beavers were beaten 7 to 0 by Washington on the windy Seattle courts.

This tennis team of Cutler's is a bit unusual, too, when you consider that it has three No. 1 men in Larry Key, Leonard Clark, and Les Werschkul. First it was Larry Key at the top of the ladder and he was there for three matches against Lipfield, Willamette, and Leader. . . . dropping one to Bob Gilmore, the Bearcat ace. Then Lefty Leonard hit a hot streak and ousted Key from No. 1 spot and he trimmed the top Washington State and Idaho men in conference matches.

A New No. 1 Man

Along came Werschkul this week with a brand of tennis that can't be denied. . . . he trimmed Clark, 6-1, 6-1, and is now Oregon's big No. 1 netter. When Les is hot he's what Coach Russ Cutler terms "a power-house" and he's at a peak right now with the Oregon State match not far away. Up to when he ousted Clark from the top notch, Werschkul had won a not very impressive three matches out of five at third position. Clark is unbeaten in collegiate net play this season, having won five singles and five doubles matches. Key has won four doubles and four out of five of his singles engagements.

Honest John Warren's frosh baseball team draws the respect of this campus for its remarkable record—sometimes we wonder if it wouldn't be able to whip the varsity in a regulation three-game series—but Russ Cutler coaches another unbeaten yearling team which ought to be publicized more. It's his other tennis team. . . . Russ is a guy who knows his sports from A to Z and when he is given the job of coaching a team he can be expected to produce. In three matches to date, the Ducklings have lost only one singles match and that in the third set of a thriller, 7-5. They slaughtered University high and Eugene high by scores of 7 to 0 and Roseburg, 6 to 1.

The man without a position! That seems to be Wellington (Wimpy) Quinn who third based for Oregon last spring, turned pro for a season with the Vancouver Capitanos of the Western International and became the property of Los Angeles this spring. Some of the scouts and coaches say he should use his rifle arm for pitching, others say to put the former Webfoot slugger in the outfield, other's say he's a third baseman, and still others say he's a first baseman. Take your choice. He is farmed back to Vancouver to play first base.

Let Wimp Quinn Pitch?

Forrest Twogood, Idaho's coach and a real baseball man, has his own opinion. "I'd make him pitch," says Twogie. "He can throw like h—ll. I'd hate to have to hit against him." The Vandal coach, a former pitcher for the Cleveland Indians who went on the voluntary retired list in 1934 because of an arm trouble called "bursitis," made a prediction that Wimp would never reach double A ball at any other position than pitching.

It might tickle Outfielder Dick Whitman of the varsity to know what Twogood thinks about him although Dick couldn't be flattered any more. . . . he has so many scouts bidding for his services. "He can run, he can throw, he can hit, he's fast. . . . that boy is a real major league prospect

Phi Delts Earn Playoff Spot In 'B' Volleyball

Theta Chi, Alpha, Sigma Chi Teams Post Donut Wins

By LEE FLATBERG

The "B" Phi Delt team won its fourth game yesterday and in doing so took the league III title. Other games saw the Sigma Chi, Alpha, hall, and Theta Chi team post wins.

Alpha hall had to come from behind to down the Chi Psis. After dropping the first game, 15 to 8, the Alphas came back led by Gil Carr and took the match with 15 to 11, 11 to 4 wins.

Williams Shines

Although the hatters took the match, diminutive Tommy Williams stole the limelight throughout the play with his amusing court antics and quibbling queries.

The Theta Chis had little trouble in defeating the Sigma Nus, 15 to 2 and 15 to 9.

Phi Delts Win

The Phi Delts had little opportunity to show their power in winning their league as they claimed their last victory as the result of a default by the Kirkwood co-op.

In the final encounter the Sherry Ross hatters defaulted to the Sigma Chis.

Today's games (all "B"):
4:00—Kappa Sigs vs. Yeomen; Pi Kaps vs. Omega hall.
4:40—Phi Kaps vs. Campbell co-op; Phi Sigs vs. Zeta hall.

Plaque Awarded To UO Riflemen

University Places Second in Contest; Taylor Sets Mark

Symbolic of Oregon's second place win in the Ninth Corps area division of the William Randolph Hearts intercollegiate rifle competition, a massive bronze and silver plaque was received yesterday by the military department.

The award makes the fifth Hearst plaque to be won by the University. In the trophy case in the hall of the ROTC building are three firsts for the Ninth Corps area, won in 1935, 1937, and 1939 when the rifle team went on to become national champions. A second place award for the Ninth Corps area was won in 1934, the first year that Oregon entered the Hearst competition.

The highest individual score for the Ninth Corps area was won by an Oregon team member in the 1940 matches. Tom Taylor turned in one of the highest scores ever recorded in the competition, winning the Hearst individual award.

Members of the Oregon 1940 team were Dean Forbes, Stephen Rice, Jack Casey, Clifford Collins, and Tom Taylor.

. . . but he should stay with Hobby for two more years. . . . God gave baseball players only one arm you know." Which is saying in very understandable English that if a fellow quits college for good and goes into professional ball and then permanently injures his arm. . . . he's out in the cold, cold world with no meal ticket. Ford Mullen, Quinn, Joe Gordon, and several other Webfoots did both. . . . they went into professional ball but came back to college during the off season.

Frosh Track Team Invades Medford

Coach Ned Johns Takes 14 Men for Dual Engagement Under Lights; Home Lads Have Formidable Record

By BERNIE ENGEL

Pared to a skeleton crew of 14 men because of lack of transportation, Oregon frosh track squad leaves at 10:30 this morning for a dual meet tonight with Medford high under the southern lights.

The Medford lads have been whipping everything southern Oregon and northern California could produce and are being boomed by hometowners as prospective state champs.

Oregon, humbled 5 to 0 by the Oregon State rooks in the annual dual relay meet, hopes for victories in the field events, the 880, and the hurdles, with other events unknown quantities.

Looking Good

Lloyd LeClair is showing some of the form that carried him to second in the state last year in the shot put and is expected to hit at least 52 feet. The Gold Beach ace is also expected to win the discus.

In the broad jump and sprints, Oregon's strongest hope lies in barrel-chested Ross Gearhart, an ex-Grant high cinderman, who has been hitting over 20 feet in the jump and has some creditable dash marks.

Bob McKinney, holder of the Idaho prep 880 record at two minutes flat, is expected to win his specialty and will be backed up by Stan Watt, a frosh from Tillamook who never ran in high school.

Cleared Six Feet

Bill Beifuss high jumped six feet in a recent practice meet and is just starting to get in shape. Russ Soper will find some competition in Dick Finch, who has been doing the 200-yard low hurdles in under 24 seconds, but Russ holds the Washington state prep mark in the event and is picked to win.

Due to the lack of men to try for the second and third place points, the frosh enter the meet as distinct underdogs.

Named by Coach Ned Johns as his probable traveling squad are the following 14: Bob McKinney, Russ Soper, Ralph Furman, Ross Gearhart, Tony Nicholas, Bernard Engel, Chuck Mallory, Bill Beifuss, Lloyd LeClair, Keith Damskey, Stan Watt, Dick Ralston, Bob Randolph, Foster, Rucker, Thomas.

Delegates to Visit Campus Saturday

Delegates to the first Junior Chamber of Commerce state convention to be held here today and Saturday are scheduled to tour this campus Saturday morning under the guidance of Roy Vernstrom, chairman of the University Federation committee.

Coach Howard "Hobby" Hobson and Coach Tex Oliver will speak to the representatives of Oregon cities at a smoker to be held this evening.

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