

# DUCK TRACKS

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Ever hear of the backwards double play? It's just one of those baseball rarities you'll be lucky to see happen once in a hundred ball games. University of Washington's infield clicked one off when the Web-



foots were on their trip north and did it with such smoothness it actually appeared to have been worked out beforehand.

The situation . . . Oregon at bat with runners on first and second bases and the logical spot for one of those second baseman to first baseman twin killings. The Webfoot batter slapped a grounder to shortstop and he scooped the ball over to second base where the Huskies got out No. 1 on a force play.

But here's where the double play went backwards. The second baseman didn't cast so much as a glance to first where you'd expect him to throw it—he fired that ball to the third sacker who caught Hobby Hobson's surprised runner, Mr. Bill Carney, off the base. Carney, it seems, went from second to third on the hit and rounded the base carelessly, expecting 'em to finish their double killing at first. Was he surprised? Teammates say the Webfoot outfielder was paralyzed with astonishment.

Actually, the shortstop to second to third backwards double play doesn't seem so unusual but Coach Hobby Hobson declares the Washington-Oregon example was the first time he recalls ever having seen it happen in northern division play. Some of the Webfoots saw it for the first time . . . and they weren't happy about being victimized on this particular occasion for it was costly.

### Stranger Ehle Reber

Ehle Reber of Oregon's varsity track team happened to be the northern division's defending broad jump champion before last

week's annual meet in Seattle. And quite obviously you'd think the host city's sports writers would be aware of Ehle's identity or at least have printed dope sheets listing his accomplishments.

To the amusement of Colonel Bill Hayward and some of his cindermen they apparently didn't. For on the day of the meet one of the Seattle daily's sports pages came out with a feature story which predicted the final results of the meet place by place. Part of the jump summary ran like this . . . supposedly listing the best mark of each man:

"Second place, Ehle of Oregon, 22 foot 8. Third place, Reber of Oregon, 22 foot 7."

That brought a lot of chuckles from Oregon's veteran track coach. He likes to dope out meets beforehand and in this case was hoping Reber could pick off five points for Oregon with a first place. Colonel Bill's remark on that blunder: "Well Ehle, you won't have to win to get those five points."

It may seem downright queer that a man could pitch a complete no-hit, no-run baseball game and not be aware of his accomplishment. Such was the case with Nick Begleries, frosh pitching ace, who twirled his no-no performance against Greshman high last Saturday. The former Grant high boy was surprised after the game when Mate Johnny Bubalo told him what he'd done.

### A Baseball Custom

Baseballers don't regard Begleries' apparent lack of information as anything but normal for there's an old tradition in the diamond sport to completely shush any mention of the possibility of such a no-no game to a pitcher until it's all over. Yelling "Hey Nick, get the next nine men out and you have a no-hitter!" would be putting the Indian sign and a curse on the pitcher. Hence the painful silence. Sometimes the hurler knows he's doing it and sometimes not . . . they don't tell him.

Tex Oliver's opinion paraphrased . . . the spring practice performance of Oregon's varsity footballers was none, too impressive . . . in fact quite ordinary . . . but wait until next fall when the boys come back to open intensive training for their big season . . . within a week or so the solid ground work of spring football will have made itself evident . . . the boys will improve by leaps and bounds.

On Howe field this afternoon Honest John Warren's unbeaten frosh baseball team will make its final debut against the rooks . . . outside of football it has been a great year for Honest John and more power to him. As for varsity sports . . . let's look back to the 1939-40 season. . . .

### It's Curtains

And now for the final wind-up of Duck Tracks . . . the swan song . . . it's going to be a bitter dose to take . . . you can't write one column for over three years without becoming attached to it. I have enjoyed making the rounds of the Oregon athletic department for chats with coaches and athletes . . . where could a person find any better friends than that gang? And it has been genuine fun covering ball games. As for the sports page . . . it'll be in truly capable hands next year with Ken Christianson and Bob Flavell at the helm and good luck to them . . . shucks, good luck to everybody!

## New White Hope



This is the famous start of Stanford's Clyde Jeffrey, new "world's fastest human," who has twice tied the world's record in the 100 at :09.4 this year. Clyde will compete in the Pacific coast championships at Los Angeles this Saturday. Jim Buck of Oregon will furnish part of the competition.

# Coast Track Meet To Begin Today

Jim Buck, Kirm Storli, Rea Kleinfeldt, And Boyd Brown to Represent Oregon In Championships at Los Angeles

With the regular northern division season a thing of the past, the University of Oregon four man track squad of Boyd Brown, Jim Buck, Kirm Storli, and Rea Kleinfeldt, competes today and tomorrow in the final meet of the year—the Pacific coast championships, held at Los Angeles.

Brown will be a heavy favorite to take the javelin event, having consistently heaved the spear 220 feet or better this season.

### Buck Meets Orr

Another man of whom much is expected is Buck, entered in the 100-yard dash and low hurdles. In the hurdles, his best event, Buck is given a 50-50 chance of victory. His toughest competition will be from Lee Orr of Washington State. In the northern division meet Buck led Orr into the final hurdle but lost stride when he hit the bar, losing the event by an eyelash.

Storli is entered in the half mile event and Rea Kleinfeldt, sophomore speedster, will run in the two miles.

Coach Bill Hayward, handicapped in the early season by bad weather and a torn-up cinder track, brought his men along slowly, each week showing an improved team. Oregon State literally ran away with the annual relay games, April 20, winning by a 5 to 3 score in the first bit of northwest competition for the Ducks.

### Huskies Next

The following week, the Webfoots matched first places with the University of Washington but could not find the necessary second and thirds, losing 77 to 54.

Washington State came next on the Duck schedule. As was the case in every dual meet, Oregon equaled their opponents in firsts but lost out 73-58 on valuable place points.

Against Oregon State, Hayward's men took nine first places to six for the Beavers but lost 70 to 61 in a meet that was decided by the final event, the mile relay. Buck of Oregon had a field day, winning three first places and running a brilliant quarter mile in the relay, the first time he ever covered the distance.

### Two Champions

Last week at Seattle, Oregon men walked off with two titles in the northern division championships. Boyd Brown was an easy victor in the javeline throw and Rod Hansen took the pole vault crown.

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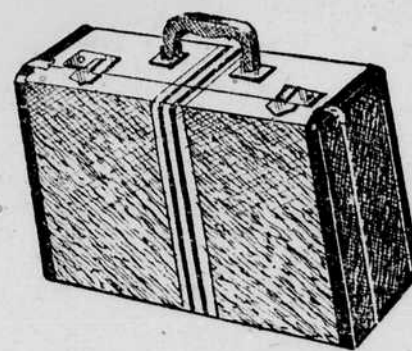
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