

# Duck Tracks

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(Len Clark, No. 1 Pacific northwest singles tennis player, sent me this letter following my last column. In that column I picked Washington to cop the northern division tennis crown this year. Clark feels that Oregon stands a chance to win, so I am printing his letter.)

Dear Ken:

I have just read your column in Tuesday's Emerald and naturally felt sympathy for your luck in prognosticating. In reading on to your new predictions, I noticed that Washington is given the tennis championship—just like that.

Now, Ken, I'm not arguing the fact that the prognostication is a sound one considering they have won the title for the past three years or so, and as you say, they are likely to repeat this year; but here is my point:

Last year Washington edged us out to win the northern division 12 points to our 10. I think that is right; it might have been 11 to 10. At any rate I remember that after winning my singles match, if Les Werschkul and I had won our doubles match, we would have walked away with the championship.

## Oregon Nearly Won

We came close. Mighty close. You see, my point is that while our team was not as strong (all of our players being knocked out of the tournament in the first or second round except for one) we could have won the title by taking singles and doubles events in the tournament. Oh, we should have had a strong team—and we did, but something happened to Larry Key and to Les up there and we had to bank our chances of taking the division by winning singles and doubles. Two men could do it.

That is what we are banking on this year. When I say "banking," I mean it is what we consider our slim outside chance of winning the championship, and I think you will agree with me that an Oregon athlete, whatever the odds, is going to shoot for the championship.

So, Ken, don't consider this a criticism—it is just a plea to qualify your prognostication with what "could" happen. Give the students and the team some hope—don't just say, "well, Washington gets the cup." For take it from me, they are going to have one swell fight on their hands when they try to collect the hardware!

Sincerely yours,

LEONARD CLARK

## Werschkul Is Gone

Well put, Len.

I agree that Oregon has an "outside" chance. Washington still looks like the team to win. For last year Oregon had Clark, Werschkul, and Key who were nearly on a par. This year Clark is head and shoulders above the rest of the team. He beats every squad opponent by scores of 6-0, 6-1, or the like.

Kerm Smith, Frank Baker, or John Williams have a chance to take Werschkul's job as partner with Clark in the doubles, but it's a man-sized job and hard to live up to. Clark and Werschkul couldn't grab the crown last year, Washington is stronger this year, but Oregon still has a chance.

Coach Paul Washke rates his team's chances even with Washington State and Oregon State for second place, with Washington a favorite for first place.

Washke's frosh team is nearly on a par with the varsity. Six men are so nearly on a par that the No. 1 position is uncertain from day to day. Joe Rooney holds down the spot now, with Len Lonigan, Bill Farrell, Bill Johnson, Chuck Larson, and Jim Ricksacker rated in graduated order on the present ladder.

## Order of the 'O' Dance

The Order of the "O" takes over the social spotlight next week. Friday, the annual Hayward relays, founded by Colonel Bill Hayward, take place at Oregon. Order of the "O" men entertain their track and football rushees with the finals of the interfraternity sing and the Order of the "O" chorus at a dance Saturday, April 12.

Lettermen take the initiative in showing these high school athletes from all over the state a good time at Oregon. Undoubtedly, the rest of the campus will unite with the Order of the "O" in showing these prospective Webfoots a slide of typical Oregon life.

## Spring Noise, Silent Machine Won't Blend

The age of mechanical wonders must be slipping backward.

Ruth Travis, secretary and right-hand woman of the entire athletic department, is getting rid of her 4-year-old silent typewriter.

The hubbub of spring activities — football, baseball, track, golf, tennis, and what have you—caused the decision.

"I'm going to trade it in for a 'noisy,'" Miss Travis vehemently affirmed. "It just doesn't fit into the present scheme of things!"

## Netters Belt Freshmen

Oregon's varsity tennis team romped over the frosh squad in a match concluded yesterday on the Duck courts. Seven to 0 was the final count, the varsity men sweeping all five singles matches and both doubles tilts.

Results:

Clark defeated Rooney, 6-0, 6-3; Smith defeated Linigan, 6-4, 6-2; Baker defeated Farrell, 6-3, 6-1; J. Williams defeated Johnson, 6-4, 6-3; Weiner defeated Larson, 6-3, 6-4.

Clark and Smith teamed to down Rooney and Lonigan, 6-1, 6-1. Williams and Baker joined to beat Farrell and Johnson, 7-5, 7-5.

## Riley Beaten In AAU Fight

Pete Riley, MAC and University of Oregon welterweight, dropped a three-round decision to a Hartman, Arkansas, battler, Windy Morris in a preliminary heat Monday evening at the National AAU boxing championships in Boston.

While Riley was falling by the wayside, stablemate Tommy Moyer was clinching a semi-final berth, as a Denver fighter defaulted to the Portland featherweight.

Seniors are urged to reserve caps and gowns at the co-op immediately.

Slightly less than a year ago, two owls were spotted in the Igloo and shot down with .22 rifles.

Ninety-three keys let Jack Cossman, night watchman, into every building on the University campus.

# Hayward 'Doojig' Fixes Steers' Foot For Hill Meet Leap

Bill Hayward once hammered out a metal brace to prop up Oregon's all-American fullback, Mike Mikulak. From then on Mikulak was tagged "Iron Mike." Now the venerable Webfoot track coach has perfected an aluminum brace for the heel of his phenomenal high jump protege, Les Steers. No longer will Steers' take-off heel bruise as he bounds off the floor and kicks toward the world high jump mark.

Tomorrow night Steers and stablemate Bill Beifus jump at the Hill Military academy meet atop Rocky, Butte in Portland. Steers will be out to write "The End" to some unfinished business he started in Seattle last week, when the sore foot hampered his record attempt.

Wind, Rain Bother

Tuesday rain stopped up the track; yesterday head-winds swirled across Hayward field to buck Webfoot trackmen in time trials prior to their opening meet here Saturday against the University of Portland Pilots.

Two-miler Earl Ross struggled against the anti-breeze in a mile workout, turning in the best performance of any distance man out there. However, the clock halted at nothing spectacular . . . the wind.

...Captain Ehle Reber took off the broad jump runway crosswind and burrowed his spikes in the sand pit a shade more than 22 feet away. Reber hopped more than 23 feet last year to grab second in the northern division, one-half inch behind the winner.

Steers and Beifus will be back from the Hill meet in time to jack up Oregon's point-getting potentialities Saturday.

Students placed by the University of Minnesota employment bureau in the last biennium earned a total of \$410,542.99.

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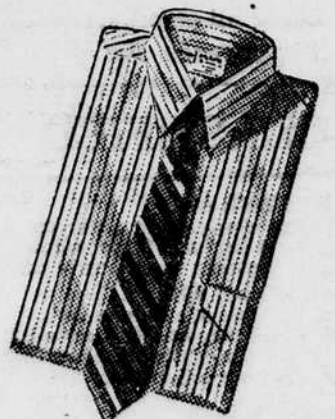
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