

Duck Tracks
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Girl's Softball Opens Monday

Girls softball will open Monday afternoon at 4:45 on the east and west fields in back of Gerlinger hall. The Suzie and Theta tens will battle on the West field while on the east field the AOPis and the University house will cross bats. These are the only scheduled contests for Monday.

For the first time the girls' softball will be divided into two leagues, an "A" and "B." This move was made to establish stronger competition and make the games more enjoyable, said Mary Anderson, apparent head of the softball league. A full schedule has been drawn up and the finals will be played as soon as the schedule is completed, which date will be April 28. The following is next week's sked:

- West Field**
 April 6—Suzie-Theta.
 April 7—Sigma Kappa- Hilland house.
 April 8—Orides-ADPi.
 April 9—KKG-Chi O.
 April 10—Frosh majors-Soph majors.
- East Field**
 April 6—AOPi - University house.
 April 7—ZTA-Hendricks.
 April 8—Pi Phi-DeeGee.
 April 9—Hendricks-AXO.
 April 10—Jr. Majors-Senior majors.

Frosh Tennis Tourney Roars Into Semi-Finals

The freshman tennis elimination tournament is rolling along in the semi-finals with Art Damschen in the lead. Damschen breezed through Jimmy Mitchell, 6-1, 6-2 in the quarter-finals and bombed Jim Williams, 6-4, 6-4 in the only semi-final match played.

Today the matches continue with a challenge ladder coming up at the conclusion. Each player must be defeated twice before being eliminated from the tournament.

The results of the first round: Fred Howard - Winston Kelker, 6-4, 6-0; John Jensen-David Waite, 6-1, 9-11, 6-4; Jimmy Mitchell-Tom Hardy, 6-4, 8-10, 7-5; John Williams-Hugh Crawford, 3-6, 9-7, 6-3. Wilson Reed and Bob Rowan drew byes.

Quarter-final results: Fred Howard-Bob Rowan, 6-4, 6-0; Warren Hamilton-John Jensen, 7-5, 6-3; Art Damschen-Jimmy Mitchell, 6-1, 6-2; John Williams-Wilson Reed, 6-2, 6-4.

In a consolation match John Jensen set down Warren Kelker, 6-0, 6-0.

Varsity elimination matches start today at 3 p.m. with the following matches scheduled:

Frankie Baker-John Noble; Bill Farrell - Bud Steele; John



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Trackmen Get Easy Workout

By BILL STRATTON

The absence of Coach Bill Hayward, ROTC drill, and various other Thursday afternoon activities caused track workouts to suffer yesterday. Because of Hayward's absence, there was no organized workout, and only a few thin-clads were present.

The veteran track coach has been grooming his squad for the dual meet with Portland U. on Hayward field that is only 8 days in the future.

Oregon beat the Pilots last season by a slim margin, meeting them early in the season, when the Ducks were not in top physical shape. There is a week more for practice this year, but Colonel Bill doesn't seem to have much hope.

There are only three lettermen on the squad this season: Homer Thomas, Francis Tuckwiler, and Zenas Butler.

Experience Lacking

Thomas is the only experienced pole vaulter this year, Owen Day, a sophomore, will also compete in the pole vaulting event. Thomas made 13 feet 10 inches at Berkeley a year ago, and brushed the

bar off with the "O" on his jersey at 14 feet.

Tuckwiler will have considerable support in the quarter mile. Stan Ray, Ken Sawyer, and Ed Reiner are working out, and there is a possibility that "Spider" Dickson will be out. He is a two-year letterman in the 440 and broad jump.

The season started with six hurdlers, and has narrowed down to four already. Dunc Wimpres and Rolph Fuhrman have scratched because of illness, leaving letterman Zenas Butler, Ralph Simpson.

Three Veteran Non-Lettermen

Three veterans, even though none of them are lettermen, will support the weight division. Elmer Olson, senior, and Fred Foster and Chuck Elliot, juniors, have been seen working out regularly. Olson also will enter in the discus event.

There will be an inter-squad meet Saturday, with emphasis on the field events. Time trials were held for the runners last Wednesday.

Far over Pacific waters on Bataan peninsula and in Australia the troops of MacArthur are hammering back death blows at the Japanese invaders. War with every ghastly detail has struck at and into the hearts of all Americans.

The Army needs men. The Navy needs men. The marines . . . the air corps. What part are athletics and athletes playing in America's war effort? Right now some 125 ex-Oregon stars are on Uncle Sam's team, with more signing for duty every day. Included are Lieutenants Mike Mikulak, "Butch" Morse, Del Bjork, Ernie Robertson . . . all of football fame. Ehle Reber, last year's track captain, is in the air corps.

Their Greatest Game

Wally Johansen, Bob Anet, and Laddie Gale, all members of the 1939 national basketball champions, are in the Navy. Many athletes, yet in school, are taking advanced military . . . training so that they may best take part in this greatest of fights.

Athletes make the best soldiers—and why not? Good athletes are intelligent. Few mentally-retarded players in any sport reach stardom. A good athlete has to be physically capable of strenuous activity. And athletes like to fight. It takes courage to catch a pass with opponents charging at your back or to face a pitcher with a blazing fast ball. A real athlete is not content to come out second. Football, baseball, track, or WAR . . . satisfaction comes only with victory.

Athletes are drilled intensively. They know how to work as a team. They're taught coordination. All the requisites of a fighting man are here. No wonder leaders in military service have found that athletes can easily exchange their pigskin for a hand grenade, their bat for a rifle.

Sure, sports have played, and will play even more so, a most vital part in the defense of America.

USC's PE Program

The University of Southern California has undertaken an intensive physical education program, which is now being considered by other conference schools. The purpose: "The physical fitness program is an emergency wartime program designed primarily to contribute to the physical well-being of students who may be called upon to serve in the armed forces of the United States."

Under the USC program every physically-able undergraduate student under 25 will compete. Classes will be held one hour a day, five days a week. Whenever a student shows himself to be athletically outstanding, he may take the class only three days a week. One credit hour is given.

It may be tomorrow . . . it may be the next day . . . a week . . . a month . . . a year—but when Uncle Sam calls an athlete, he calls the greatest fighter in the world . . . trained for victory.

Goodbye to Iverson

Chris "Duke" Iverson is saying goodbye to Oregon football. The rugged red-head from Petaluma was rated by many as the Coast's top blocker. Len Surlis seems to be leading in the back stretch for Duke's vacated quarterback post . . . Rod Taylor's 282 in the freshman qualifying golf heats is not bad at all . . . Ozzie Redfield, up from intramurals, is a hard-driving, high-stepping lad who could blossom next season . . . Clyde Lee, the scouting little halfback, is another prospect who may get his chance.

Buck Newsom rolls into the Senators' camp from Cleveland. Newsom, who must be about 32, has seen far better days than his last season's performance. With the mighty-low St. Louis Browns, the big fellow whipped every team in the circuit. From St. Louis-to-Detroit-to-Cleveland-to-Washington "Buck" has ridden. Who knows, this season he may come back . . . or he may keep travelling.

Even the Best Are Beaten

"Zenie" Butler, the hurdling boy from Long Beach who placed fourth in the conference meet last season, was hard at work practicing broad-jumping. But he was just a little disappointed in his efforts. So he picked a dandelion and marked the spot where he thought he should wind up. Stepping back he noticed that one little yellow flower couldn't be easily seen from a distance, especially while running hard. So he picked more: dandelions, scrub-daisies, and other turf-field varieties, and put the bouquet on the spot in the pit. Down the runway he came, lickety-split. He saw the flowers, all right. In fact, he gazed so hard at the colorful spot-marker that he never left the earth at the take-off. Which emphasizes the saying, "Look before you leap . . . but not too hard," or "He who looks least leaps longest."

Abe Simon's handlers have protested to the commission, claiming a short-count trip to dreamland for the New York heavyweight. Better give up, boys; it's all over now.

The parade moves on. . .

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