

Duck Tracks

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Oregon loses a good coach in Mike Hoyman, a mighty good coach. The dusty record books show an enviable record in the win and loss column, and the list of All-American swimmers turned out by the genial coach add to the impressiveness of the list. But for our money his worth goes deeper.

Hoyman's method of coaching has always had the admiration of this column. Few coaches know their trade better. Before any meet Mike could take you into his office, pull out a sheaf of papers and then and there figure out a score, event by event, on the coming meet. When the story of the meet came out in the paper you would usually find the same thing there that Mike had showed you on paper.

Really Follows the Sport

That comes from following sports. Mike could rattle off the times of any fair swimmer on the coast. Any morning during the swimming season one could find Mike down in the Journalism shack poring through papers, probing out the times of various swimmers in various events. Does it pay profits? Well, last year Hoyman took an Emerald sport writer into his office, told him who would win each event in the OSC-Oregon meet, and hit the score right on the head.

And Hoyman knows his swimming. His victories, his All-Americans all show that. There were many little things in his coaching which spectators missed but which meant a great deal to the boys. Few noticed, I suppose, the new turn that his splashes used this year. It was an easy thing to miss. A couple of swimmers come churning up to the edge of the pool, hands touch the edge, flaying legs kick up a spray of water and the swimmers are heading for the other end of the pool. Mike changed the turn used by Oregon swimmers—a small thing but a thing that shaved a split second off of times and split seconds mean records.

Something Good in Coaching

Few knew, I suppose, that most of the swimmers on the Oregon teams knew a lot about the other fellows' events. They knew the proper style, the pacing, and many other little things. The spectators probably noticed that during a meet most of the swimmers would be on the side shouting to the teammate in the water. It wasn't always encouragement they were shouting. Over the roar of churning water they were yelling things like this: "You're kicking too much water—watch your stroke, you're digging too deep." In a sense they were all doing a little coaching.

And if a swimmer got out of line it wasn't always Mike who tried to get him back in line. Often it was a group of the swimmers. They'd corner the one in question and talk with him. There were no hard feelings on any of Mike's teams.

But the exploits written in the record books are the things on which Hoyman's name as a coach will last so let's take a look at them. He started his coaching career in 1934. That year his splashes won all their dual meets but were pushed into second place in the Northern Division meet.

A Great Era in Oregon Swimming

Then started a great era. In 1935 with swimmers like Jim and Chuck Reed and Jim Hurd the Oregon team swept to the championship. Came 1936 with the same nucleus back and Oregon swept the coast and ended up with the Northern Division crown and also the mythical coast crown. They dunked San Jose State, upset a favored Stanford, and set records spinning in drowning California.

Next year they again splashed to the Northern Division championship. Three years and no defeats, three division championships and one coast crown. That was enough for the University. Swimming was recognized as a minor sport.

Three New Names

Next year Oregon dropped to third place. The only time that it was ever to drop lower than win or place. Then Hoyman took a leave of two years. Ned Johns and Jim Reed took over in 1939 and landed the second spot. Russ Cutler took over the next year and again landed in the second rung, getting nipped by Washington in the division meet, 72 to 71. There were new names in Oregon's swimming world. Jack Dallas, Sherm Wetmore, and Jerry MacDonald.

It was second for Hoyman when he returned in 1941. That was the year when Dallas clipped the record in the intercollegiate 300-yard individual medley, swimming it in 3:39.4 to wipe out Oregon's Jim Reed's record of 3:44.6.

This year's record is still deeply impressed in the minds of swimming followers. Division champs—mythical coast champs—the win over Olympic club, their first defeat in five years. They splashed by all comers in dual competition, then went on to break all kinds of records in the division meet. 88 points, more than all the rest of the teams together—a sweep of all first places—the fastest meet ever swum in the northwest.

Yes, indeed, Oregon loses a good coach, a mighty good one.

Fijis, Betas Capture Easy I-M Swim Wins

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Ducks Thump Bearcat Outfit Twice at Salem

Howard Hobson's traveling Ducks wound up their road trip Saturday by blasting out a double-win over Willamette at Salem, 7 to 3 and 5 to 2

Superior hitting power at the plate gave the victories to the Ducks. Don Kirsch started things off in the first inning of the opener with a single and was knocked in by Bill Hamel's triple. Hamel scored on a passed ball.

Four singles in the second round by Bob Farrow, Ted Pilip, and Nick Begleries, and Don Kirsch gave the Ducks three more scores.

Oregon tallied once in the fourth on Kirsch's third blow, a single off Dick Whitman's bat, and an infield out. Again in the sixth the Ducks came

through with another when Bill Carney hit to left, reached third on an error and scored on an infield out.

Nick Begleries had the Bearcat hitters pretty much out on a limb, allowing just six blows.

The second contest went eight innings before the Ducks cracked the tie with a three-run salvo which was prompted by singles from Burns, Farrow, and Pilip.

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VAL CULWELL . . . first string guard, who is working out in spring practice.

6th Hayward Relay Slated

Under the personal supervision of Colonel Bill Hayward, the sixth annual Hayward relays will be staged on Hayward field at 1:30 Friday afternoon.

There will be at least 24 prep schools represented in the annual classic. When the meet was originated in 1937, only six schools were represented, but in the last two years, more than 20 schools have taken part.

Vancouver's Trappers will not defend their class "A" title this year because of an out of state restriction. Medford, always a contender, will be absent this season, too.

Molalla will defend the class "B" title, and Vernonia will be there to defend the class "C" crown. The relays will be held at Corvallis next year, still bearing the same name, and will alternate between the two schools in future years.

Tennis Squad Has Tourney

Warfare continues on the tennis courts as the varsity and freshman elimination tournaments roll into the closing stages. In the varsity it's Frankie Baker and Johnny Williams heading the parade. The two play for the No. 1 position tomorrow afternoon at 3.

Fred Howard, Art Damschen, and Ken Hamilton lead the frosh with the main event also scheduled for tomorrow. John Jensen, a product of Mount Shasta, stepped into the No. 4 frosh berth after losing to Hamilton yesterday.

This afternoon Jim Ricksecker plays Allen Gard and John McCliment meets Lloyd Manning for the varsity. The winner of the McCliment-Manning match then plays Joe Rooney. In turn, the winner of the Rooney-? match takes on the winner of the Ricksecker-Gard feud at 4:30 today.

In freshman competition Ken Hamilton and Art Damschen play at 3 today with the winner meeting Fred Howard tomorrow. Also set for this afternoon is a match between Bob Rowan and Nick Reed and one between Hugh Crawford and John Williams.

Baker Triumphs
In the varsity matches played yesterday Frankie Baker buzzed through Jim Ricksecker, 6-4 and

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Sig Eps Have Trouble But Wax Phi Delts

By JOE MILLER

The waters of the men's pool sprayed to the best IM swimming so far this year when the bouncing Betas and the runaway Fijis swept EVERY first place in their meets with the ATOS and the Kappa Sigs to win 41 to 7 and 34 to 13, respectively. The Sig Eps, led by Hal Harris, edged out last year's champs, the Phi Delts, 25½ to 22½, in a tight swim-fest. These winning teams move up to the semi-finals, and the final play-off for the swimming championship will be held Friday.

The Fiji-Kappa Sig meet was just a long parade of Fiji wins. Jake Risley and Gwodie Warren Charleson outswam Stanley of the Kappa Sig clan to win in 22.2. Big John Emerson tanked Kappa Sig Don Richardson in the 40-yard back stroke in slow time, 26.9. George Otten trailed in third for the Phi Gams. Tom Whitmore outlasted Kappa Sig Don Belding in the 40-yard breast stroke in 26.2 with Bob Range trailing far to the rear to add another Phi Gam point.

Almost Crack Record

The Fijis rolled right on in the relay events. Emerson, Whitmore and Risley won by a half-length in the near-record time of 1:14.8. It was the same old story in the 120-yard freestyle. Jake Risley, Range, and Emerson splashed to the north side of the pool, winning by a half-length, and the Fijis were home, 34 to 13.

The only difference in the victory of the 41 to 7 victory of the Betas over the ATOS was that the score was a trifle higher, and that Beta Warren Finke nearly broke the 40-yard backstroke record again, missing again by .3 of a second.

It was Finke, Duden, and far to the rear, ATO Carl Little in 39.4. Duden, Sheahan, and Sam Crowell teamed up to sweep the 120-yard medley relay for the Betas in 1:21.5. The final event went to those hot Betas, too. Lyon, Fink, and Kaufman came home by a quarter of a length in 1:08.1, and the meets were wrapped up for the day.

The championship team should be one of these three clubs.

Harris Wins Freestyle

Hal Harris encountered his toughest opponent yet in the opening SPE-Phi Delt event, the 40-yard freestyle. It was Chub Church, who pushed Harris to the line a half-stroke behind, in the fast time of 20.2. Dean Van Lydegraf of the SPE aquacaders, trailed in the place spot.

Harris had much less trouble in the next event, the 40-yard backstroke. He out-splashed Phi Delt Frank Watkins by a half length to win in 26.4. Walt Kresse and Maury Salomon tied for third spot, coming in a dead-heat. Al Conyne took over the SPE chores in the 40-yard backstroke, beating Phi Delt Bob Stanbery by a whisker with another Phi, Tom Boyden, capturing third place. The event

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