

Duck '9' Awaits Husky Tussles

By FRED TREADGOLD

Just time enough for one big, healthy breath and then the zooming Ducks will again plunge into the thick of the northern division pen-ant fight in their battle for survival.

Yesterday's workout was a welcome rest from the grind through which the Webfoots have plunged the last week. Today they have one more day of good grace, but the fun stops there. Friday and Saturday it's be all serious business for Oregon again when they try to derail the rumbling Washington express in its non-stop run to Pennant-town.

Huskies Strong

Tubby Graves' Husky nine has gone through a strenuous pre-conference slate with nary a stumble and showed no signs of faltering against Idaho last week. They clubbed the Vandals in a double bill, 4 to 1 and 2 to 0, and invade Eugene with an advance billing that is voluminous enough to satisfy even the most egotistical prima donna.

Keymen in the Seattle aggregation are Norm Dalthorp, outfielder; Bill Gissberg, Merlin Gilbertson, and Bob Bird, infielders; all from the basketball five. Number one Husky chucker is Doug Ford, also of hoop fame, who has a smoking hot fast one.

However, Hobby Hobson's boys are back on their feet after a wobbly start and are ravenously hungry for "Husky steaks" which they plan to dish up this weekend. A double win by the Ducks over Idaho and a split with Washington State upped Oregon's stock from last place to second, within hailing distance of the pace-setting Oregon State and Washington clubs.

Ernie Plays Last . . .

Robertson, Ex-Duck Star, Killed In Airplane Crash

(Word was received just before press time to indicate that there was doubt concerning the reported death of Lieutenant Robertson. His wife was contacted in Florida and she claims to have received no word of his death.)

Second Lieutenant Ernest W. "Ernie" Robertson, former gridiron star at Oregon was killed along with six other United States army fliers Wednesday near Orlando, Florida, when a bomber and a pursuit plane collided, a United Press report revealed.



ERNIE ROBERTSON . . .
... died in a plane crash.
(Courtesy of the Reg'ster-Guard)

"Ernie" played on the Oregon football team in 1937-38-39, and was considered one of the coast's leading guards. He started his football career as a blocking back but was moved up into the forward wall after his sophomore year.

He was one of the most outstanding athletes to attend the local Eugene high school, being tops as a fullback on the football team and a member of the baseball and track teams.

The former Webfoot gridiron star had spurned a professional football try with the Brooklyn Dodgers to enter the army air corps. He enlisted slightly more than a year ago and married Virginia Doten in Walla Walla, Washington last February.

Visited Eugene

He was originally located at the Pendleton air base for several months and made frequent visits to Eugene last fall.

He is survived by his parents; his wife, the former Virginia Doten of Orinda, California; one brother, Howard of Eugene; and one sister, Mrs. Margaret Robertson Morrison of Eugene.

Scouts Begin Search For Softball All-Stars

By JOE MILLER

Hank Burns, cochairman of the all-star softball extravaganza spent the entire afternoon scouting several Greek aggregations and appeared to be confident that he would be able to field a well-rounded, heavy-hitting club on the afternoon of May 8. He also explained his plan of picking the Greek team to several of the athletic managers, and they expressed approval of it.

Method of Selection

The plan consists of picking the players at the positions they have been playing throughout the intramural season. He is going to go over the entire roster of every Greek team with the respective athletic managers, and together they will select their 17 men. In this way no one will be over-

looked, and a completely fair selection of the players will be assured.

Coach Hank liked the work of Sig Ep "Porky" Andrews in center field and his daredevil running on the basepaths. He also commented favorably on the DU battery of Bob Wren and George Dugan and some nice stick work by Beta Hal Fredericks. Sigma Nu Hank Steers also may be potent.

The Awful Awfuls shape up to supply the Independents some of their top material. Far ahead of the rest of the IM pack they appear to have the inside track for the title.

Olson and Marine

Their sensational battery of Elmer Olson and Johnny Marine should start for the Independents,

while Arne Jensen should provide field strength. Sherry Ross' Bob Reynolds is a tower of strength and noise from the shortstop post. Gamma's Jim Linse throws strikes from the "hot" corner and is a "hit 'em where they ain't" type of hitter.

At the present time, on the strength of Olson, the Independents rank as slight favorites, but by game time it should be a little more than a tossup. At any rate the game should be a colorful show, with a possible recurrence of election day rivalry. It has been hinted at by reliable sources that Les Anderson and Steve Worth may be drafted to umpire the tilt, but this possibility is scoffed at by the chairmen.

Sig Eps Continue Win March; Pi Kaps Nip Gamma Hall, 1-0

The Sig Eps kept in the running for the IM softball title by battering Campbell club, 12 to 6. Andrews and Marshik went the route for the Heartmen, giving up seven hits. A total of five circuit smashes were cracked out, two by Andrews, one each by Marshik and Manning, and a long drive for the clubmen by Paul Thurston.

Campbell took a two-run lead in the first frame on blows by Milt Small and Nobsey Morris. The SPEs came back with four big ones in the fourth and from there on in it was just a matter of how many runs they would get. Asla started on the hillock for the clubmen but gave way to Morris in the fifth. Campbell200 211— 6 7 3
Sig Eps100 432—12 11 2
Asla, Morris and Thurston; Andrews, Marshik and Henderson.

The Sammies kept right on the glory road, smashing down a helpless Omega hall outfit, 13 to 2. Len Popick worked all the way, setting the hallmen down with five scattered hits.

Sherm Olts staggered the full distance for Omega, although he was reached for 12 blows. Gene Hasson cracked out two homers for the Sammies to lead the men of SAM. Everyone in their batting order got a safe blow.

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L. Popick and Hasson; Olts and Pillsbury.

PiKaps Win Thriller

The PiKaps won a thrilling 1

to 0 win when Leo Stoeckle doubled and came all the way home in the seventh frame to give Bob McFadyen a close triumph over Gamma hurler Jim Linse. Both were niggardly, giving up four blows apiece. Fielding on both sides was exceptional and several fielding gems marked the play.

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McFadyen and Wehe; Linse and Gumbert.

Phi Delts Blast

The Phi Delts came to life against the Sigma Chis, blasting out an 18 to 2 victory over the hapless Sweetheart boys. Every
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DON KIRSCH . . .

... pulls in a high peg to second.

Sports Staff

Fred Treadgold
Si Sidesinger
Erling Erlandson
Tommy Mayes
Nancy Lewis
Bill Stratton
Virginia Wells
June Hitchcock
Jean Friderger
Harry Glickman
Joe Miller

Warren Sends Gridmen Through Mix

Head Coach John Warren again put his hefty football squad through a two-hour practice last night mixing a 45 minute scrimmage with the usual fundamentals.

Guards, tackles, centers, and ends separated for individual work while the backs went through offensive drill, 2 on 1, and general defensive tactics were the main principles of the linemen.

Light Scrimmage

Scrimmage at first was light by warmed up into a first class battle before many minutes had gone by. Older men of the Duck squad who thought they had passed by Warren's gruelling running and conditioning exercises will be sadly disappointed next fall.

"Honest John" will undoubtedly retain the exercises that made his freshman teams the toughest and best conditioned first year squads on the Northern division loop.

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