

Duck Tracks

By GEORGE SKORNEY

Up until the Huskie series the Ducks batted .269 as a team. The "Boob's" average was steadily decreasing and at that time his mark was .581. Barney Koch, the versatile fielder was batting .296. "Slugger" Begleries' bat mark stood at .286. Other than these three boys, the Webfoots were way below form. Don Kirsch, .214, Carlson, .222, Burns, .214, Farrow, .212, Murphy, .207, and Hamel, .185, constituted the regular's power.

After the two-game win over Washington, Bubalo, Koch, Begleries, Kirsch, and Hamel added all the way from 1 to 13 points to their batting averages. But even with this, batting was poor. Big "Jawn" added 13 points to his mark, making it .594. He lashed two hits in three trips to the plate in each game. Other hitters to improve were Koch, .300, Begleries, .294, Kirsch, .243, and Hamel, .187. Roy "Country" Carlson failed to get a bingle during the two games. This set his average from .222 down to .181. The remaining Ducks are batting: Burns, .205; Farrow, .212, and Murphy, .189.

Ducks Outhit Huskies

Hobson's Webfoots outhit the Huskies .250 to .231. The Ducks collected 14 hits in 56 times at bat against 16 out of 69 for Washington.

Although the season has just begun and early predictions are foolish, we can't help but gape at the amazing efforts of the Portland Beavers, now in third place (as the paper goes to press) with seven wins and four defeats. As a rule the Beavers win the first two games and then lapse into a coma. Last year they set a new record for games lost.

Two of the four defeats were heartbreakers and both by one run. In the last game the rejuvenated Beavers lost 1 to 0, but not until after seven scoreless innings. The Portlanders, now under new ownership and management, have brought into their fold fresh talent in the form of old timers. These players have been in pro ball for years and are either 4-F or to old for military service, which in all makes them gold mines as long as organized baseball lasts. The other clubs in the Class AA league are very weak. Managers are depending upon rookies (fresh out of high school or college) and untried talent.

Pro-Club Shows Improvement

With these facts before us, we are inclined to believe that the Beavers, the St. Louis Browns of the Coast league, will finish in the first division. For the past four years the club has ended in the cellar.

Browning Allen, spindle-legged negro flash from Portland, has had a new moniker hung on him by his boss, Colonel Bill Hayward. Allen, who wears glasses for obvious reasons, now answers to Mahatma M'Ghandi, or M'Ghandi. Strangely enough the likeable Allen is an exact facsimile of the original in looks but not in character. It's M'Ghandi this and M'Ghandi that and no more "Brownie" or the formal last name Allen.

Next Saturday the Webfoot tracksters will take on, or maybe be taken by, the Cougars of Washington State here in Eugene for their first 1943 dual meet on the familiar stamping grounds. Last year when the schools met here in Eugene, the Cougars triumphed over the Ducks. Although the weather was foul, three meet and field records were broken on Hayward field.

Steers Cracks Jump Record

Les Steers climbed over 6 feet 10½ inches for a new high jump record. But he was slightly overshadowed by Washington State's Pat Haley who ripped off the 100-yard dash in :9.6 and then turned in a :21 220-yard effort to erase the old mark. Last year you will remember, the Pullman crowd romped to the championship with 48 2-5 points on their own field.

After today's session in Seattle, Oregon trackmen have three meets left on the docket. First of all the aforementioned dual meet with the Cougars, May 8 in Eugene. After this on successive Saturdays, they will run against Oregon State, May 15 in Eugene; and the big day the Northern Division finals at Seattle on May 22. This means that after their return from the Puget Sound city, the Ducks will be able to have two weeks of Hayward field before they once more make the long journey up north.

Duck Pitchers Plentiful

Howard Hobson certainly has enough prospective chuckers on his roster. Other than his three regulars, Nick Begleries, John Bubalo, and Hal Staltzman, Hobby has Whitey Lolan, soph right hander; Art Murphy, Suds Sutherland, Bob Caviness, and Fred Kuhl. Out of all these boys there should be more than just three who are capable of seeing service.

Oregon-Washington Teams Test Strength in Dual Meet

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Way up there in Seattle today a small band of Oregon trackmen accompanied by their coach, Colonel Bill Hayward, will pit their strength against the mighty Huskie of the University of Washington.

Of the 34 tracksters who made the trip, only seven are lettermen. By the process of mental arithmetic, Colonel Bill will have 27 men who will perform for the first time in a college meet.

Dashes Strong

In the dashes the sprinters are all green except for Stan Ray, barrel-chested 440-man. However, Browning "M'Ghandi" Allen, Chuck Beckner, and Skiles Hoffman are talented dashmen. Beckner, quarter-miler has the edge over letterman Stan Ray. Ray has yet to reach his form of last season. Allen has taken over the 100 and 220-yard dashes on the Duck cinder team with smiling Skiles running as his mate.

"M'Ghandi's" event is the 220. In the century his starts are not as fast as they should be, but in the quarter-mile he has a long enough run in which to outlast his opponents with his blazing speed.

Don Wilson will undertake the mile for the Webfoots. Black-haired Don is in top form because of his tireless efforts during workouts. A few days ago he was clocked at 3:15.1 in a three-quarter mile run. In one of last year's meets he came across with a 4:19.2 mile, good enough to break the existing record for that particular contest.

Captain Homer Thomas took with him his poles and another vaulter, Eston Way, for the Washington dual meet. Bob Mueller who was to have gone along failed to show up for a tryout with Colonel Bill. His form instead of getting better has taken a nosedive.

Lettermen in Hurdles

Two lettermen—Ray Dickson and Ralph Kramer—will do duty for the Oregon men in the low and high hurdles. Both are fast men. Dickson is a letterman of two years ago.

High jumpers, Bob "Family-man" Newland and Maurice Drenkle, have been skimming the bar equally well during workouts. Drenkle, a freshman, has gone 6 feet 1 inch. This is one inch more than his highest distance in high school. Newland is a letterman from last year.

Muscular Bill Porter, Myrtle Point boy, will carry the javelin load for Colonel Bill. Wes Carpenter who was to have been number one flunked out on his form and was left behind. If Wes comes up again, Oregon's chances in future meets will have a decided uplift.

In summarizing Oregon's strength in events, the possible winners are the mile, 440, 100, 220, and pole vault. Even on a second glance these events look doubtful. With the loss of Don Martin the half-mile looks very weak.

The Huskies are also very strong in the 440. They have Suds McClean, letterman, and three fast Tacoma lads, Gerald Bell, Evert Pittman, and Dick Clinton. The return of Bob Smith, sprinter, with an army reject in his pocket set "Hec" Edmundson's heart to fluttering. Smith was northern division champ in the 100 and 220-yard dashes last year.

Washington is very strong in the javelin. Two men—Bill Kydd and Merrill Haagan have thrown the wand 188 feet. In the weight

with two runners lacking.

Summary of events:

Mile—Wilson and Burns.

440-yard dash—Beckner, Ray, and Simpson.

100-yard dash—Allen and Hoffman.

Half-mile—Burns and Boylen. 220-yard dash—Allen, Hoffman, and Beckner.

Two-mile relay—Wilson and Boylen.

High hurdles—Kramer, Dickson, and Simpson.

Low hurdles—Dickson, Simpson, and Kramer.

High jump—Drenkle and Newland.

Shot put—Foster and Elliott.

Broad jump—Dickson, Hoffman, and Shannahan.

Discus—Campbell, Foster, and Elliott.

Javelin—Porter and Drenkle.



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