

Duck Tracks

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Well, the heat goes on today for Hobson's Duck diamondiers up in Pullman. Oregon, despite their league leadership position, enjoys anything but a safe lead. For breathing hot and heavy on the feathered Ducks' necks are those pesky Oregon State Orangemen from the Corvallis farm lands.

The Beavers have made mince meat of both Idaho and Washington State so far on their little jaunt, which covers the northern teams in the same manner as Oregon's current trip.

the Staters now stand very firmly on their second-place pedestal with nine wins and only two defeats. Oregon's record reads seven wins and just one setback, a better percentage, but still a slim percentage.

Therefore, those gay, ball-slapping Webfoots can't afford to slip-up at any time during this trek or their name (and record) will be mud."

It's no easy task to rage through six tough games without a hitch, but if the Ducks can even grab off four of the six they will reign as favorites to wind up this 1943 campaign as "king of the mountain."

Take a page from last year's northern division history book if you doubt that such a thing can be done.

Pros Draw Crowd

When the Camp Adair Timber Wolves finally came to town last week after their game had been rained out so many times, over 250 spectator-folk swarmed out to the make-shift diamond in Howe field's outer garden to see the ex-pros play.

Roy ("Beau") Bell, former St. Louis Brown hitting star, turned up as the only game performer, though Jack Knott, last year with Philadelphia's Athletics, as a starting hurler, did warm-up intermittently on the side lines.

Bell connected just once with a pitch and sent a terrific double to left center. The rest of the time he would either top the spheroid or cut under. But what a swing that big boy had! He put his whole body (must be close to 200 pounds) into each cut and when he rapped the ball on the nose, it just didn't have a chance!

Versatile, Too!

With the Timber Wolves Bell held down first base, although he did spend considerable time as an outfielder in the majors. But like all those big time boys, they can shift around pretty easily without losing any of their effectiveness.

Another tilt with the Corvallis doughboys is in order later on this season and local baseball followers are hoping that Mr. Knott will do more than just toss over a few bull-pen pitches.

Colonel Bill's Boys

Last Saturday's startling track upset when our underrated Oregon thinclads whammed the vaunted Washington cindermen 68 to 63 is our nomination for the number one upset of the year.

No one figured that Colonel Bill Hayward's tiny track club had a ghost of a chance to even make things interesting with the big bad Husky. But Colonel Bill and his runners with real tenacity, stuck their heads in the lion's (Huskie's) mouth and then proceeded to twist his tail to boot.

That's a real feather in Bill's hat and a deserving one, especially when you figure that the likeable mentor only had a handful of lettermen to work with at the season's start.

Tops in Coaching

As we've said before, if any of the boys have any stuff at all in them, Hayward will bring it out. Bill's that kind of a coach.

So, this year's track season, if the Washington meet can be classified as any kind of a test, should be the best in years. And that's even counting the Oregon State victory in the relays a week ago.

Intramural softball is rounding the far turn and coming into the home stretch. The powerful Delta Upsilon outfit, led by Bob ("Birdie") Wren, varsity basketballer, who has done a double "no-hit no-run" job already this season, seem to be the heavy favorites to pluck off the title. No one seems to be able to touch the DU's, especially since the Sigma Nus, last year's champs, lost their ace hurler of 1942, Johnny Mead.

DU Squad Halts March of SAM Playoffs of Winners Friday, 4:00

Everything happened yesterday on the intramural softball diamonds. Finally coming to blows, the Delta Upsilon squad reached the top of their league as they downed the SAM club 5 to 3. Roger Dick, brilliant Sigma Nu hurler reached the heights of pitchingdom when he tossed a no-hit no-run game against Theta Chi winning 18 to 0.

Off and on Beta Theta Pi whacked Chi Psi 7 to 3; ATO had a field pi racking 15 runs to Alpha Sigma hall's 8; Sherry Ross fell to Canard club 6 to 2 and Phi Gamma Delta in a reversal of form bowed to Phi Delta Theta 7 to 1 in the other contests of the day.

Performance Good

Dick's pitching performance was something to write home about. Against the potent Theta Chis he showed perfect control and always had the situation in hand. The powerful bats of the Sigma Nu sluggers rang out as they hit the pitches of Davis, Theta Chi hurler. Henry Steers racked four runs to lead the parade followed by Kimsey, Williamson and Rog Dick with three. Bunny Potts, Davis, Norton, Stroud, and Emmons were the guiding lights for the losers. The win advanced the defending champs to the final round of their league and they face ATO tomorrow for the deciding tilt.

Picking up where rain forced them to leave off, DU and SAM again locked horns in a tight pitchers battle. Puziss, of SAM, and Bob Wren, DU star, were both in top form but Wren also collected a mighty blow to help his own cause. He got his hit in the first frame to knock in three runs to account for the winning margin. Elvin Christinson, mighty DU shortstop, was the hitting hero of the day clubbing out three for three and scoring two runs. Wren fanned 11 SAM boys, but they got to him for two runs in the first when Barde drove out a long drive to bring in the scores. Except for a final tally in the fourth they were helpless before Wren's tosses.

Phi Gamma Delta fell to Phi Delta Theta as Roy Erickson, Phi Delt hurler, let the Fijis down with six hits and a lonely run. Marty Conlin tossed a nine hitter for the losers, but walks and a couple of errors, combined with some timely hits, downed his efforts. Going into the final frame, the Phi Delt was ahead, and as a parting gesture three more scored. Stanberry, Bloomquist, Wiley, Davies, and Simmons led the winners attack, while Folquet, Wilson, McKeveit, and Conlin were big guns for the Fijis. Glen Lay of the losers scored the only run in the fifth inning on the second of two hits.

Betas On

The Betas were on yesterday and behind the steady hurling of John Miller whacked out a score of bingles for 7 runs. Going into the fifth and final frame, the Betas were behind by one run, but Blair, Moller, Miller, and Sidesinger got the range and loosed a barrage of base hits to put the game on ice. Up to the final frame Houston, Chi Psi chucker, hurled steady ball but he weakened long enough to be charged with a defeat. Chi Psi got their only runs in the first frame on successive hits by Gunn, Hancock, Mills and Fenton who all played stellar ball.

Alpha Tau Omega gained the finals of the league by virtue of a convincing 15 to 8 triumph over Alpha Sigma hall. Ken Hume, ATO hurler was again back in form holding the hall club to 4 hits. The winners managed only six hits from the combined efforts of Sherman and Fargle but were issued 10 bases on balls to score at will. Gabel, Lester, Crocker, and Allen each scored two runs to spearhead the drive. Jordon, Paris, Schmidt and Bennett combined hits with some errors to score five runs in the final inning.

Canard club racked up its sec-

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Hilyard, Highland Teams Annex Lopsided Scores

Bedecked splendidly in gay pastel spring-colored uniforms of ruby red and tropical purple, the girl softball teams pranced merrily out onto the field of Gerlinger and proceeded to put their all into the coming fray.

What with some two-inch fingernails chipped off, and what with some beautifully propped up hair-dos dangling somewhat obtrusively into the eyes at the end of the hour, the girls came through with some impressive scores.

Mary Alderson, Star

The outfit from Highland house pushed over the comparatively weak one from Susan Campbell with a score of 25 to 2. This lopsided score was due to the beautiful hurling of Mary Alderson of the mighty Highland house contingent of softballers. Mary, in turn, received marvelous support of two female Joe Gordons, who each hit the "Burma Shave" advertisement on the far back fence for home runs. The support also came from a tightly knit infield who blockaded every potential hit that slipped through the dual alliance of pitcher-catcher.

The Highland house remains undefeated in league play and if its strength is retained will be one of the very strong contenders in the finals that are coming up soon.

Another team that remains undefeated in league play thus far in the season is the fiery Hilyard house team who waxed the Orides yesterday on Gerlinger field by another, if somewhat modified lopsided score of 9 to 2.

Mildred Thomas, stellar pitcher of the Hilyard ten, held the Orides to a scanty few hits which

ond consecutive win as they overcame Sherry Ross 6 to 2. Nelson of the winners chucked good ball while his mates were climbing Arnett for six tallies. Canard's big innings were the first and the fourth as Nelson, Savelich and McCallum counted runs. Unkeles, Smith, Arnett, and Ching were the outstanding hitters for the Sherry Ross crew.

Intramural Softball Schedule Wednesday, May 5

4 o'clock
Field 3—Kappa Sigma vs. Sig Eps
Field 2—ATO vs. Sigma Nu

resulted with only two platewalkers. The Thomas girl is versatile when it comes to playing softball, as she not only held the Orides to two runs, but also contributed to winning her own ball game by hacking out a four-bagger.

Gets Support

Thomas enjoyed marvelous support from her infield players with Ruthie Forman, who held down the hot corner, Dorothy DeFoff, who roamed the center strip, and Leona Parks.

With the advent of beautiful spring weather the girls have gotten the spirit of softball and have been playing their respective hearts out to win the coveted cup that goes to the winner of the finals.

Ducks Enjoy

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potato state for an abbreviated series with the Vandals Friday and Saturday.

Following that little escapade, the Duck "traveling men" next shift the stage to Seattle where they encounter Washington Monday and Tuesday. Then it's back to the home state for a bit o' fun with Oregon State at Corvallis. The season's finale comes at Eugene May 17, also against the Beaver-born, Beaver-bred Corvallisers.

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