

Duck Tracks

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Feel better today, men.

Sun was out again yesterday and managed to make it to Max's before the regulars drank up the quota. Two is not many, but it's better than getting shut out.

A volunteer dropped in yesterday and offered to solve the softball ump situation. This is the deal. Duke Dennison, who calls the home games for the Oregon nine, will give his time to the ump's if they care to listen.

Not that Duke is the best in the business. No. But he has worked the National Softball Tournament two years and last season was on hand to call the regional playoffs at Durham, N. C.

He can give the boys in blue—or reasonable facimile—a pointer or two that might make the situation a bit better for all concerned. And he will do it for FREE! An amazing thing in this capitalistic world.

NO RUGBY FOR REYNOLDS

There is no truth to the rumor that Bobby Reynolds is a rugby player. Although that punt-off-an-end-run-after-a-bad-pass Thursday night would give plenty of support to the idea.

Some of the local gamboleers burned their fingers on that 6 to 4 score. Bernie Hammerbeck of the Emerald sports staff nicked one of the gents for a snappy 10-to-1.

Didn't have much on the line, but 10-to-1 is like finding the dough when the payoff comes.

Don't think that those kind of odds—and this isn't Monday-morning quarterbacking—were justified. That White backfield—with Bobby Oas, Reynolds, Bill Behrens and Bill Abbey—isn't exactly bush.

A couple of watch-charm guards, Tony Novacic and Bill Murphy, turned in a whale of a game in the middle of the White line. Novacic came out of the game looking like what was left over after Waterloo. Football gets rougher as it goes along.

STEDDAM'S GETTING HOT

Note from Mike Steddham: he promises to kick the h--- out of the guy he catches tossing bottles out of the stands during or after any of the games, meets or what-have-you on Hayward or Howe field.

Can't say that the man isn't right. Not much fun picking up broken glass after every athletic event. And what's more important—somebody is liable to get really cooled from being on the target end of the bottle.

Tried calling the football game Thursday night and while winding up the cord after the fracas some jerk, and that's the only name the censor will print or it would be stronger, landed with a fifth about 10 feet in back of the posterior.

It's not a joke. Might be when you're on the pitching end, but not so as a target. Hope Mike catches the guy—and he isn't too big.

FRIDAY MAY DO IT

Football experts in the Bird expect the practice sessions for the spring of 1946 to wind up next Friday with the third intrasquad game. It seems that the deal hinges on how much hustle the club shows this week.

If it turns out as rumored, the 30-days allowed by conference rules will have been cut to 24. No dope on how the other clubs are getting along.

Of course, the final payoff comes next January 1 in Pasadena. Spring practice is like shadow boxing—good for the condition but no good in the league standings.

Like to know what Marchie Swartz has at Stanford. That "informal" team he had last fall couldn't have been much and the Indians have been away from the loop a long time.

It will make him the coach of the year if he can come up with a winner this season. Some alums are saying that if he gets anything before 1948 they will be happy lads.

Latest on Norm Sandlee. The Moose is now getting in shape for the 1946 season with the San Francisco '49ers. The scales hit well over 240 pounds after he climbs aboard. He should give the opposition many a rough afternoon.

In this book he still rates as the greatest "T" fullback of all time and is topped only by the Bronco for top honors in any kind of system.

Husky Harriers Primed For Duck Duel Today

Washington Team Rated Over Oregon

By Al Pietschman

The much-heralded track team from the University of Washington arrived in town this morning and began preparing for the big two-way meet against Oregon this afternoon scheduled for 1:30 at Hayward field. The Huskies are rated favorites over the 'Famine Fed' harriers of Oregon. Colonel Bill Hayward, Oregon's track mentor, wonders how his men are going to perform with that one "Is this all?" meal behind them.

Boomed as potential Northern Division conference winners of the coming conference meet in Seattle, the Huskies, coached by Uncle Hec Edmundson and Percy Egtvet, are confident that they will bowl over Webfoot harriers as easy as they knocked off the cindermen from Oregon State last Saturday in Seattle—but Colonel Hayward's crew is equally determined to show the Seattle crowd that they weren't kidding when they posted their impressive win against Portland and Willamette a week ago at Hayward field.

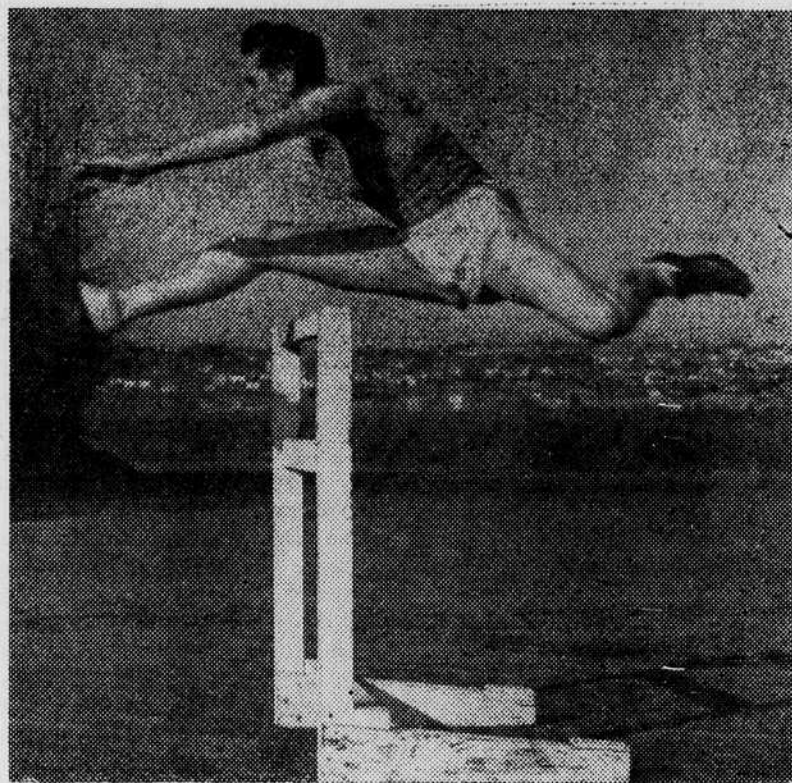
Statistics show that Washington should garner seven firsts for sure against Oregon's three. Figuring times on past performances of individuals on each team, Washington has the edge in the mile, the quarter-mile, 220-yard dash, discus, broad jump and shot put. Their quarter-mile time might be slower than Oregon's, but against Oregon State's O. B. Hughes, Earl Fetter, 20 year old sophomore from Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, just trailed the winner in a :50.8 quarter.

Led by Bill Beuruss, Bill Kydd, and Jake Leicht, Oregon should take firsts in the high jump, javelin and 100-yard dash.

Events where runners are so closely timed that no forecast can be made are the 120-yard high hurdles, 220-yard low hurdles, 880-yard run, 220-yard dash, two mile run and the mile relay.

The top men, and their events, who should barrel across the finish line first besides Fetter: Lee Schloesser, 20 year old junior from Fredonia, Kansas. Schloesser has sped the furlong in 22:4, just under Jake Leicht's time of 23:2 against Portland and Willamette. Heaving the discus around 135 and 136 feet, Don Meyering, Washington's ace discus man edges Oregon's Ed Sanford, 121 foot heaver. Bob McLaughlin is given the nod against Oregon's Cliff Johnson in the broad jump as he has been leaping 21 feet 8 inches compared to Johnson's best jump of 21 feet even. Charles Gilmur and Doug Robinson are Coach Edmundson's top shotputters with puts of 45 and 44 respectively.

Track fans look forward to the battles expected in the races where both teams have men of equal speed. Oregon fans are especially anxious to see the top-mile when Walt McClure, half-mile winner from Oregon, meets Washington's limber-legged Don Wold. Wold has a slight edge on previous times with a 2:02 half chalked up to his credit while McClure has a 2:23 half under his belt. 'Mac' hasn't been pushed this year, and with Wold as a incentive, the 2:02 time may look like kid stuff by the time the race is over.



On Hayward field this afternoon, Lyle Clark University of Washington, pictured above, will demonstrate his near flawless hurdling style when he performs against the Webfoots in a dual meet.

Duck Netmen Face OSC Today In Crucial Match

Northern Division Tennis Standings

	Won	Lost	Pct.
OSC	3	0	1.000
Oregon	2	1	.667
Washington	0	0	.000
WSC	0	2	.000
Idaho	0	2	.000

The Oregon Ducks tennis team will try to do today what they so narrowly missed doing three weeks ago in Corvallis when they were beaten by the Oregon State Beavers four matches to three. The Beavers will be on the Webfoots' courts today at 1:30 p.m.

Hal Philan, the classy number three man, is confined in the infirmary with an infected foot, and it is doubtful if he will be able to play in today's matches. The Ducks will be seriously handicapped if the chop shot artist Philan is unable to play.

Jim Zeiger, the number one man, had a hard workout today in preparation for the Beavers' number one man, Hugh Findlay. Findlay took Zeiger in their last match. A newcomer to the courts, Bill Davis, looked very good today as he played with Zeiger. Davis looks as if he will make a strong bid for a high place on the ladder.

Bob Carey and Vince McBride also played a couple of hard fast sets readying for tomorrow's matches.

The Ducks have one more road trip this season when they travel to Seattle for the match with the University of Washington Huskies, May 18.

The championship meet for the northern division title will be played May 25, at Pullman, Washington.

BA's Favored Over Shysters In Junior Weekend Struggle

Saturday's BA-Law school softball game has divided the University into two sharply conflicting groups, with sentiment running high—betting odds running even higher in favor of the B.A. school. For the benefit of neophyte Ducks, this contest occurs annually at 1 o'clock on the Saturday of Law School Weekend on the intramural field of honor. Evidence of blood remains on the field for weeks afterwards.

Dean Hollis, owner of the law team, gloomily asserts that ordinarily the Fenton team is exhausted by the time they reach the field due to the strenuous ceremonies and rituals performed in front of "the institute." Perhaps they are considered strenuous because the law students of necessity remain on their feet from 12:45 until game time at 2 p.m.

Objections have been registered by BA students against the umpire, Dean Hollis. Charges are:

1. Dean Hollis' eyesight is 20-20.

2. Dean Hollis' eye sight is still good enough to see the bases from the catcher's pit.
3. Dean Hollis' eyesight is good enough to see a white ball against a dark background.
4. Dean Hollis' eyesight is still good enough to recognize members of the opposing teams. Despite his not measuring up to big league requirements for umpire it is generally felt that the dean's exasperated condition will compensate for his lack of qualifications.

At practice Friday afternoon the following players were selected to start for the BA school: John Miller, Jack Munro, Sam Crowell, Don Derickson, Bill Scheerer, Val Robbins, Bill Skibinski, Rip Gage, Dick Tansing.

For the Law School: Hahner, Turner, Smith, Lowry, Carmichel, Meldrum, Kabler, Luoma, Walker. It is felt by BA managers that a large first inning margin will allow every member of the school to play in later innings regardless of sex.