

# Duck Tracks

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Baseball Coach Hobby Hobson may not be the most pessimistic athletic mentor in the business—That title goes to "Honest" John Warren—but he'll run a second best. Talking to Oregon's super successful diamond coach while he waited to get a glimpse of his youngster running the the half-mile in the prep sophomore track meet on Hayward field yesterday, Hobson was anything but optimistic about the first place Webfoots winning the Northern Division title this year. If he was he certainly didn't indicate same.

Despite the ability of the current Duck nine to come from behind in almost unbeatable fashion, and despite the performances of Number one hurler Hal Saltzman, Hobby is apparently worried about the outcome of the four-game Oregon State series. True, Oregon State has the power and the pitchers to give any opposing coach a few head pains. But the pressure is on and the Beavers won't be allowed any mistakes. One game and their out and Oregon is in for the fourth consecutive time.

Hobson wasn't pessimistic enough about Oregon's chances to ignore the fact that the Webfoots may be in on their 1946 pennant drive, though. He indicated yesterday that should Oregon win either the Saturday tilt or the return game in Corvallis Monday, he would immediately dispatch word to Clint Evans, baseball mentor at the University of California, with the intent of arranging a North-South play-off for the Pacific Coast conference.

## USC ON TOP IN THE SOUTH

Unfortunately Evans' Golden Bear nine is not riding the top of the southern loop or the play-off would appear to be almost a certainty. Sam Berry's Southern California Trojans have been unbeatable according to our latest reports and have a 6-0 count in league play up to the seventh of May. California was in second place at that time with three wins and two losses. Both defeats were at the hands of the Trojans.

It is a long haul between here and Los Angeles and the possibilities of arranging a coast play-off with USC would involve digging a lot deeper into the athletic cash box than would a match with California. The more important item in favor of a playoff should the Bears win, is the fact that Clint Evans heads the committee to arrange for intersectional games, and already has contacted Hobson on the possibilities of games this year.

Should the games be scheduled and should they be played here, there are three possibilities as to the playing field. One, Howe field which has a very limited seating capacity. In view of the fact that the tilts would necessarily have to pay most of the freight themselves, the University of Oregon diamond would have last preference. Two, would be civic stadium with a much larger seating capacity, and the possibility of playing the two or three-game series under the lights. Third, would be to take the encounters to Portland and the Vaughn street park.

Tuesday's tilt between the Ducks and the University of Portland gave a partial test of Oregon's ability to draw fans for baseball in the Rose city. Despite the raw weather which touched Portland Tuesday night, there was a fair sized crowd at the park. As it stands, it would be a toss-up between the Pacific Coast league park of the Portland Beavers and Civic stadium here in Eugene.

## PORTLAND PROBABLY BEST BET

We're not too well acquainted with the popularity of collegiate baseball in California, but according to Art Litchman our co-editor, who hails from Long Beach and is our official on the subject, the college game doesn't go so hot in the south. So the preference of a California play-off wouldn't be. Both the Los Angeles area and the Bay area have a pair of Pacific coast teams which steal the baseball limelight from the colleges. Portland on the other hand has only the last place Beavers and half of their games are played away from home, leaving the Vaughn street park open for the play-offs.

Still on baseball, but on the more current topics: Bob Santee, the Webfoot letterman outfielder who had such a bad time staggering under fly balls against the Pilots here last Saturday, more than made up the deficit by really rattling the boards in Portland Tuesday. He blasted two which sailed well over the 325-foot mark and had they been hit into the right field would both have gone for home runs. Santee collected four for five in the Portland game. Incidentally Bob has a brother playing second base for the University of Portland Pilots.

Jim Norvell, who has been having a rather shaky time at third base, has finally gone back to his old position in center-field. Jim played six and a half years in the center field spot

# Lopsided Softball Tilts Feature I-M Loop Play

## Theta Chi's Pound Sigma Hall, 16-2

The Theta Chi softballers racked up their second win of the week when they trampled Sigma hall yesterday by a 16-2 count. Winning hurler was Tommy Wright, who set the losers down with five hits.

The big bats of the Theta Chi lads told the story as they combed two Sigma hurlers for seventeen hits, one of which was a homer by Parker in the fourth inning.

The winners pushed across six runs in the first inning and came back with a rally in the second to double the score. They scored their final four tallies in the fourth frame.

The Sigma hall nine picked up one run in the fourth inning and another in an abortive last-inning rally.

	R	H	E
Theta Chi .....	16	17	1
Sigma Hall .....	2	5	0

Wright and Warberg; Porky and James.

## Chi Psi's Defeat Zeta Hall, 9-4

A five-run first-inning rally by the Chi Psi's spelled defeat for Zeta hall yesterday as the Greek nine went on to win 9-4 in an intra-mural softball tilt.

The Chi Psi's tallied their five-run rally off four errors, three walks, and a single base hit. They scored single tallies in the second and third frames and sent across a pair in the fourth.

The losers picked up two runs in the second inning and again in the fourth when Chi Psi hurler Ellery Riem had a streak of wildness. The final Zeta tally came in the sixth inning off a base hit and two errors.

	R	H	E
Chi Psi .....	9	8	3
Zeta Hall .....	4	5	4

Riem and Metcalf; Deskins and Hill.

## Fijis Nip SAM To Gain Semis In I-M Tennis

The Phi Delta Gamma tennis team yesterday fought its way to the semi-finals of the intramural tennis matches by defeating the Sigma Alpha Mu team two matches to one.

The feature match of the day saw the first doubles team of the Fijis, Clark and Lonigan, defeating Backman and Buckwack of the "Sammies," 6-3, 7-5. Clark and Lonigan were behind in the second set two games to five and the game was at point set when the Fiji men put on a tremendous effort and triumphed over their battered opponents.

Today's matches will find the Delta Upsilon meeting the boys from Kappa Sigma.

Other results of yesterday's matches: Doubles; Pond and Mentor, Fiji, defeated Benevesti and Gurian, 6-1, 7-5; singles: Lesser, S.A.M., defeated Smith, 9-7, and 6-4.

before he entered the service, but playing service ball he shifted to the hot corner slot, and when he came to Oregon decided to stick with it. Now back in the outfield, he feels better about the whole thing and will give the Webfoots a solid line in the outer garden along with Santee and Tony Crish.

## Baseball Results

### American

Washington 310 100 010—6 12 0  
Detroit ..... 000 200 100—3 7 1  
Leonard, Kennedy (7) and Evans; Gray, White (2) Manders (8) and Tebbetts, Swift (8).  
Winning pitcher—Leonard.  
Losing pitcher—Gray.  
Home run—Spence.

New York .. 200 000 000—2 6 0  
St. Louis .... 100 002 50x—8 8 0  
Gettel, Russo (7) Murphy (7) Gumbert (8) and Dickey, Silvestri (8); Zoldak and Helf.  
Losing pitcher—Gettel.  
Home runs—Keller, Bernardino.

Boston ..... 100 000 001—2 3 0  
Chicago ..... 000 200 10x—3 6 2  
Hughson and Wagner; Rigney, Smith (9) and Dickey.  
Winning pitcher—Rigney.  
Home runs—Williams, Jones.

### (1st game)

Philadelphia 000 000 000—0 6 0  
Cleveland .... 000 200 10x—3 6 0  
Knott, Harris (5) Besse (7) and Rosar; Harder and Hayes.  
Losing pitcher—Knott.

### (2nd game)

Philadelphia 000 000 000—0 4 1  
Cleveland .... 030 000 20x—5 12 0  
Newsom, Savage (3) and Rosar, Desautels (7); Gromek and Lollar.  
Losing pitcher—Newsom.  
Home run—Edwards.

### National

St. Louis .... 010 000 000—1 5 1  
Brooklyn .... 000 000 000—0 5 0  
Pollet and O'Dea; Webber, Hatten (9) and Anderson.  
Losing pitcher, Webber.  
Cincinnati 010 000 000 1—2 5 0  
New York 000 000 001 0—1 6 1  
Beggs and Lamanno; Carpenter, Thompson (9) and Lombardi. Losing pitcher, Thompson. Home run—Marshall.

### Pacific Coast League

#### (1st game)

San Francisco 000 300 011—5 11 1  
Los Angeles.. 020 000 000—2 4 1  
Jansen and Ogradowski; Conger, Dobernic (8) and Stephenson.  
Portland .... 030 000 000—3 9 3  
Seattle ..... 130 000 00x—4 11 0  
Helser and Holm; Demoran and Sueme.

## Ex-Husky Grid Ace Gets Coaching Job

COOS BAY, May 15.—(UP)—Susick, former Washington star halfback, was named coach of the Marshfield high school yesterday to replace Red Bailey, who resigned.

Susick earned all-coast honors while at Washington and has been in the Marines since 1942.

## Salem Senators Lose Lucchesi for Week

SALEM, Ore., May 15.—(UP)—The Salem baseball team will be without the services of its heavy-hitting outfielder, Hank Lucchesi, for six or eight games, Manager Leo Edwards said today.

Lucchesi suffered a fractured ankle while sliding into third base in last night's Western International League contest here with Yakima.

## Dennison Blanks Pi Kap Nine, 14-0

The blind man, Duke Dennison, better known in the toggery of a baseball umpire, set the Pi Kappa Alpha nine down with three small bingles as his Bums pounded out 12 hits for a 14-0 triumph.

The Bums went into the lead in the first inning when they scored two runs and salted the contest in the second when they pushed across eight more off four walks, three hits, and an error. They scored another pair in the fourth and garnered single tallies in the fifth and sixth frames.

The Pi Kaps got men as far as third in the first, second, fourth, and sixth cantos but failed to score.

	R	H	E
Pi Kappa Alpha .....	0	3	3
The Bums .....	14	12	2

Klobas and McKenzie; Dennison and Stonebreaker.

## ATO's Unlimber On Sig Eps, 19-6

The big bats of the ATO house unlimbered to give the Sig Eps a 19-6 beating in an intra-mural softball tilt yesterday featured by a 14-run rally in the third inning.

The Sig Eps went into an early lead as they scored four runs in the first and another in the second. The ATOs evened it in the last half of the second with a five-run rally of their own.

The third inning powerhouse display found the ATOs batting around twice as they plastered the offerings of Paul Smithard for ten bingles, one of which was a homer by Hall. V. Mueller, hurler for the winners, also connected for a homer, his being in the five-run second inning rally.

Included among the eight hits accredited the losers was a home-run by Marshall in the third.

	R	H	E
ATO .....	19	16	0
Sig Eps .....	6	8	0

Mueller and Borich; Smithard and Carlson.

## Duck Sluggers Lose Ground In ND Race

Len Tran, heavy-hitting, fancy-fielding shortstop of the Washington Huskies, moved into the leadership of the Northern Division batting race last week when he collected six bingles in ten trips to the plate against the Oregon Webfoots to boost his batting average to .476.

Leaders from the previous week, Walt Kirsch of Oregon and Jack Schimel of Oregon State, both dropped from the running when they ran into batting slumps during the grueling trip into the Inland Empire.

Irv Konopka, transplanted gridder in the Idaho Vandal outfield, maintained his position as one of the Division's top stickers with a respectable .429 to hold down the second spot.

Webfoot first-sacker Spike Johnson retained top honors in the runs batted in column with a mark of fifteen. Following Johnson in this department are three more Oregon horsehidors—Tony Crish with

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