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UO Nine Rests After 9-5 Loss to Beavers in ND Final

Hobson Challenge to Southern Division Champions USC Still Unanswered

Oregon State Trackmen Capture Conference Meet

Webfoots Edged In Final Event of Day; Finish Fraction of Point Behind Leaders

The Northern Division track and field meet in Seattle last Saturday was that city's second major earthquake of the year.

The meet produced more unexpected jolts than any previous conference meet held. Oregon State came from behind in the very last event of the exciting meet to win by the margin of a half-point with a total score of 32 points.

Washington was the half-point behind, having 31½ and the "sold down the river" Oregon track team surprised 5000 spectators, 80 track and field men and 5 coaches to capture third with 31 1-10 points! One extra point squeezed in along the line would have made the surprising Ducks the Conference champions!

Everyone in the University of Washington's stadium sweated out the final reports. At the end of the final running race, the mile relay, Oregon had a commanding lead, 31 1-10 points, with Washington second, 24½ points, and OSC third—24 points.

Two field events, the discus and broad jump, had not been reported, and as they came in and were added to the score. Washington forged ahead of the Ducks with their final score and the Beavers edged up with the needed half-point advantage to win the meet.

"Ifs," "ands" and "buts" could be given why Oregon didn't get

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All UO Netmen Return in 1947

By John Smith

Final Northern Division Standings:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Washington	4	0	1.000
Oregon	3	2	.600
OSC	3	2	.600
WSC	1	3	.333
Idaho	0	4	.000

The University of Oregon Ducks tennis team completed a very successful season when they tied for second place in the Northern Division. The team lost only two matches during the entire season thereby tying with the Oregon State Beavers.

Selecting the team by the elimination process proved quite a job for there were many excellent men turning out. Jim ZeZiger acted as coach the first few weeks of the season during the absence of Coach Paul Washke who was attending a conference in St. Louis. Zeiger did a fine job in getting the men in shape and lots of credit for this year's successful season may be attributed to him.

Bearcats First

The Ducks opened their season with a non-conference tilt with the Bearcats of Willamette university. In this warm-up preliminary the Ducks showed that they were go-

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Duck Gridders Conclude Year With Banquet

The University of Oregon's spring football program was wrapped in mothballs to lie dormant but not forgotten 'till September 7th as the Eugene Chamber of Commerce Monday night have a gridiron banquet for Head Coach Tex Oliver, assistants Mike Mikulak and Vaughn Corley, and nearly sixty grid prospects for the 1946 season.

The evening's program gave recognition to one of Oregon's most promising spring seasons, one that in pre-war years would have started talk of Rose Bowl trips and undefeated seasons but in view of expected stiff competition throughout the conference in 1946 merely resulted in hopes and crossed fingers.

So bitter is the competition expected this fall that not even the perennial conference strongholds have laid claim for top positions in the 1946 standings.

The Northern schools according to spring releases appear to be very nearly in equal positions. The University of Washington squad under Coach Relph (Pest) Welch is loaded with returning lettermen and stars who have in previous years received all-coast recognition.

The Oregon State Beavers under mentor Lon Stiner are known to possess tremendous possibilities and have been tabbed by some California sports writers as the team to watch.

At Pullman the Washington State Cougars have been working under Coach Phil Sorboe and have been little publicized but highly regarded.

Reports from Idaho and Montana indicate that the Vandals and Grizzlies also boast the best grid material in the history of the respective schools.

Among the southern schools the mighty Southern California Tro-

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With his sixth Northern Division baseball title safely tucked away, Coach Howard Hobson is attempting to arrange a three game playoff for the Ducks against the winners in the Southern Division.

Duck Nine Strong After Shaky Pre-Season Start

The Northern Division flag will fly over Howe field for another season as a result of the 1946 pennant chase. Oregon now holds four flags in a row and eight out of the last 11.

Oregon had been out of baseball for two seasons when Coach Howard Hobson called out the 1946 prospects. The three northern members of the loop, Washington, Idaho and Washington State were favored to battle it out for the flag.

Oregon opened at home after a so-so pre-conference schedule. Idaho went away from Howe field with two losses. Washington State

was next. The Cougars went on the way without a win.

Tough Washington was next and came very close to clipping the Duck's wings. But the Huskies dropped both games and Oregon closed the first home stand with a perfect record.

The Washington series furnished the greatest garrison finish in many years on Howe field. Washington went into the ninth inning of the first game with a five run lead and with Max Soriano pitching a no-hitter.

Walt Kirsch ruined the no-hitter with a single to left. Mo-

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Oregon's pennant winning baseball team was loafing this week awaiting the decision on the north-south playoffs to be played June 14 and 15 here in Eugene if the southern winner accepts the challenge of the Ducks.

Oregon closed its season last Saturday at Corvallis by dropping a 9 to 5 game to the Oregon State Beavers. The win gave the Beavers the 1946 series, three to one and closed the 1946 conference schedule.

Oregon's final record was 11 wins and five defeats. Oregon State finished one game back of the championship Ducks with 10 wins and six losses.

Big Don Cecil, ineffective all year, hung up his second straight win over the Ducks last Saturday. He completed the season with three wins and two losses.

The Beavers used the same tactics that won the game for the Ducks on Howe field Friday afternoon. Four of the 13 hits racked up by the Staters were bunts.

Oregon State opened the scoring in the second inning. Harry Schultze opened with a triple and then Dick Lehl hit Dorwood Cecil with a pitched ball. On a double steal Walt Kirsch's throw back to the plate was in the dirt, and Schultze scored the first run. Lou Wegner, goat of the Friday game, singled home the second run.

Don Cecil lost control in the top of the fourth and allowed Oregon to tie it up. Bob Santee opened with a single and Don Cecil then hit Tony Crish with a pitched ball. Spike Johnson singled one run home.

Don Cecil then threw wild on an attempted bunt and the bases were loaded. Don Dibble was given a free base when he was hit by another pitched ball and the tying run came home.

Oregon State took a commanding lead in the last of the fourth with another pair of runs. A walk and singles by Wegner and Dick Kohler drove in a pair of tallies.

Another run scored in the fifth when Dorwood Cecil and Jack Schimel followed another walk with one-base blows.

Oregon's defense collapsed in the seventh and four runs raced across the plate. Four hits, two of them

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Oregon Golfers Lose in Tourney

The mediocre University of Oregon golf team concluded the season with a none too brilliant finish last Saturday when they finished fourth in the five team Northern Division golf tourney.

The Webfoots struggled through the season without the aid of a single letterman as they captured two dual conference meets while losing four.

Included in the victory column were a win over the Idaho Vandals and a late season revenge win over the Oregon State Beavers.

The season's losses were at the hands of Washington State, the division champion Washington Huskies, and the Oregon State Beavers in a match in which the Webfoots were a man short.

Leading the Oregon linksters in

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Hayward Muses Over Past

Colonel Bill Hayward's 43rd year as coach for the University of Oregon was climaxed Saturday by his "down in the mouth" track team's performance in the Northern Division track and field meet at Seattle. Bill had intended to fly to Seattle in order to watch his team perform but was forced to stay in Eugene.

Musing on past years in a recent interview, Bill pointed out the many differences between today's athletics and those when he started

his coaching career. Even the mode of travel was different and as Hayward said, "In those days we used anything we could get to transport us to the meets, horses, wagons, or even our own feet!" This year's team was beginning to wonder what they were going to use to get up to Seattle last Friday when the sudden train strike voided their reservations.

Bill has developed some of the top runners and field men in the nation during his years at Oregon.

In 1912 the genial mentor coached the American Olympics team and proceeded to turn out top men for Oregon every year after that. Among the more renowned protégés of Hayward are Les Steers, world champion high jumper, Boyd Brown, national champion javelin tosser, and George Varoff, one of the best pole vaulters in the country in his day.

Hayward was no slouch as an athlete himself in "those good ole

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