

DUCK TRACKS

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When surly weather fouls up the Northern Division baseball schedule the teams having the wet-diamond difficulties have but two alternatives—other than going ahead with the game in spite of field conditions. If a two-game series is scheduled the first game can be postponed until the following day and can be made up in a double-header. If on the second day it is an impossibility to go ahead the games are canceled . . . and there is no provision for making them up, or rescheduling them at a later date.

The decision as to whether the game should go ahead on schedule is up to the discretion of the home team. And that sometimes poses a knotty problem for the coach to solve. As in the first Husky-Duck clash here. The weather man prophesied that the weather would break the first day, but would be too rough to play in yesterday. As it worked out yesterday was much better for ball. So the home-team coach has to make the decision and hope for the best.

Percentages Can Name Winner

In this league it is not unusual for weather conditions to put a crimp in diamond plans, and the record book will back this up. So provisions have been made to cover any such possibilities. If at the end of a conference season where a game or games have been rained out, the pennant goes to the team having the best win-loss percentages.

In the year 1930-34-37-41 and '42 the title-holder did not play the regular 16 game schedule out. Only in 1930, when Washington won the pennant, and again in 1937 when the Ducks copped the honors, has the winner played fewer games than the second losses—Oregon State pulled up in second place with 11 wins place club. The Huskies took the title with 10 wins and 3 and 5 losses. Oregon took the '37 bunting with 12 wins and 4 losses.

Next week Coach Howard Hobson packs his Duck baseballers off on the much-dreaded swing through the Inland Empire . . . and this year it will be as tough as usual and possibly more so. The home game split with both Washington and Washington State adds just enough pressure to make the going rough. Starting on May 7 the Webfoots hit the Bailey Circus at Pullman in a 2-game series, then hop over to Moscow for a go-around with Idaho. Incidentally Idaho has been out of the cellar in conference standings only three times in nine years of ND. play. . . . and those three times found them in third place or further down the ladder.

Fifteen Allowed to Travel

After the Ducks complete the Vandal pair they'll head for Seattle and Art McLarney's crew again. All of which brings up the traveling squad situation which some coaches in the Northern Division have been known to deplore. A squad on the move is limited to 15 ball players and there are those that say this isn't enough.

The pitching staff by necessity should number around five men, and many times it's a good idea to have an extra catcher around in case the No. 1 man gets hurt. That doesn't leave many extras around. And that six-games in seven days is pretty tough for a college crew. If Hobby does take a five man crew on the trip he will probably name Hal Saltzman, John Day, Harold Walker, Whitey Lokan and Norm Henwood. Henwood is the chucker known for his fence-busting tactics at bat.

Burns Leads Hitters

Leading Duck hitter at present is first-baseman, fielder Dick Burns. Yesterday in four trips to the plate he rapped out one single, giving him a .367 average for 19 times at bat. Washington's Bill Taylor, who was one jump ahead of Burns in division standings, failed to get a hit and dropped from .407 to .354.

Statistics are not available on WSC's Chuck Brayton, but the Huskies Sammy White jumped from .416 to .423 by virtue of one bingle in two official times at the plate.

The Babe Says Start Early

When 58,000 fans paid homage to George Herman Ruth last Sunday at Yankee stadium the old Bambino told the assemblage that to be a great ball player one should start young—preferably at the tender age of six or seven. Oregon State's Bud Fortier, who is taking his turn at pitching and shortstopping for the Beavers, and is in the meantime hitting .571 is one athlete bearing out the Babe's statement



BABE RUTH

Four Cindermen to Depart Aiken Works Duck Squad

By **AL PIETSCHMAN**
Four of Colonel Bill Hayward's trackmen leave this morning for a guest performance in the southern Oregon high school meet at Medford. The roster of Ducks taking the trip south with John Warren

includes Dave Henthorne, Jim Porter, George Rasmussen and Don Pickens.

Although the meet is strictly a high school affair, invitations are sent to the universities and colleges in the state asking for guest performers. Colonel Hayward had originally scheduled to have most of the team perform, but with the Washington dual meet in Seattle Saturday he revised his roster.

Henthorne will run the quarter-mile, while Porter takes his javelin down for demonstration purposes. Oregon's number one and two pole vaulters, Rasmussen and Pickens' packed up their bamboo poles last night in preparation for the meet.

Yesterday's workout for the cindermen was under the direction of John Warren as Bill Hayward had the men Monday. Hayward and Warren are not selling Coach Hec Edmundsen's Washington Huskies short even though they did fall to California last weekend.

The Huskies soundly defeated Oregon State in their only conference appearance and have shown power in nearly all the events. Oregon's injuries are in the races that they could pick up points, and the loss of Jake Leicht, Carl Maxey and Merce Brown is not going to be easily replaced.

Leicht probably won't be able to go in this coming tussle or the following contest with Washington State at Pullman. He tested his legs out Monday but they were still far

The Duck gridiron mahine went back into action yesterday, after a three-day lapse due to the absence of Coach Jim Aiken. Aiken, who has been in San Francisco for the Pacific Coast meeting, sent the 60 gridriders through a heavy workout, topped by a lengthy scrimmage between the first four elevens.

For the first time during spring training the mythical starters went on the defense during a scrimmage. Giving either team the ball on the 20-yard line, Aiken let them keep it as long as they could under game conditions. The scrimmage was complete even to the try for extra point after a touchdown.

Norm Van Brocklin at quarterback, Don Stanton at tackle, Brad Eckland at center, and Dan Garza at end were impressive throughout the scrimmage, and appear to be standouts among the Lemon and Green hopefuls.

The first football game was played at the University of Oregon in 1896.

Drill Resumes Today for JVs

With four days of rest since the 20-1 shellacking handed the Beaver junior varsity, the Oregon JV baseball squad slates its first practice session of the week this afternoon.

The JVs are on the road twice this week. Friday Coach Barney Koch will take his team to Corvallis for the third meeting with the Beavers and on Saturday afternoon the jayvees are guests of Vanport college in Portland.

In the last game, Koch substituted an entire new team including the battery combination as the jayvees turned a contest that started out as a ball game into a batting practice.

The Ducks, led by Al Smolish and Wally Scales, proved they were hitters when they jumped on the offerings of the Beaver pitching staff—Bob Knapp, Joe Conners, and Bob Hammond—for 15 hits. Pitcher Norm Henwood's two home runs with the bases loaded highlighted the game.

Against Paul Valenti's Staters, Koch will probably start Henwood with Dick Rodiger or Bob Schiewe behind the plate.

Top ND Hurlers

EUGENE, April 29 (AP)—Four pitchers are tied for the lead in the Coast conference northern division baseball campaign with perfect records. Strike-out leader is Hal Saltzman, Oregon, with 20.

	W	L	ERA
Day, Oregon	3	0	.667
Kramer, WSC	3	0	1.40
Kruger, OSC	2	0	2.79
Cone, Wash	2	0	2.90
Goot, Wash	2	1	2.33
Ellingsen, WSC	1	1	0.50
Jorgenson, Wash	1	1	0.73
Torgeson, WSC	1	1	2.32
Saltzman, Ore	1	2	1.83
Sauvain, OSC	1	2	5.67
Robinson, Idaho	0	1	0.00

Only 5 of the original cherubims in the New York cast of "The Green Pastures" remained small enough to last the first five years of production.



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