

# DUCK TRACKS

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Harry Wismer, sportscaster for the American Broadcasting company, is the latest to contribute his opinions on the conditions of athletics in American colleges. In the latest issue of the magazine Sportsfolio, Wismer defends the institution much as it exists in most colleges today.



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He sees the need for athletic scholarships to needy athletes, aid for books, compensation for time lost on the field, etc. He draws a comparison with other educational activities and their aid for scholars, paid positions in student activities, etc.

In a previous issue NBC's Bill Sterns took the opposite side of the issue extolling the virtues of true amateurism. And just as these two have taken opposite sides so the battle over the proper position of athletics in colleges will continue indefinitely. On one hand are the high-sounding legalistic phrases offered by those who would judge from an ivory tower, and on the other hand are the equally over-balanced demands from those who can see no objective but winning athletic events at any cost.

## A Balanced Program Can Be Found

Somewhere, however, there must lie a program of sound, practical athletics. If and when this proper balance is found it will not be by some university professor by virtue of the letters which follow his name. Neither will it be solved by the "Go beat Siwash and I'll get you a new apartment" coach. The issue is a complicated one and can be solved only by those who understand both the problems of the coach and of the educator.

The present athletic code of the Pacific Coast conference has many merits. It was originated with the best of intentions. It however, does lead to mass hypocrisy on the part of all ten schools in the conference.

The situation as to the athletic work projects is rather obvious. The code permits work up to 75 hours a month. That breaks down to two and one-half hours a day,—a rough row when the athlete must also spend three hours a day on the practice field, go to school, study, get plenty of sleep, and make numerous road trips.

Proof is not available, of course, as to any shirking in the athletic projects, and even if it were it is doubtful if it would be recognized by some of the conference fathers.

## Athletes Do Lose Much Time

An outstanding example of inconsistency is the matter of complimentary tickets. The code states that such tickets shall not be given for games away from home except for immediate relatives who plan to attend the game. Yet at PCC football games in Portland last fall, visiting teams were scalping game tickets for 600 per cent of their worth. Conference fathers will on one hand say there is no hypocrisy in the present setup and in the same breath admit that such illegal activities are not uncommon.

Athletes deserve and should have some remuneration for the time lost while on the practice fields. Theirs is a tremendous contribution in time and energy. They should not be paid as professionals, but due credit should be given to the fact that they do not have equal opportunities to work as do other students.

Such remuneration should not be given through scalped tickets or padded work sheets. Due recognition of this by the athletic fathers and proper steps to supply other means of reward would do much to remove present criticism of college athletics.

As a matter of passing interest, it might be noted that Commissioner Victor Schmidt, successor to the late Edwin Atherton, on his recent trip through the Northwest complimented the University of Oregon's system of records as being among the best on the Coast.

## Hobby Gets Stopped by Ump

Award for "crack of the week" must go to the base umpire in the Oregon-Washington baseball series last Monday and Tuesday. The base decisions had been running close.

Finally Coach Hobby Hobson dashed onto the field to protest, only to be stopped dead in his tracks by the umpire's opening remark—"It's regrettable isn't it, that we are having so many close decisions today."

# Favorites Top Donut Loops

As the Intra-mural softball season swung into the first week of second round play the early-season favorites more than hold their own to remain on top of the heap.

In league III, where the hottest action has been taking place, the Fijis strengthened their hold on the top rung of the ladder by downing the Yeomen 11 to 1. The Chi Psi squad, previously unbeaten, was knocked out of a first-place tie by the Campbell club crew to the tune of 11 to 5. The Betas are also

currently undefeated in this loop, having downed Nestor hall 13 to 5, but were tied 7-7 by Campbell club earlier in the season.

### Theta Chi Leads

The Theta Chis grabbed an undisputed hold on the first place position in league IV by shutting out Sigma hall 8 to 0 as the Sigma Nu squad hung an upset 8 to 3 defeat on a previously unbeaten Phi Delt club. Also in this loop Stan Ray hall bested the Awful Awfuls 12 to 6 to give each squad a record of one win

against two losses.

ATO continued its winning ways by cooling Sherry Ross 15 to 0. The Sammies, tied for league V leadership when the ATOs were inactive. The Phi Sigs also kept their winning streak intact by dropping the Phi Kaps 16 to 1.

### Play Resumes Monday

Monday's play should settle some second-place battles as the Sammies meet Minturn hall, The DUs tangle with SAE, the Deltas take on Stitzer, and Sigma Chi is pitted against Omega hall.

# Duck Netters Face Beavers

At noon today the varsity tennis men will leave for Corvallis and a return match with the Beavers on their own courts at 2 p.m.

The Ducks will be gunning for their initial win of the conference season, and this, combined with the 4-3 defeat handed the Webfoots two weeks ago, should provide some fast net action.

Mentor Paul Washke said that Stan Anderson will fill the No. 1 Oregon slot this afternoon, drawing Hugh Findlay as his opponent for the match. Findlay won the state men's tennis crown two seasons ago and is regarded as a top-flight in northwest college net circles. He has downed one of Oregon's most experienced and skillful players, Jim Zieger in three consecutive matches.

In addition to Anderson and Zieger, Washke named the following players to square off against the Aggies today—Bob Carey, Joe Rooney, and Saal Lesser, with either Fred Howard or Nick Reed filling the remaining place on the roster.

## Jayvees Clip

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Bill Burgher sacrificed the winning tally home. The rally ended when the next batter hit into a double-play, but the damage had been done.

The Ducks took an early lead on singles by Dibble, Mickelson, and Smolish in the third, but the Beavers tallied twice in the same frame to move ahead.

Bill Burgher's home run with one aboard in the fifth again gave Oregon a short-lived lead, but the Beavers tied the game up in the same inning.

A three-run outburst in the sixth apparently sewed up the game for the Oregon nine, the runs scored coming on three singles and a Beaver error. The Corvallis crew came back with a single run in the sixth and two in the eighth, again tying up the game, and setting the stage for the 11th inning rally of the Ducks.

Mickelson sparked the JVs at the plate, getting three for four. Don Dibble garnered three hits in six trips, Don Kimball two for four, and Pat Wohlers two for five.

Wally Scales, who pitched the 10th and 11th innings for Oregon was the winning pitcher, chucking hitless ball during his stay on the mound. Norm Henwood, starting moundsman for Oregon, was relieved in the ninth when he tried to knock down a line drive with his bare hand. Fred Kuhl pitched the rest of the ninth before giving way to Scales. Don Bedford went the route for OSC.

Box score:  
Ore. JV.....001 023 000 01—6 10 5  
OSC JV.....002 011 020 00—7 12 2  
Batteries: Oregon, Henwood, Kuhl (9), Scales and Burgher. OSC: Bedford and Gill.

# Hobby Names 15 Travelers For Fourth Portland Tussle

Coach Howard Hobson named a squad of 15 to make the trip today to play the Portland University nine at Vaughn Street ball park. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

In selecting his men, Hobson named four hurlers, four outfielders, two catchers, and five infielders. Scheduled to open on the mound for the Webfoots is John Day, the big lefty who has three wins in conference play and three pre-season victories with no losses.

Day is the leading northern division tosser in earned run averages with .667 markers scored off him per nine-inning tilt. Other pitchers on the traveling squad are Whitey Lokan, Hal Saltzman, and Harry Walker.

Infielders include Dick Bartle, Walt Kirsch, Al Cohen, Johnny Kovenz, and Ranny Smith. Outfielders are Dick Burns, Bob Santee, Hal Zurcher, and Tony Crish; and the catchers making the trip are Roy Carlson and Bill Burgher.

These men do not however constitute the squad which will make the six game swing against Washington State, Washington, and Idaho beginning next Wednesday at Pullman against the Cougars.

The Oregon nine will return to Eugene Sunday before embarking on their crucial division swing, and probably will leave the campus again next Monday.

Mush Torson's Pilots have fallen three times before the Oregon team, by scores of 11-3, 4-0, and 8-7. Outstanding hurler for Portland is tubby Pete Carlascio, with other good mound men, Vince Pesky, Jerry Barta, and Andy Pienovi, backing him up.

Heavy-hitting for the Pilots is handled by lanky first-sacker Leo Grosjacques, with center-fielder Bob Polich, another dangerous man at the plate.

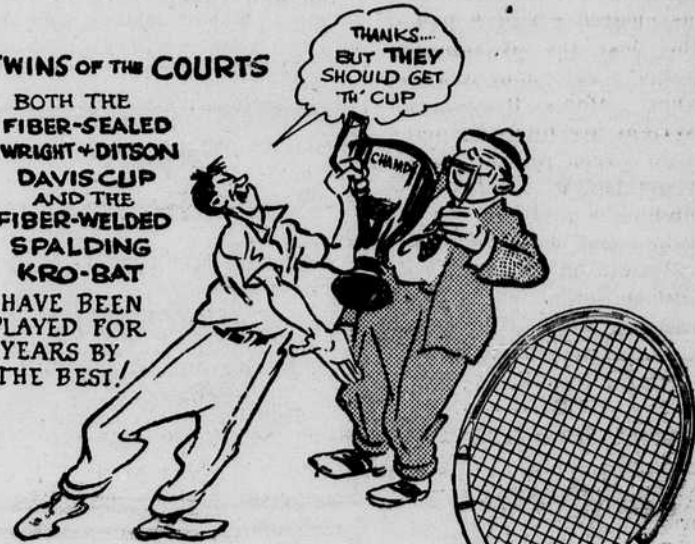
Oregon's current season record is 12 wins, 1 loss in pre-season, plus four wins and two losses in league play for a 16 and 3 aggregate.

## Patty Berg Wins Title

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2 (AP)—Patty Berg of Minneapolis, National Women's Open champion, won the Northern California Women's Open today with a 13 to 12 victory over Ellen Kieser of the San Francisco Olympic club in 13-hole finals at Lake Merced.

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