

DUCK TRACKS

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The wonderful Oregon weather has been responsible for some kind of record in causing so many consecutive postponements of spring sports events. The Duck baseball team cancelled six straight games because of the moisture, and if today's double-header is lost, which is probable, that increases the count. And the track squad has had its share of misfortune in this respect, also, and the tennis and golf teams are suffering too. Must be very inspiring to a new coach like Don Kirsch to have a team, and yet not play any games.



JACK FRIEL

The irate letter to the editor recently on the subject of Dean Hollis' timing of his ineligibility rulings brings to mind another case of his peculiar actions last fall during the grid season. When Nevada and San Francisco University signed to play the Ducks they automatically agreed to govern themselves by Pacific coast conference eligibility rules. Jim Aiken requested Hollis to check these two squads' rosters for any deviations. But Hollis demurred, saying in effect that such a move wouldn't be cricket for the host school. And so, as was uncovered by the Ed McKeever row at S. F. U. several players were later found to be ineligible. And it is known that several Nevada men were definitely ineligible by both N.C.A.A. and P.C.C. rulings.

Crisler Running for President?

The sports columnist of the Michigan Daily claims to know the facts behind the recent rumors at Ann Arbor that Fritz Crisler is going to leave the university. This writer says that Crisler is not leaving for private business, but is a secret candidate for president, on both the Republican and Democratic tickets. Jeff Craveth of Southern California was mentioned as possible vice-president candidate on the same platform. As a matter of fact, however, Crisler is keeping mum about his real plans. Several reports, all claiming to be true, have him going into private business in Chicago. Fritz is supposed to have a \$50,000 a year job lined up, in place of his \$14,500 job as athletic director. The reason for his change, if he does move, has been given as discouragement over the opposition to his pet million-dollar improvement program of Michigan athletic facilities.

California authorities have found a way to get a gridder out for spring practice, although his grades, under PCC rules may be too low to participate. Jack Jensen, ace California fullback, signed up for a PE course, Theory of Football Coaching, under Lynn Waldorf, which requires him to suit up and go through the same workouts as the football team. Which solves the problem neatly.

Another school besides Oregon State went through the shakes recently over speculation about losing its basketball coach. Jack Friel of Washington State appeared on a political platform in behalf of the Wallace for President campaign, and soon after a wave of rumors that the veteran mentor was going to resign and stump for his candidate swept the Palouse country. But the coach reassured his public that he is not quitting, and he has decided to refrain from political statements in the future.

Odell Making Changes in Husky System

University of Washington's Howie Odell is currently holding his spring grid practice, and is making a number of changes in the Husky system of play. Emphasis is being placed by the new young mentor on short-gain line plays this spring. Last year Yale, under Odell's direction, led the nation in total first downs, and evidently he is going to concentrate on first downs. The halfbacks are doing the line-bucking in this early workout, and the end sweeps are being made only by the fullbacks, which is somewhat of a change. Alf Hemstad, veteran Husky gridder, is being shifted back to the quarterback post. Hemstad was all-coast at guard in 1945, switched to quarterback in 1946, and last season was back at guard. He has been tabbed as starting quarter on the eleven so far this spring.

Oregon opens its baseball season next Wednesday, supposedly, weather permitting, with the defending champion Washington State Cougars. Last season the Ducks finished just behind the Cougars, and so the opener should be a corker, with many of the same players back on both squads. The game is bound to be colorful, with the loud-mouthed Buck Baily, Cougar coach, on the sidelines protesting every decision by the umpires.

OREGON DAILY EMERALD SPORTS

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IM Nines Perform Despite Wet Fields

Monday's Schedule

3:50 North Field - Campbell Club	vs	Pi Kappa Alpha
3:50 South Field - McChesney hall	vs	Phi Delta Theta
3:50 Upper Field - Tau Kappa Ep.	vs	Kappa Sigma
4:55 North Field - Sederstrom	vs	Legal Eagles
4:55 South Field - Stitzer hall	vs	Beta Theta Pi
4:55 Upper Field - Pi Kappa Phi	vs	Nestor hall

By DAVE TAYLOR

Results of the afternoon competition were: ATO squeezed by the Sammies 2-1; Chi Psi applied the white-wash to the Fijis 8-0; Minturn hall blasted Westminster house 20-4; and Phi Kappa Psi dubbed Merrick hall 9-1. Delta Upsilon was handed a forfeit win when the Yeomen failed to field a team at game time.

Lambda Chi's Jack Puffinbarger and French's Gene Hilifiker pitted their mound talents against each other to turn in the finest pitched game of the season thus far as Lambda Chi downed the Hallmen 2-1. However Puffinbarger's teammates gave him the necessary fielding support to gain the victory. The two pitchers struck out a total of 14 men, eight for Hilifiker while Puffinbarger wiffed six. Walt Wade, French center fielder, stole the show from the two pitching aces with a sensational catch in the third inning.

Alpha Tau Omega, although out-hit, edged out Sigma Alpha Mu 2-1. SAM pitcher Jerry Barde forced in the winning run when he walked Lynn Hamilton in the fourth inning. The Sammies out-hit the ATO squad three to one, but committed three costly errors. Chi Psi, behind the Maxwell brothers battery, romped over Phi Gamma Delta 8-0. Pitcher Bob Maxwell handcuffed the Fiji's batsmen all afternoon allowing them only one base hit while his Chi Psi buddies pounded Tag McFadden's offerings for eight blows, four of which went for extra bases.

Minturn hall unleashed a barrage of base hits to smother Westminster house 20-4. Two homers by Tom Nekota and Marv Timms led the Minturn assault.

Phi Kappa Psi thumped Merrick hall 9-1 after Merrick hall went into an early lead, but was hindered by six infield errors.

Frosh Slate Ten Frays

Apparently well-pleased with the showing of his freshman horsehide aggregation in their Wednesday scrimmage with the Webfoot varsity, Coach Barney Koch will begin concentrating on individual men and positions today, and step-up drills as much as the leaky weather will permit.

First injury of the season resulted in the Varsity-Frosh tilt when catcher Eddie Artzt suffered two broken fingers on his right hand. A foul tip during fifth inning activity did the dirty work. Koch plans to run his 22man collection through an intra-squad scuffle Saturday afternoon, again depending on the attitude of the weather. He also cancelled rumors that the Ducklings would meet one of the Eugene-area high school nines before the regularly scheduled opener April 17. Following is the Frosh season slate to date; high and University of Portland arrangements for the Jefferson Frosh encounters have not been definitely completed:

- April 17—(doubleheader) Hillsboro high, Howe Field, 1 p.m.; St. Helens high, Howe Field, 3 p.m.
- April 23—Oregon State College Rooks, at Corvallis.
- April 30—Oregon State College Rooks, Howe Field, 3 p. m.
- May 1—University of Portland frosh, Howe Field, 2:30 p. m.
- May 8—Oregon State College Rooks, at Corvallis.
- May 14—Oregon State College Rooks, Howe Field, 3 p. m.
- May 15—Washington high, Howe Field, 10 a. m.
- May 21—Jefferson high, Portland.
- May 22—University of Portland frosh, Portland.

Trojan Hurler Earns Honor

LOS ANGELES, April 8—(UP)—University of Southern California Pitcher Wally Hood, Jr., today was selected Southern California athlete for the month for March, 1948, by the Helms athletic foundation's board of local sports writers. Young Hood, son of the former major-league and PCL outfielder, had won seven games without a loss for the Trojan baseball squad. His wins included a five-hit performance against the Cleveland "B" team and an 8 to 7 win over the Chicago White Sox.

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