

DUCK TRACKS

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Baseball coach Don Kirsch said that final selection of the Northern Division baseball titlist will probably be decided shortly by a vote of the conference schools. Reason for resorting to such a manner of selecting the winner was caused by the fact that in games won and lost, Oregon and Washington State are tied. But in percentages, the Cougars have the edge.

Both nines won five more contests than they dropped—the Webfoots finishing up with a 10 and 5 record against—Washington State's 8 and 3. This gives the Cougars the per cent margin .727 to .667.

The final game of the season between Washington State and Idaho on the Vandals' diamond was rained out Saturday. According to conference rules, if the final game of the season is cancelled, it's up to the home team to decide whether the scheduled contest will be made up.

Idaho Has No Desire for Make-Up

The Idahoans have said that they do not desire to play the game with WSC (and with that probably goes the Duck's final hopes for the crown. For if Washington State had lost the fray with the Vandals, the Webfoots and Cougars would have been tied in percentages. And in games won and lost, Oregon would have had a half game edge.

This is a tough way for the Oregon baseball team to lose out, especially in face of the obstacles the squad overcame in the '48 race. With a green mound staff, supplemented by a hard-hitting infield and outfield, Coach Kirsch and his men turned in a fine showing in the first year for the Duck mentor.

Saturday's final spring intrasquad grid game turned into pretty much an offensive show, with both Whites and Greens moving consistently up and down the field. Mike Donohou, sports writer for the Seattle Post-Intelligence was extremely impressed with the play of the Oregon line.

Oregon Line Opens Big Holes

He was especially amazed at the gaping holes which the Webfoot forward wall opened up for the backs to skitter through. Donohue has seen Washington, Washington State, and Stanford in intrasquad contests, but picked the Webfoots over these teams, on the basis of Saturday's showing.

George Bell, right half, stole the running show with a 76 yard TD romp and a 98 yard jaunt which was called back by a penalty. Both runs were made on the same play, with a huge hole waiting for him at the left tackle slot. Beautiful 10-strike downfield blocking cleared Bell's path and he ran away from what few remaining defenders were left standing.

Left halfbacks Woodley Lewis and John McKay showed themselves likely successors to Jake Leicht. Once Lewis finds daylight, he covers the chalk lines like a run-away deer. While McKay uses his clever footwork to outfinesse the opposition. McKay made one kickoff return of 64 yards before being overhauled.

Stafford a Likely NCAA Competitor

Although Oregon lost its Northern Division golf title to Washington in Saturday's Division runoff, Webfoot Lou Stafford is a likely competitor for the NCAA finals to be held at Stanford later in the year. Stafford, who captured medalist honors with a four-under-par 140, is a good hope for Oregon in the individual play at Palo Alto.

Judging from the performances turned in by the Duck golfers this year, they seem almost to be a wet weather team. Whenever the sun came out, the fairway men had trouble with soaring scores, as proved by the Washington match and the finals Saturday.

George Rasmussen seems a likely representative for Oregon in the Pacific Coast track and field meet, to be held Friday evening at the Los Angeles coliseum. Following his 14 foot 2½ inch jump for a new Northern Division record at Missoula last weekend, Rasmussen is back in mid-season stride, with the warm weather undoubtedly helping his cause.

However his chances for establishing a new mark at the Coast meet would be somewhat slim. The record now existing is 14 feet 11 inches, held by Earl Meadows and Jim Sefton, both clearing that height in 1937.

Final sports event for the spring season at the University is scheduled at 3 p.m. this afternoon when John Deller's Frosh tracksters host Vanport in a dual run. The earlings have several promising runners who will be a big aid to the varsity thin-clads next season.

Record in Pole Vault Broken By Webfoot

The University of Oregon track team grabbed fourth place in the Northern Division track and field finals at Missoula, Montana, last Saturday, behind the pennant winning WSC Cougars, runner-up and defending champion Washington Huskies and the Montana Grizzlies.

The Ducks counted 23 points, trailing Montana by 2½ and Washington by 5 points. The Cougars completely outdistanced the pack as they established a new record by tallying 63 points to cop the meet.

Despite intermittent showers and a slow oval, the crowd of some 500 spectators saw two Northern Division records fall and a third equaled during the afternoon's action.

Highlight of the meet came when Oregon's slim George Rasmussen clear the bar at 14 feet 2½ inches in the pole vault to break the ten-year old record set in 1938 by Oregon's George Varoff. It was the first time that Rasmussen had cleared the 14-foot mark this year.

The second record was established by the Washington State college relay team when they toured the mile distance in 3 minutes 17 and 2/10 seconds.

Other blue ribbon winners for the Webfoots were Lou Robinson in the javelin, as the husky hurler retained his Northern Division crown for the second consecutive year. Rasmussen also grabbed a tie for first in the high jump, clearing the bar at 6 feet, 1 5/8 inches. Skiles Hoffman leaped 23 feet, 5 1/4 inches in the broad jump to place second in the event.

Davey Henthorne, defending sprint king, could do no better than second in the century and a third in the 220. It was Henthorne's first race since being sidelined at the first of the season.

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Kappa Sigs, SAEs Meet For IM Softball Crown

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Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Kappa Sigma overpowered their opponents yesterday afternoon to become finalists in the intramural softball playoffs. Norm Van Brocklin, of Kappa Sig, and SAE's Jim Popp were the largest factors in their respective squads victories.

With two down in the fifth inning, and teammates perched on first and second, Van Brocklin clouted a four bagger into deep center field which proved the margin of victory the Kappa Sigs winning 10-7.

Pitcher Jim Popp limited Chi Psi to two runs and nine well

scattered safeties, while the winning team posted an 8-2 triumph.

Phi Delts Grab Early Lead

The Phi Delt-Kappa Sig game was a see-saw affair, in which the winning nine collected only seven hits while garnering their total of 10 runs.

Winning pitcher Don Wingate in trouble as he took over mound duties in the initial stanza, when Lou Gillis connected for a two run homer. Two walks and a single followed to load the bases. Wingate then passed Lou Urban and Hal Shick to force across an additional duo of tallies.

However, the Millrace moys combined two singles and an error in the second inning to close their three run deficit to only one counter. In the Phi Delt half of the third inning, Jerry Switzer doubled driving across Ken Bargelt who had previously singled. Kappa Sigma tied the encounter up in the fourth canto, by combining two errors and a fielders choice for two more runs.

In Kappa Sig's half of the fifth, Art Sillwell walked as did Don Wingate which set the stage for Van Grocklin's game winning blow. Then Phi Delt's came back with a two run rally of their own, but fell short of tying the score, and an opportunity for victory. The winning nine tallied an additional two runs in the last inning to insure their win.

SAE had an easy time in copping its semi-final victory. The winning squad countered in the first, third, fourth, sixth, and seventh innings. Chi Psi took a short-lived lead in the opening stanza as John Holt singled, advanced to second for an infield out, and scored as catcher Dick Maxwell connected for a safety. Following another out Jim Hayden singled Maxwell home.

The winning squad also tallied in the first inning when center fielder

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Tennis Team Takes Fourth

Oregon' Duck tennis team finished in fourth place, ahead of Washington State and Idaho, in the Northern Division tennis playoffs at Pullman Saturday.

The Washington Huskies and Oregon State's Beavers are still fighting it out for first place on the WSC courts, with dark-horse Montana having grabbed third place with three points.

Behind the Ducks, who snatched two hard-earned points. Washington State's Cougars took fifth place with one point and pointless Idaho settled in last place.

Washington is still favored to take the play-offs, with about 18 points, while OSC is expected to end play with a total of about 12 points.

The Ducks took their two points by beating out Idaho in the number one and two doubles matches. Bert Bowman and Saal Lesser beat Vandals Bretz and Rainey two out of three, and Dave Van Zandt and Bud Carpenter defeated Idahoans Barnes and Johnson two out of three sets.

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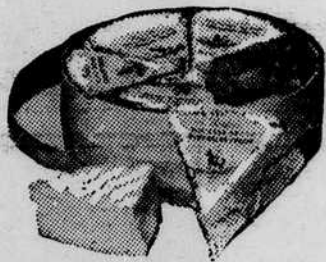
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