

# Oregon Trims Linfield, 16-3

## Off to Texas Relays



George Rasmussen, above, shown clearing the bar with the form which may help him place in the Texas relays to be held in Austin Saturday. Some of the nation's best pole vaulters will compete. Rass will be aiming for the 14-foot-plus mark and has already cleared 13 feet this season.

George Rasmussen, star Duck pole vaulter, has accepted an invitation to the Texas relays in Austin, Texas to be held April 2. He left last night by plane after his eligibility was verified by Orlando Hollis, Oregon's PCC representative.

Rasmussen, a brilliant young junior with two years of varsity experience, now holds the Northern Division and three of the four dual meet records. He has been consistently vaulting over 14 feet during his varsity years. He was mentioned freely during the spring of 1948 as a choice for American

Olympic team, although the selection did not materialize.

His selection by the Texas relay board is a golden opportunity for the Duck star to gain national recognition since he will be competing against many of outstanding vaulters in the United States.

## Tennis Player-Coach Lesser Readies Team for Campaign

Recently appointed head tennis coach, Saal D. Lesser seems to be out to establish a few records. Unless some file fanatic can prove us wrong, it is reasonably safe to state that Lesser is the first player-coach that a University of Oregon tennis team has uncovered.

Added to that, the new net chief is fielding the first post-war Oregon frosh tennis crew. The main idea behind this move, according to Lesser, is to start building for future strength on the courts. Tennis has been a comparatively neglected sport on the Oregon athletic menu of late, principally because good prospective racketeers have gone straight into varsity competition without the seasoning under fire that is so important to the polished athlete.

Lesser, a 25-year-old senior in psychology, is himself one of the three returning lettermen for this spring's squad. Al's returning to the Oregon tennis fold are Bob Carey and Dave Van Zandt. Carey, a two-year letterman, was not in school last year, but is expected to carry a man-sized load this season. Van Zandt earned his "O" in 1946, but missed the letterman's boat last year.

Bob Corgan is another top prospect, Lesser said, along with Bud Carpenter and Warren Fleming. Corgan missed action a year ago due to a stomach injury, while Car-

a transfer from Oregon State's strong tennis camp.

Coach Lesser is harboring no wild hallucinations about winning the Northern Division crown his first year out. There are two important reasons for the lack of optimism. Firstly, the Ducks will be a green outfit, and are already injury riddled. Carey has developed a bad shoulder, Corgan's stomach muscle isn't staying put, and Lesser is suffering from a recurring elbow injury.

That reason is only a minor one—compared to the second. Lesser didn't stick his neck out too far in predicting that Oregon State and the University of Washington will have all the championship prayers sewed up between them—and that the Huskies will probably win it in a walk-away.

The Seattle dogs are just plain loaded, and there is no getting around it. Jim Brink, the perennial purple blossom, is back, ND cham-

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## Duck Nine Faces Willamette Today

by Dick Mase

The wind was cold at Howe field yesterday afternoon, but Coach Don Kirsch's Oregon horsehiders were definitely not as they pounded out 15 base hits in a 16-3 win over the Linfield Wildcats. Five Linfield errors helped the Duck cause in the first pre-season game.

The Webfoots try for their second victory today when they tangle with the Willamette Bearcats at 3 p. m. again on lower Howe field.

Kirsch will probably use Rube Besada, Mel Krause, and Sid Mills on the Mound today, while Bearcat Mentor Johnny Lewis can be expected to counter with Howard Olson or Lou Scrivens.

Homer Brobst, a two-year letterman, started on the hill for the Ducks again Henry Lever's Wildcats and proved fairly effective, allowing just two hits, a single and double, in his three innings of action.

Mean while his teammates were landing on Linfield pitcher Ray Blum for a run in both the first and second innings which was just a prelude of what was to follow.

First baseman Dick Bartle, who wielded a big stick at the plate all afternoon, drove in the first run, singling home Walt Kirsch, who had drawn his first of three walks for the game.

Linfield hopped on Duck hurler Jim Hanns for their three runs in the fifth inning. Hanns had taken over for Brobst in the fourth. The visitors combined a pair of singles and two wild throws by Hanns for their runs.

The slugging Webfoots had their biggest inning in their half of the seventh when they batted around once and then some. Three singles, two by left fielder Ray Stratton, three, Linfield errors, a double steal, a wild pitch by the second Wildcat hurler, Johnny Nauman, a walk and a passed ball nearly exhausted the scoring possibilities for the Ducks.

Kirsch's crew totaled six runs in that uproarious inning, more than enough to win the ball game.

Joe Marshand, Linfield center fielder, was their big offensive

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