

DUCK TRACKS

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Though you could never tell it from the obscure pictures which appeared in the Sunday papers, it was Oregon's own pole-vaulter deluxe, George Rasmussen, who made the big sport headlines over the weekend, and he did it in a big way.

Rasmussen, exprep great from Bend, Oregon, and now a cornerstone on Bill Bowerman's Webfoot track squad, attracted nation-wide attention last Saturday by soaring 14 feet 2 1/2 inches into the Texas stratosphere to set a new Texas relay pole vault record.



BILL BOWERMAN

The new mark shattered a vaulting record that had stood since 1942. The old mark of 14 feet 3/8 inch was held by Harold Hunt of Nebraska.

Those who had seen Rasmussen in action shouldn't be surprised, since he cleared 14 feet 2 inches last year in competition. His Texas showing was remarkable for this early in the season.

Bowerman dispatched his crack vaulter to Texas with blessings and confidence in Rasmussen's ability, and the co-NCAA champion came through in a big way.

If Bowerman's Ducks can muster added strength in the distances, they should be hard to beat in Northern Division circles. The pole vault, javelin, discus, sprints, and broadjump events seem to be well-supplied with talent, but a traditional lack of performers in the 880, mile, and two-mile will mean a big cut in point totals.

First scheduled meet for the Webfoots comes this Saturday, with the Oregon State relays set at Corvallis.

Another encouraging weekend development was noted, and on the baseball scene this time. Even though Don Kirsch's Ducks managed to lose their first ball game, 4-3 to the Portland Pilots, the Oregon pitching staff did seem to be impressive.

The two preseason problems, pitching and catching, have solved themselves so far, and the Kirschmen could be on their way to a successful ND season.

Homer Brobst and Dick DeBernardi have secured the first two notches on the pitching staff, and with strong-armers like Sid Mills, Mel Krause, Jim Hanns, and Rube Besada firing effectively, prospects look good.

Wanted: A Good Southpaw Pitcher

The only big deficit Kirsch must face is the lack of a good southpaw chucker to bolster his righthanders. Lyle Rogers, the lefty who looked good for the frosh last year, is nursing a sore arm, but may shape up later on.

And big DeWayne Johnson, letterman holdover from last year who was to be Oregon's number one pitcher this season, is out on an eligibility mixup. The Ducks could really use a lefthander with Johnson's speed and experience.

As for catchers, Kirsch seems to have a surplus of handy receivers around, and the big problem is finding one who can hit. Dale Warberg, Gene Rose, Bob Sims, and Hal Torkelson have all had their chance behind the plate, and if one of the four can begin hitting, he could step into the number one spot.

Ducks Have Five More Exhibitions

Five more preseason exhibitions, including this afternoon's contest with Lewis and Clark, are booked for the Webfoots before ND play starts against Idaho.

Pacific university plays Oregon here tomorrow, the Ducks travel to McMinnville for a return game with Linfield Thursday, and two games with the Salem Senators are scheduled here Friday and Saturday.

It should be interesting to see how Oregon's collegiate brand of baseball stacks up with Salem's professional W-I league talents. A third Salem game will be played here April 16.

The fortunate students with no afternoon classes this term shouldn't have any trouble passing the spare time, what with baseball and softball games, track meets, and spring football practices to claim their attentions.

The first home conference track meet for the Webfoots comes April 16, with Idaho.

IM Softball Season Opens With High-Scoring Contests

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

3:50

North field—Chi Psi vs. Phi Gamma Delta

South field—Merrick hall vs. Sigma Chi

Upper field—Tau Kappa Epsilon vs. Nestor hall

4:55

North field—Alpha Tau Omega vs. Delta Upsilon

South field—Cherney hall vs. Beta Theta Pi

Upper field—Legal Eagles vs. Stitzer hall

By John Barton

Oregon's spring intramural softball games got off to a slow start yesterday afternoon on the PE diamonds, with two forfeits during the day's play.

Kappa Sigma rolled over Sigma Phi Epsilon by a 9-4 count, Phi Delta Theta tromped Sigma Alpha Mu with an 11-2 score, French hall beat out Phi Sigma Kappa 9-6, and the Pi Kappa Phi-Minturn hall game was called because of the time at the end of the fourth inning with the score knotted at 6-6. SigmaNu and Lambda Chi Alpha won on forfeits from the Fizzeds and Omega hall.

IN THE ONLY game played during the first round of the afternoon, Kappa Sigma trounced on the trying Sig Eps by a 9-4 count. Both teams showed good field play, with the Kappa Sigs having the edge in the infield.

The difference in the two teams was found in the pitchers. Jim Wasch, pitching for the Kappa Sigs showed lax control in the first few innings, but hung onto the ball in later innings to prove the dividend in score. Gordon Albright, tossing for the Sig Eps, had trouble mixing control with speed,

with the result that he either walked men or got hit.

ON THE HITTING side, Kappa Kappa Sigma's Dick Brown boomed out a triple in the first inning, and Abe Johnson did his team-mate one better by banging a homer into gate four of Hayward field in fourth frame.

Phi Delta Theta showed better stuff in both the pitching and fielding departments to ride over the Sammies by an 11-2 count.

ON THE MOUND for the two teams were Phi Delt Bob Taggesell and Sammie Ed Artz. Artz was hit eight times in the four innings and walked several men, while Taggesell allowed but two hits and deviated but slightly from his usual control.

Several costly errors in the Sammie infield help account for the Phi Delt edge.

French hall took advantage of a Phi Sigma Kappa pitching weakness in the first inning of their game to run up a 9-2 run margin and hang on to win, 9-6.

Phi Sig Bob Langley had a sad afternoon on the mound in the first

25 minutes of the first inning and was finally relieved by Rus Hawks, who turned in a fine, scoreless pitching job for the remainder of the game.

AFTER THE 30-minute-long first inning in which a steady procession of French hall men waltzed around the bases on walks, the boys settled down and played ball. French pitcher Milo Emal threw a steady ball, allowing few hits.

Pi Kappa Phi got off to an early start in their game with Minturn hall, running up a 4-2 lead at the end of the second inning and a 6-2 bulge at the end of the third, but failed to turn back a Minturn rally in the final inning and had to settle for a 6-6 tie game.

Time was called by the officials and the two clubs walked home into the setting sun, promising to play the tie off at a later date.

IM Tennis Results

Intramural tennis opened yesterday with SAM, the defending champs, downing Sigma Phi Epsilon, 2-1. The Sammies took both doubles matches but dropped the lone singles.

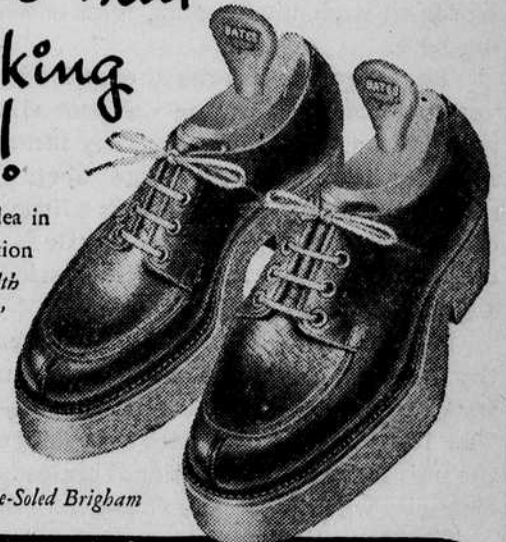
Mort Bonime and Hal Light started the winners off right by downing Sig Eps Bob Chaney and Bud Smith 6-2 and 8-6. The second match saw Al Lipman and Joel Krane winning over Paul Davenport and Leigh Eden 6-2 and 6-2.

The lone win for the Sig Eps came when Dom Provost came out on top over Itz Horenstein. The scores were 6-3 and 6-3.

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