

# DUCK TRACKS

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Four down and twelve to go. That's how things stand with Don Kirsch and his crest-riding Ducks insofar as the Northern Division diamond race is concerned. And, just to fill out things, they are standing right at the top of the heap.

Of course, there is many a slip 'twixt, etc., etc., and so it's too early to begin discussing the possibilities of the boys out on Howe Field sweeping to the championship.

But, after duly considering the performance of the club to date, it is quite apparent that no one need run out and lower the flag to half mast re the most recent turn of events.

Probably the most encouraging thing is the way the boys have begun to spray base hits around the lot. 45 safeties in four contests is a right smart clip, but even more astounding is the fact that they have registered more runs than hits—47 to be exact. Oregon followed this same rather weird tendency during its pre-season tour, and no one has as yet been moved to tears by the fact.

The recent games turned in by the hurling corps have inspired a few ear-to-ear smiles, too. Mel Krause gave up eight runs to Buck Bailey's favored (and subsequently flattened) WSC Cougars, and he was wild.

## Pitching Staff Perks Up

But the fact remains that he staggered through that one and lasted the whole route, while Sid Mills did likewise, though with a great deal less stress and sweat. So a pitching staff that supposedly was on the rocks, particularly after Dewayne Johnson was ruled ineligible, has more than held its own.

As for the fielding, Kirsch has been confident that it would come around eventually. And perhaps it has. Tuesday's game produced no boots on Oregon's part, and the day previous four WSC infield smashes were whipped into a like number of double plays. All of which would gladden any pitcher's heart, and even perhaps stir him on to a few handsprings.

Baileys failure to work Ward Rockey, mainspring of the staff, against the Ducks has been questioned—but also, in some respects, justified. Presumably, Bailey was saving him to face Oregon State, which opponent was considered more worthy than the Lemon-and-Green. The latter, however, threw something of a monkey wrench into the scheme of the things.

After dropping the opener of the Duck series, Bailey might have been expected to save face by sending Rockey out to do the chunking. However, Mr. Rockey remained on the bench and warmed his posterior while Vince Foster went out for a three-inning stint. It is to be recalled that Foster handled the Webfoots like so many lame ducks in 1948, so Bailey's strategem in preferring him over Rockey needs no second-guessing.

## Bailey Shows Up Because of Mourning for Pals

Some onlookers felt they were short-changed, figuratively speaking by the fact that Bailey didn't showboat as advertised. The reason, says our informant, was that he happened to be a pal of some of the men who were both slayed and injured when a Pullman merchant went berserk Sunday night. Naturally, "Buck" was considerably shaken by the whole affair and didn't feel up to his usual whirlwind self.

We understand that back in his early years at Washington State Bailey had the terrifying habit of taking a hat, flinging it to the ground, and wiping his feet there-



DON KIRSCH

whenever the Fates frowned. "Buck" had been doing this for quite a spell but there came a day when he had to think twice before making with the hat and the feet.

It seems that virtually every woman's organization West of the Rockies, including a complete chain of afternoon bridge and tea clubs, decided to bombard "Buck" with hats. Within a matter of days Bailey was snowed under with chapeaus of all shapes, sizes and styles—much less colors.

Needless to say, "Buck" Bailey has never gone bare-headed since.

## More Help From JC Ranks

On the football front, word is that Oregon may land three of the four starting backs from Compton College's National JC title outfit. Quarterback Bob Moore, 200 pounder and then some, is said to be on the way up. He is quite a kicker.

Too, while previously the only assurance that teammate Bill Fell would turn Webfoot was through a Southland report, the situation has taken a change for the better, Jim Aiken can pretty well count on him now, without much reservation.

Of course, such expectations can fall through practically overnight. Witness the case of John Finney and Ollie Matsen.

# Cherney Pulls Major Upset In IM by Taking ATO, 7-6

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

3:50  
North field—Fizzeds vs. Lambda Chi Alpha  
South field—Sigma Nu vs. Omega hall  
Upper field—French hall vs. Pi Kappa Phi  
4:55  
North field—Phi Sigma Kappa vs. Minturn hall  
South field—Merrick hall vs. Tau Kappa Epsilon  
Upper field—Sigma Chi vs. Nester hall

Cherney hall, whose team hasn't won an intramural event this year, pulled one out of the hat yesterday to beat Alpha Tau Omega, present leaders in the all-year intramural race, by a count of 7-6.

In the other games of the day, Beta Theta Pi beat Delta Upsilon, 4-0; Sigma Alpha Epsilon defeated McChesney hall by a 4-1 count; Delta Tau Delta swamped Sherry Ross hall with an 11-0 win, Phi Kappa Psi beat out Pi Kappa Alpha, 6-4, and Theta Chi defeated Phi Kappa Sigma, 7-2.

IN THE big upset of the day, Cherney hall went wild in the first inning of their game with ATO to run up a six-run margin, and then stayed out in front to come out on top with a 7-6 win.

The Hallmen bunched their hits, took a few walks, and capitalized on some ATO errors to get the six runs across, and then picked up one more in the second frame.

Alpha Tau Omega went scoreless for three innings, but found their bats in the fourth to punch in one run, then followed with one in the fifth and four more in the last frame to account for their total of six runs.

ATO Dick Gehr banged out a home run to make the one run in the fifth inning, and John Brooke created a four-bagger in the second for Cherney.

SIGMA ALPHA Epsilon grabbed two runs in both the first and third innings, and limited McChesney hall to one run in the fifth frame to come out on top with a 4-1 score.

Lloyd Fox and Sam Bergstrom did the chucking chores for the hallmen, while Jim Popp went the route for the SAEs. Both teams looked fairly equal on the mound and in the field, but a few costly McChesney errors proved the difference in the score.

Al Mann of Beta Theta Pi limited Delta Upsilon to one hit in their game of the afternoon and saw his teammates come out on top by a 4-0 count. The contest is unique in that it is the only game that has gone seven innings yet this year.

DELTA TAU DELTA grabbed

two runs in the second inning, two in the third, and topped it off with seven in the big fourth inning to swamp Sherry Ross hall, 11-0, in the most one-sided score of the afternoon.

Delta Ed Sanford struck out eight men and gave up one hit, that to the first Sherry Ross man who came to bat. To date Sanford has given up two hits, and has walked no one this season.

Hall Pitcher Dick Reiner showed plenty of speed, but was hit several times, and failed to get the needed support from his infield.

PHI KAPPA PSI George Wirtges gave up but one hit in his game with Pi Kappa Alpha, but the Phi Psis had to hustle with six quick runs in the last two innings to pull through with a 6-4 win.

Theta Chi, under the leadership of a new pitcher, ran over Phi Kappa Sigma with a 7-2 score in the last game of the day. Phil Singler, taking over from Paul Sowers, pitched a very steady game.

The Theta Chis grabbed their runs in bunches, with three in the

second frame and four in the fifth inning.

## Cougars Down Beavers, 11-1, As Rocky Cops

Ward Rockey turned in a masterful six-hit performance yesterday against Oregon State to put Washington State back in the winning path by twirling an 11-1 victory.

The Cougars, who collected eight safeties, gathered four runs in the first, five more in the third, and two in the fourth to salt away the verdict.

A walk to Ed Coleman and four straight singles by Gordon Brunswick, Don Paul, Bill Mayberry and Clayton Carr touched off things in the big third frame.

Harry Richards tallied for the Beavers in the fifth on Rick Erickson's Texas leaguer.

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