

DUCK TRACKS

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Yesterday's 19-4 loss to Art McLarney's Washington Huskies was a rude surprise for Don Kirsch and his league-leading Webfoots, but Oregon's still on top in the Northern Division, and it'll take a complete lapse to lose many more like that.

It could be a good thing to get all the bad baseball out of the way in one slam-bang farce, and really lose it in a big way. Again the weakness was in the pitching staff, although several errors in the wrong places aided the Husky attack.

John Kovenz's mighty first-inning smash over the right field fence was the longest blow in that direction in many a Howe field moon. That ball was really tagged, and the surprising thing about it is that Kovenz was hitting against his usual weakness, a left-handed pitcher, Bob Moen, 19-year-old Sophomore.



ART McLARNEY

Moen did a turn-about in the sixth inning, slamming a home run of his own over the right field fence to bring in three of Washington's 19 runs. Moen had quite an afternoon for himself, with two singles, that homer, and six runs batted in.

Moen seems to have assembled a hustling ball club, despite the loss of many key performers from last year's outfit. Among the six lettermen missing this year are Sam White, hard-hitting catcher now with the Seattle Rainiers, Jelly Anderson at first, Floyd LaBaron at short, and Bob Bird at third.

A win over Washington today can still leave the Ducks in pretty good shape, and the pressure would be lessened when Oregon makes its northern invasion.

It had to come sometime, and that dreaded six-game-in-eight-days road trip begins April 29, with a two-game series at Washington State that Friday and Saturday.

Long Road Trip Tough on Duck Hurlers

Idaho at Moscow May 2 and 3—Monday and Tuesday—and then two more with the Huskies at Seattle, on Thursday and Friday. Then it's back home for the first of four Oregon State games, May 13.

Those six games will mean quite a drain on the Duck pitching staff, which still can't be called strong despite encouraging performances by two prize rookies, Mel Krause and Sid Mills. Someone else will have to come through with tight pitching or plenty can happen to knock the Ducks from top spot.

Kirsch has no serious worries about fielding or hitting, which has developed to late-season levels, and the catching spot seems well taken care of by Gene Rose and Hal Torkelson, although neither has displayed any great hitting ability. It's the pitching that's important from now on, and Kirsch can use a little good luck there. Oregon can have a great baseball year, IF...

Top Pitchers Warm Bench—Team Loses

A manager's choice of pitchers for certain games sometimes causes plenty of comment around a league, and the recent Washington State series with Oregon and Oregon State offer good examples.

Big question of the Duck-WSC set was caused by Buck Bailey's failure to send Ward Rockey, supposed ace of the Cougar staff, to the firing line. And the Cougars dropped two games.

Then Bailey took his Cats up the valley, OSC Coach Ralph Coleman pulled the same thing, and it seemed to have the same result. Number one Beaver hurler, Lefthander Chuck Sauvain, sat on the bench while the Cougars swept the series without much trouble. It's true that Sauvain did work one of the Idaho games, and possibly he wasn't ready to go again against WSC.

McKenzie 'White Water' Boat Parade Tomorrow

Although the Oregon trout season doesn't open until May 1, impatient rod and reelers can take advantage of a long-awaited preview tomorrow on the McKenzie River, when the McKenzie Guides Assn. stages its annual "White Water" boat parade.

Fishermen won't be able to give the redsides a going over this time, but at least they can be on hand when more than 100 lightweight plywood McKenzie River boats navigate the booming rapids of Oregon's famed trout stream.

The boat parade is a traditional event, started in 1938, drawing thousands of spectators annually to watch 'em "shoot the shoots." Newsreel companies will be on hand to record the colorful spectacle, and amateur camera fans have a field day along the river.

Contrary to popular conception, the boat parade isn't a race, but just a thrilling day for the boatmen and passengers along for the ride. Proceedings get underway at 10 a. m. Sunday above Blue River, and boats are expected to reach Leaburg Lake to "take out" between 3 and 4 in the afternoon.

Leads Lemon and Green Invasion



GEORGE RASMUSSEN, ace Webfoot pole vaulter who is slated to perform today against the Washington State Cougars. He recently broke the standing record for the Idaho-Oregon dual meet with a leap of 14 feet.

Webfoot Cindermen Tackle Cougars in Pullman Today

By Dave Taylor

Coach Bill Bowerman's track and field aggregation left yesterday for Pullman where they will tackle the highly regarded Washington Cougars in a do-or-die dual meet for both teams.

Each team figures if they can capture this match, they will be able to glide into the Northern Division finals and the PCC meet in Seattle at the end of May.

BOWERMAN took a 19-man squad with him on the Inland Empire trip. However, this is still three below the conference entry limit.

Leading the Ducks on this invasion will be their pole vault trio headed by Northern Division champion George Rasmussen. Behind Rasmussen, the Webfoots have Don Pickens and Lloyd Hickok, both clipping over 13 feet, which give the Ducks an opportunity to sweep this event.

However, this is the only match that the Webfoots rate the nod. From the 100-yard dash up through the 880, they rate an even chance with the breaks of the races holding the balance.

The javelin remains a mystery with the condition of PCC king Lou Robinson still in doubt. Robinson will make the trip and compete, but what he can do with an injured hip muscle is the big question facing Bill Bowerman.

THE BROAD JUMP is another possible victory for the invaders with elastic-legged Woodley Lewis turning in the top distance in last week's dual matches. Bob Weber fortifies this event which should be

chalked up on the Webfoot ledger.

Men making the trip are Dave Henthorne and Al Bullier, century, 220 men, Jack Countryman, Dennis Sullivan, 440; Walt McClure, 880; Jack Doyle, Pete Murer, Bob Mocabee, hurdles; Woodley Lewis, Bob Weber, broad jump; Dave Kolden, Bob Kehrl, Dan Cudahy, high jump; Earl Stelle, Lou Robinson, javelin; Herb Nill, Ray Heidenrich, and Bob Anderson, discus; and Pete Mundle, miler.



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