DUCK TRACKS

By DICK CRAMER
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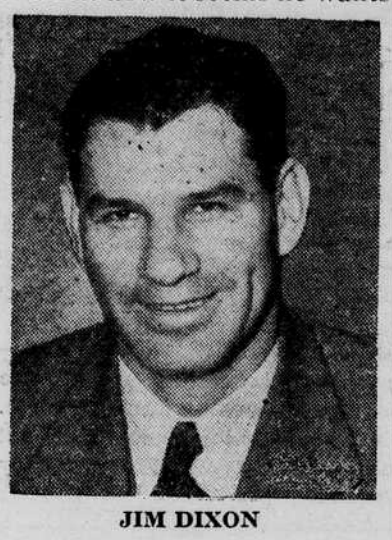
According to all the rumors floating about, Jim Dixon, the well-liked and respected Oregon State line coach, isn't going to stay on at the Corvallis school. And this is despite frequent statements by Kip Taylor that he wants the veteran mentor to stay on under the new regime.

Dixon has put in a lot of time at the Corvallis institution, aiding Lon Stiner in his tenure there. But now it seems he wants to retire and go into business. Taylor wants to keep him on the job, since he is familiar with the Beaver setup while both he and Bump Elliott are newcomers.


JIM DIXON

Part of Dixon's decision to retire may be that he doesn't want to change systems, though he has been a single-wing coach all through his career and that is the system Taylor will use. The difference comes from the modifications that will be put in it, making it much faster and trickier than Stiner's system.

Webfoot Should Down Husky Thinclads

No track meet this Saturday for Bill Bowerman's boys, with Washington coming up the week after. The Webfoots will have a good chance of winning this meet, though it seems that one teams strength is the other weakness.

However, judging by comparative scores, which hold up better in track than almost any other sport, the Ducks should win. This is based on the Huskies loss to Oregon State, coupled with the latter's loss to Idaho whom Oregon beat.

Washington has fallen off quite a bit as a track power. Along with Washington State they have dominated the Northern Division meet, taking seven of the 19 championships. WSC has chalked up nine, and Oregon two and Oregon State one.

Ducks Have Set World Marks

Incidentally, while on track, Oregon athletes have set five world's records while trodding the cinderpaths. However, only one still stands, Les Steers in the high jump.

Starting back in 1906, Dan Kelly was the premier sprinter in the world, romping off a 9.6 century and a 21.2 220, both world records. He failed to place in either event in the 1908 Olympic games but did take second in the broad jump.

Throwing in some other Oregon stars of the past who reached the Olympic games, Hawkins took third in the high hurdles in 1912. There were two Ducks on the squad in 1920, Bartlett taking fifth in the discus and Tuck failing to place in the javelin.

Ralph Hill in His 1932 Olympic Controversy

In 1924 Spearow placed sixth in the pole vault, the only Webfoot to go Olympicing that year. And though he didn't make any Olympic journey, Ed Moeller held the world discus record in 1929 with a 160 ft. 7.7 inch effort.

In 1930 Ralph Hill, one of the greatest trackmen Oregon ever produced, made his first appearance as a star. In that year he set an American mark in the mile at 4:12.4.

In the 1932 Olympics he was a key character in one of the more controversial events in the history of the games. All through the 5,000 meter run he trailed one of the top Finnish stars, trying to pass the Finn but unable to because the Scandinavian kept moving back and forth across the track whenever Hill started around.

Since the United States was host team they could hardly enter a protest officially, but it was thoroughly discussed in the papers. Hill's time was 14.30, the best mark run by a US citizen.

In 1936 Mack Robinson, big brother of the Dodgers Jackie, came in second in the 200 meter dash. Incidentally, he still holds University of Oregon records in the low hurdles and broad jump. Hill's mile mark and Moeller's in the discus also still stand for the University, as does Steers in the high jump.

Varoff, Steers Set World Marks

In 1936 George Varoff set the world mark for the pole vault with 14 feet 6½ inches, and in 1941 Les Steers set the standard in the high jump, going 6 feet, 11 inches.

Stters, incidentally, was a pretty fair all-round athlete. Not only does his high jump mark still stand for the world, but he also holds the NCAA mark, AAU record (he won the high jump in this meet three years running), the PCC and Northern Division records, plus an assortment of individual meet marks.

But Bill Hayward didn't use Steers for just one event. He also saw duty in the high hurdles, discus and javelin. In the latter event he recorded a better than 194 foot heave, which would win most college meets today. In the discus he threw the platter better than 140 feet, and stepped off the hurdles in a little over 15 seconds. What a man!

Winners Score Easy Victories As IM Nines Resume Action

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

3:50

North field . . . Kappa Sigma vs Sigma Nu
South field . . . Sigma Phi Epsilon vs Omega hall
Upper field . . . Phi Delta Theta vs Phi Sigma Kappa

4:55

North field . . . Sigma Alpha Mu vs Pi Kappa Phi
South field . . . Chi Psi vs Sigma Chi
Upper field . . . Phi Gamma Delta vs Tau Kappa Epsilon

By John Barton

Intramural softball resumed under sunny skies yesterday on the P. E. fields, after three days of layoff last week.

In the day's play, Campbell club beat out McChesney hall 3-1, Beta Theta Pi started late to take Stitzer hall, 6-1, Cherney hall roared through to beat the Legal Eagles by a 7-5 count, Sherry Ross beat the Yeomen by an 8-2 score, Pi Kappa Alpha overcame Sederstrom hall with a 7-1 count, and Sigma hall forfeited to Phi Kappa Sigma.

CAMPBELL CLUB'S Cece Clay got a no hitter for the six inning contest and both teams showed good pitching. All runs were scored in the last inning, ending the game with Campbell club ahead by a 3-1 score.

Beta Theta Pi stood around and watched the game for three innings against Stitzer hall, and finally got rolling to beat the Hallmen by a lopsided 6-1 score.

BETA PITCHER Dale Bruegger put in a good job, as did his mates when on the defense in the field, but the winners had trouble in everything they did at the plate until the last frame, when they blasted across five runs to sew up the game.

Cherney hall, still hot from its upset win over ATO last week, downed the winless Legal Eagles with a 7-5 score.

CHERNEY MAN Tom Berry slammed out a home run in the top of the second inning, after his mates already led 3-0 at the end of the first frame. In the last half of the second inning, however, as the Eagle pocked over five runs, to tie up the contest at 5-5, but Cherney rallied to win.

SHERRY ROSS hall beat the Yoemen by a score of 8-2 in their win of the day. Hallman Dick Reiner held Yeomen blows to a minimum.

PI KAPPA ALPHA got started late, but came through to beat Sederstrom hall by a 7-1 count. Sederstrom copped a run in the first inning from a Pi Kap error over the third baseman's head.

Rooks Hand Ducklings Initial Loss Saturday

The Oregon State Rooks, paced by right fielder Wendy King's home run, downed the Oregon Ducklings Saturday at Corvallis 7-4. It was the first loss of the season for the Frosh.

DON WHITE, All-City hurler from Washington High, kept Webfoot bats well under control, whiffing 11 Frosh. Dick Waibel held the Rooks to eight hits but five errors gave the Staters the game. Only King's homer was earned.

The Rooks tallied first, getting three runs on two errors and a hit. In the fourth King connected for his four-master, and two hits and an error produced another counter.

THE YEARLINGS, trailing 5-0, picked up two tallies in the fifth on four singles and a walk. The rally was stopped with the bases loaded when the Rooks pulled the old hidden-ball play.

A walk, single, an error and a long double scored the final two Beaver runs in the sixth. Another Frosh rally, this time in the seventh produced two runs before White stopped it vit the strikeout.

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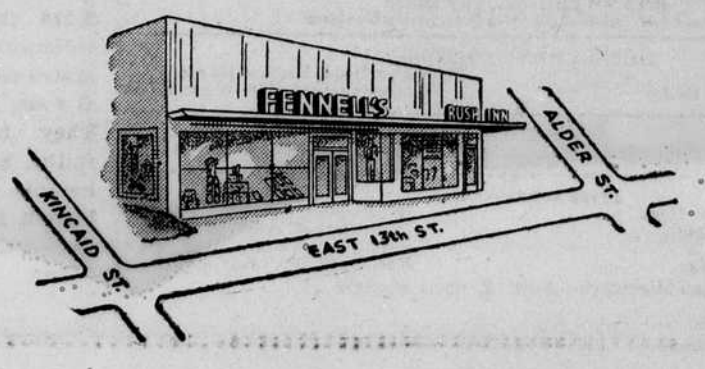

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