

DUCK TRACKS

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Football, the traditional "big" sport at most American colleges, takes a back seat nearly all spring, as baseball and track draws the spectators and shares the headlines, although a handful of real grid fans are always on the sidelines at spring grid practices.

But Northern Division football coaches are preparing to give the homefolks an awaited preview of their 1949 editions late this month, when the annual intra-squad games are scheduled. It's the big climax to days of grueling drill-drill-drill, and the boys should put on quite a show.

Here at Oregon, Jim Aiken pulls the curtains May 28, with the third annual spring contest, and Howie Odell will give Washington football followers their break May 21. The Husky mentor is going full steam in Seattle, and is supposed to have a powerful crew ready to grab the title. The Purple and Gold have already been given the Conference dark horse role.



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Releases from the Seattle school have been building up several "names" in a big way, including Hugh McElhenny, Ken Dunn, a flashy halfback up from the frosh, Don Heinrich, a passing quarterback, and Jim Wiley, another swift half.

Jack Seth, that young halfback who did some fine running for Odell last year, is back in pads after injuring a hip two weeks ago. Odell certainly has plenty of new faces to build with, and he may come up with a strong squad next fall.

Replacement for Van Brocklin a Problem

It's true that Aiken has many Duck shoes to fill before he can hope for a repeat on last year's championship club, but there's lots of beef out there on the practice field to choose from.

The biggest, or at least the most publicized, cog in the Webfoot machine was filled last year by Norm Van Brocklin, and if Aiken can manufacture a passing quarterback who can equal or come close to Van's exploits, half the job is done.

Both Jim Calderwood and Earl Stelle have impressed in spring drills so far, but neither is All-America material. Who cares, as long as they can throw a football?

Up the valley, Oregon State's new coach, Kip Taylor, is putting some 75 Beavers through their single-wing paces, and is impressed with results.

They say that several sophomores up from last year's Rook squad have been showing well, including Halfback Bill Sheffold and John Thomas in the line.

We were surprised the other day to learn that "a 16-year-old University of Washington track record may be shattered this spring, according to track coach Hec Edmundson," quoting from a press release from the Husky Athletic News Bureau.

The surprising thing is the record itself, a mediocre 13-foot, 3-inch pole vault mark set in 1933 by Don Arthaud.

The potential record-breaker this spring is sophomore Charles Brigham, who is "clearing 13 feet regularly and is still improving."

Husky Vault Mark Compared to Oregon Record

Quite a contrast when these marks are compared to the University of Oregon standard, a mighty 14-foot, 7-inch leap by George Varoff in 1937. Webfoot vaulter George Rasmussen has taken a task ahead of him to break that record, although he has already cleared well over 14 feet several times.

In the recent WSC-Oregon dual meet at Pullman, Rasmus-

sen cleared 14-feet, six-inches three times, but brushed the bar off each time with his chest. Coach Bill Bowerman is confident that Ras will go at least that high this year.

Washington's Brigham will give the Duck number two and three vaulters, Don Pickins and Lloyd Hickok, some competition though, since all three should be bunched right around 13 feet.

Webfoots Can Use Plenty of Hitting

Wednesday night's slugging exhibition at Vaughn Street between Don Kirsch's Webfoots and the Portland Pilots was encouraging for Duck followers, for it may mean a rally in hitting power, snubbed by Washington in the last ND contest. The Kirschmen could certainly use all the hitting they can manage on their road trip, to keep that "big inning" offense rolling.

We note that Bill Burgher, first-string Duck catcher last year, has been catching quite a few games for the Portland Beavers, and is currently hitting over .250. He had another year of college eligibility left, but decided to take up with the Bevos at the end of last season.

It'll seem like old home week this summer at Vaughn Street, with both Burgher and Hal Saltzman toiling in Beaver gear.

Idle Thinclads Polish Form for May 7 Meet

Although the Oregon varsity track team will be idle this weekend, Coach Bill Bowerman has been sending his charges through an intense workout all week.

The Webfoots will journey to Seattle for their next duel meet with the Washington Huskies on May 7. The following weekend they tackle Grant (Doc) Swan's Beavers on Hayward field, then return to Seattle on May 21 and May 28 for the Northern Division and Pacific coast championship meets respectively.

In their remaining two dual meets, the Ducks rate an even break on the odds.

Molding his offense around George Rasmussen, Don Pickens, and Lloyd Hickok, top three vaulters in the ND, and Davey Henthorne and Al Bullier, sprint starts, Bowerman has developed a first rate track organization during his first year as a college mentor.

ALSO HELPING the Duck cause along the stony paths of competition are Woodley Lewis, ace broad jumper, Lou Robinson, PCC javelin king who also puts the shot, Ray Heidenrich and Bob Anderson, discus tossers, Walt McClure, distance sprinter, and Earl Stelle, number two javelin man.

'Lippy' to Stand Assault Charge

NEW YORK, April 28—(AP) An attorney said tonight Leo Durocher, fiery manager of the New York Giants, "kicked and scuffed" a 22-year-old Negro boy after the game at the Polo Grounds today.

Samuel S. Reinish told a reporter the youth, whom he identified as Fred Boysen, 22, of Brooklyn, was being treated at a Brooklyn hospital for his injuries.

The lawyer added he planned to file assault and battery charges against the Giant manager.

Reinish said Boysen was attacked by Durocher as Boysen sped out on the field after the game in pursuit of "one of his heroes," Brooklyn's Jackie Robinson.

Durocher acknowledge there was an altercation after the game, won by Brooklyn, 15-2, but he said it wasn't serious.

Boysen was admitted as a patient at Sydenham hospital, Brooklyn, for treatment for bruises of the abdomen.

Bevos Nose Padres

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 28—(AP)—The Portland Beavers made it two straight over San Diego tonight, defeating the Padres, 3 to 2, in a Pacific Coast league baseball game.

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An Adventure in Good Smoking

Ben Hogan May Leave Links

NEW ORLEANS, April 28 (AP) Golfer Ben Hogan made it known today that if he can't swing a club with the best of them again, he isn't much interested in swinging at all.

The National Open and PGA champion came here for a medical checkup on progress of his recovery from a highway accident which almost took his life last Feb. 2.

Hogan said he didn't know and "I don't think the doctors know" if he'll ever return to the form that earned him the PGA's vote as "golfer of the year" for 1948.

Softball Canceled

Rain forced cancellation of all intramural softball games Thursday. There are no games scheduled for today.

Portland U Takes Spring Football Tilt

PORTLAND, April 28—(AP)—Unaccustomed fans watched a football game under a warm spring sun here today, the University of Portland downing Pacific University, 35-0, in a practice contest.

The Portland team, which has been in spring practice a month, dominated the game throughout. Pacific, which has been drilling two weeks, was guilty of spotty play.

Among observers was Amos Alonzo Stagg, football's "grand old man" and father of the Pacific coach, Paul Stagg.

The teams will meet again at Pacific next Thursday.

WAA Sports Heads Petitions Accepted

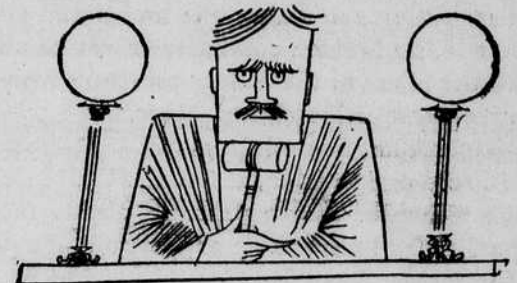
Petitions are now being accepted for next year's WAA basketball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, golf, swimming, and softball sports heads.

Petitions may be acquired at Mrs. Wickham's office. They should be turned in before 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, either to the cage at Gerlinger or to Bonnie Geinger.

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