

DUCK TRACKS

By DICK CRAMER
Emerald Sports Writer

After his brilliant performance in the 880 last Saturday Walt McClure seems in line to break an Oregon track record in that event. The last Oregon record to be set was in 1941 when Les Steers went 6 feet 11 inches in the high jump, and no record has been set on the cinders since 1938.

McClure stepped off the half-mile in 1:55.7, no tremendous time but much better than average. And he is only a sophomore, with two more years of eligibility left. He has improved rapidly this year and should crack the 1:54.8 standard set by George Scharpf in 1935 before he is through.

The only other Oregon mark that seems endangered at the present time is the pole vault. George Rasmussen may beat George Varoff's mark either this year or next. Varoff went 14 feet 7 inches in 1937, only one inch over the best of the thin man from Bend.

Bill Bowerman should really have a potent outfit next year. He loses only Lou Robinson, defending Northern Division champ in the javelin, from this season's thinclads, and Frosh flash Chuck Misfeldt figures to step into Robinson's place. There will be added strength all over, especially in some weak spots, from the Frosh thinclads.

Also, other Northern Division schools are losing some of their top stars through graduation, which will help the Webfoots towards the Northern Division title and possibly the PCC championship.

In the sprints the Ducks will have their one-two punch of Dave Henthorne and Al Bullier around, and those two are just about the cream of the crop right now. Added to that is a clean sweep, via the diploma, of most of the other top dashmen in the league.

Washington State says goodbye to Eddie Pillings and Dick Keniston, their top men in the century and Joe Nebolon, better known as a quarter-miler but also a fine 220 man. Washington loses their only good man in Phil Brewer and Oregon State's Jerry Cole is slated to leave Corvallis in June.



CHUCK MISSFELDT

880, Mile and Two-Mile Should Be Stronger

The 440 will still be a weak link next season, though some of the Frosh have shown ability and may pick up some points, along with the varsity holdovers. The 880 will be strong, though McClure will be up against the same boys who will cause him trouble this year. Washington's fine star Jack Hensey, though ill most of this year, has another year of eligibility, as do WSC's Bill Parnell and Clem Eischen.

In the mile Frosh Jack Hutchins looks the best. He could give

any one in the league a tight race right now and should come out on top in 1950. The Huskies lose their top distance man, Bill Steed, WSC's Dick Paeth finishes his competition in 1949, and Beaver Dick Petterson graduates.

Parnell, Eichen, Hal Deck and Dick Selfridge will still keep WSC strong in these events, and Oregon State will have their trio of George Fullerton, Joe Fisher and Jim Spetz. Pete Mundle and Art Backlund will be around to help Bowerman out.

Lewis to Be a Key Man for Thinclads

Jack Doyle and Jack Smith look the best in the hurdles but the top two men in the sticks, Husky Jack Burke and Cougar Fran Polsfoot, are slated to be around in 1950.

Everybody in the pole vault returns so that should be one of the strongest vents next year as it has this season.

The high jump will depend on Woodley Lewis. He can finish at least second with a repeat of last Saturday's 6-2 effort, and if he improves he may win it. Ken Elliott is at Corvallis for another year and occasionally does 6-4.

Lewis will probably be the top man in the broad jump. He has been consistently bettering the efforts of Bob Laidlaw, defending champ, who graduates in June. No one else has been close to these two.

With Beaver Lerr Rinearson ready for the 1950 season, the Ducks probably won't take that event despite having four good discus men in Bob Anderson, Ray Heidenreich, Herb Nill and Dave Earle.

Cougar Frank Mataya has been leading the pack this year in the shot and looks ready to do it for another year. Anderson has been the top Duck here, along with graduating Lou Robinson.

Robinson will be missed, but in Chuck Misfeldt, Bowerman has a top-notch replacement for the javelin king. The burly freshman has flung the spear 214 feet, topping Robinson's best, and could improve on that if he runs into competition. His distances have been low this year because he has no one that has been able to force him to throw his best.

Sanford Rated Top Chucker On IM Softball Dream Team

By John Barton

With the end of the intramural softball season, the time has come again to risk life and limb and pick an all-star team.

This year, with so many outstanding players on the various teams, the picking of a stellar nine is a difficult task. Some teams will undoubtedly feel that their best player has been left out, and perhaps he has, but we pick them "as we see 'em."

IN THE PITCHING division, Delta Tau Delta's Ed Sanford is once again in the top spot. Sanford, as far as pur pitching ability and good ball playing goes, is clear out of reach of any other son's play, Sanford had run only pitcher on the campus. In the sea-two runs scored on him, gave up only eight hits, and walked three men.

Other star pitchers this year have been Phi Delta Theta's Bob Taggessel, and Sigma Alpha Ep-

silon's Warren Groshong. Besides Sanford, Taggessel and Groshong were the only chuckers on the campus who exhibited anything "on the ball."

OUTSTANDING behind the plate this year was Dick Brown of Kappa Sigma. Brown showed a terrific peg to the bases and was a constant threat at bat. Behind Brown at catching, we liked Tony Geremia and Will Urban. Geremia, catching for Delt Sanford, showed skill in simply being able to stop his mates' fast ball. Urban looked particularly good at stopping Taggessel's wild pitches with his bare right hand.

In the infield, the intramural staff was confronted with a very difficult job. We wound up with a combination that may make some people unhappy, but we can only say that we had the professional advice of the IM department.

ARCHIE GACEK of Kappa Sigma turned in a very good performance at first base, as well as being an outstanding hitter all season. The first basemen who looked good are too numerous to list here, but we can say that the choice of Gacek was a hard one to make.

Merle Helm had to be shifted to second base in order to fill the spot adequately. Several second sackers looked good during the year, but Helm looked good enough at first to make a competent middle man. Helm, who put in his season for the SAEs was a consistent hitter.

OUTSTANDING at shortstop was Phi Delta Theta's Bob Lavey. Lavey was as quick as anyone with the ball and a tetraror when stealing bases.

Frank Bocci of Alpha Tau Omega fills the third base spot on our dream team, with his sizzling drives to first and his steady hit-

ting. **THE OUTFIELD** of the 1949 all-star team is composed of Chuck Ruffner of Chi Psi, Jerry Switzer of Phi Delta Theta, and Ed Dick of Sigma Nu. These three men could no doubt be substituted by others, but their steady fielding and all-season hard hitting, the best feature of a good outfielder, placed them at the head of our list.

That's it fans, be you happy or unhappy. That's the team we pick to head the campus for 1949.

Huskies Liked For Divot Title

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 17—(AP) The University of Washington was installed as favorite yesterday for the Northern Division championship golf tournament here Saturday.

However, observers said all of the teams are closely matched. Four-man teams from Washington, Oregon State, Washington State, Oregon, Montana and Idaho will compete.

Frank James, University of Idaho, said the host golf course is in the best condition in several years.

Racketmen Top Montana U 4-3

By Martin Meadows

By coming from behind to win the day's final contest, Oregon's second doubles team of Coach Saal Lesser and Bob Carey enabled the Ducks to capture a narrow 4-3 victory over the visiting Montana university Grizzlies in a match played yesterday on the local courts.

Six tilts had been completed, and the count was all even at 3-3, when Lesser and Carey rallied to whip Bill Jardine and Bob Holmstrom by scores of 5-7, 7-5, and 6-1.

Clouting Kovenz

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Sam's navy, Johnny finally got his walking papers in the summer of '46. He immediately reported to the Oregon campus to begin his collegiate baseball career.

THE HERO OF last Friday's 10 inning thriller with Oregon State alternated between third base and left field last season while smacking the horsehide at a neat .344 clip. Now he is Don Kirsch's regular left gardener.

A two-year letterman, Kovenz is a junior majoring in history with P. E. as his minor. Johnny performs for the Guistina Reds of the Cascade loop during the summer months to keep sharp his batting eye. His plans for the future include professional ball.

When asked about his throwing right-handed then hitting from the portside, which is a little unusual, Johnny smilingly replied, "My three older brothers, who all bat right-handed, decided there should be a southpaw swinger in the family, so you guessed it—here I am."

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