

DUCK TRACKS

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Results of the Northern Division track meet were, to say the least, disappointing. Webfoot fans had hoped for top performances from their representatives, but the Ducks did not come through when the chips were down. They will have a good chance next Saturday in Seattle at the PCC meet, but they will have to considerably improve their record over the week.

Of course, if any team was ever jinxed by high hopes it was Bill Bowerman's crew. The Emerald sports staff went overboard, expecting each Duck to better or at least equal their best efforts of the year with the rest of the teams staying even or dropping below their top times.

One thing that makes it very hard to predict a track meet is that usually only the winning time or distance is given. This also makes it hard to tell how well or how poorly an individual does that doesn't win his event.

For instance, take the 880 and Walt McClure. McClure failed to place in that event, though he had been picked for second. According to his best winning time of 1:55.7, he should have been runner-up to eventual winner Bill Parnell.

According to reports, Parnell won by a narrow margin, with second and third places close behind. McClure could have topped his best previous effort and still finished out of the money. Parnell's time of 1:53.9 could well allow that.



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Washington State Cops Three Titles in Sports

This is certainly Washington State's term. The Cougars have missed capturing only tennis to have a clean sweep of spring sports. The biggest surprise was their upset win in golf, downing the co-favorites, Washington and Oregon. Both the Webfoots and the Huskies had downed WSC in dual matches, but the Pullman squad won by three strokes over second-place Washington.

It was definitely a record-breaking tournament. Eddie Draper, stocky Washington youth, set a nine-hole mark at 31 on the University of Idaho course. But it was Dick Yost who really had a good day. He and Jim Mallory from Washington broke Duck Lou Stafford's old course record with 65's, one under Stafford's mark. The Oregon State sophomore also set a new medalist record, combining a 68 with his 65 for a 133 total, breaking Stafford's mark of 135, set in 1947.

White, Marked to Continue Duels Next Year

In Don White Ralph Coleman has one of the top young pitchers in the state coming up to help him forget graduating Chuck Sauvain. Both are "stuff" southpaws, but White seems to have better control and should more than take over for Sauvain, who fell far below his expectancies. Outside of Max Soriano of Washington, the Beaver portsider was the biggest mound disappointment of the year.

Don Kirsch will also get some pitching help from first-year ranks in the person of Dick Waibel. The husky right-hander has

done some very good chucking this season and would have a better won-lost record except for his duels with White.

Kirsch will also have some tough rebuilding to do. The loss of far and away the best keystone combination in the Northern Division is a tough blow. Walt Kirsch has been all-Northern Divisions and could well repeat this season second-baseman for three seasons. If Al Cohen doesn't grab off the shortstop berth it will probably be because of lusty-hitting Nick Stallworth of Idaho.

Quarterbacks Will Decide PCC Finish in '49

This Saturday will see the unveiling of Jim Aiken's 1949 grid machine and it should be an interesting show. The most interest will be centered on the quarterbacks. There is enough strength in other areas to ensure that the team will be strong, but a capable man running the show is a vital necessity for a high finish.

If Earl Stelle, Jim Calderwood, or Joe Tom have good afternoons that will help. They all have flashed brilliantly at times during spring training and will probably split the post between them in the fall.

Howie Odell at Washington has decided on his backfield for next year, unless injuries knock one of the starters out. There are two holdovers from last year, left half Roland Kirkby who has shifted from fullback, and Jack Seth, one of Odell's injury troubles of 1948, who is open at right half.

The other pair will be playing PCC ball for the first time but are actually better publicized than the holdovers. Hugh McElhanney, the long-legged J. C. transfer, is slated to open at fullback and is expected to be one of the top backs on the coast.

Up from a sensational season as a freshman, Don Heinrich will take over for the gone and apparently forgotten quarterback of last year, Anse McCullough. Heinrich, who completed better than 80% of his passes in at least two tilts last fall, had run McCullough out of his job before he left Seattle.

Idaho's Dixie Howell has come up with the newest formation in the PCC, his "maybe T." The pigskin "maybe" will go to the quarterback or "maybe" to the fullback. The Vandals are expecting big results from this.

Jake Leicht Visiting Campus; No Squirmin' in Herman

By **Sam Fidman**

Quiet, mild-mannered Jake Leicht, former Oregon All-America grid star, was back on campus Monday, slightly the wiser after his first season of professional football.

Leicht, now 28, is staying with Steve Dotur, ace Webfoot tackle, and is presently gathering data for his physical education thesis.

JAKE REPORTED that the Baltimore Colts have upped his salary by \$1600—but no one other than Jake and the Colt front office know the grand total earnings—at least no one else is supposed to.

Leicht, whose wife and baby son live in Stockton, California, is hopeful that he will be used on offense this fall, rather than in the strictly defensive role he played last year.

As far as comparing collegiate football to its professional counterpart—Jake prefers the bread and butter game because there is opportunity to learn more football, even by simply watching the seasoned pro vets in action.

"**PROFESSIONAL BALL** is by far the harder played game, mainly because of the heavy fining imposed when training rules are broken," Leicht said in comparing professional and college football.

Isbel and staff concentrate on conditioning and timing—getting complex plays down to split-second precision. And Isbel, Leicht has learned, is a stickler for top conditioning, and treats the men "rough."

A FEW TIPS from Jake, who has gone through the mill of making the grade with the professionals, are sound enough when applied to college gridgers with hopes of a play-for-pay career.

Professional football is strictly a

business-like venture—and there is no room for stars, Jake pointed out. There is greater stress of team play, hence it is better for an athlete to be well-adapted at all-round football rather than basing his hopes on one specialty.

Jake, who has hopes of going into coaching, is always anxious to play

against the former St. Mary's All-America, Herman Wedemeyer. Jake was assigned to check Squirmin' Herman in two games last year.

In the first game, Herman netted a minus two yards, and in the second, a minus three—and no pass completions in either game.

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WSC, Troy Set for Duel

LOS ANGELES, May 23—(P)—Southern California and Washington State College open a best-two-out-of-three series here Friday for the Pacific Coast Conference baseball title.

THE TROJANS ARE winners of the southern division, with 12 wins against two setbacks, three and a half games ahead of second place Santa Clara. The Cougars annexed the Northern Division crown, winding up a game ahead of Oregon.

A year ago the Trojans captured the conference cup from WSC. This season's series wind up Saturday, with a doubleheader if necessary.

USC was to play its final California Intercollegiate Baseball Association game with UCLA tomorrow, but the contest was cancelled by mutual agreement because of final examinations this week. The game originally was scheduled for last week but was rained out.

UCLA wound up in CIBA standings, behind Santa Clara.

Bevens Looking for Job

SALEM, May 23—(P)—Bill Bevens, Salem, former New York Yankee, is awaiting the highest bid for his weakened pitching arm.

Released a few days ago by Seattle, Bevens said he would like to join the Salem or Portland clubs. "But I'm afraid I'll have to go to the highest bidder," he said. "I have a wife and three kids in my family."

He expected an offer from the Spokane Indians last night. The bad arm, which lost him his job with the Yankees, is "in good shape," he said.