

DUCK TRACKS

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Let's go breezing up and down the sports rialto:
Oregon's High Flying George Rasmussen, who hasn't been pressed to capture the pole vault in any meet thus far this year, may get quite an argument from a couple of USC Trojans when the Pacific Coast conference track championships come off this weekend . . . John Montgomery recently cleared the bar at 14 ft., 7 1/4 in., which tops Rasmussen's best of 14 ft., 6 in. . . John Rowan, a teammate, hit 14 ft. even.

El Troy, which has registered the PCC's classiest marks in four out of the 15 events, will rank as top-heavy favorites to successfully defend its toga in Seattle. . . Mel Patton, sometimes known as the "world's fastest human," is said to be running just for laughs this spring. . . He's already turned in a 9.1 century . . . Wonder how he'd do if he got serious about it all.

The fact that the annual spring practice intra-squad game comes on Memorial weekend is certain to cut hard into attendance figures Saturday . . . But there was no alternative except to schedule it at that time . . . A track meet, baseball game and coaches' conference eliminated the weekend of May 14 and 21, and to hold it back until June 4 would both drag out the spring sessions too much as well as interfere with studying for final exams . . . Attendance at the Football Clinic is approximately three times the size it was when it was originated.

Pass Protection Scheme Really Pays Off

That penchant Oregon has for setting up an air-tight armor to protect its passers has certainly undergone no letdown during recent scrimmages . . . It is interesting to note that in the last two seasons only eight times in 313 plays did an opponent get back to the passer and nail him before he was able to get rid of the ball . . . Over the same stretch, the Ducks have punted 115 times and the boys on the other side of the line have yet to block their first one.

This fantastic protection is considered one of the main keys to Oregon's success, and just how winsome Jim Aiken has been with it in his 26 years of coaching is well demonstrated by the following figures . . . Aiken coached teams have won 193 games, lost 53, and tied 6 . . . That all adds up to a rousing .785 winning percentage.

Idaho's "Maybe 'T'", the latest of Dixie Howell's brainchilds, received its first public testing the other day in an intra-squad game . . . The result was a scoreless deadlock that left the attending gallery plenty of room for skepticism and also probably left Howell shaking his head . . . Not that the "Maybe 'T'" won't eventually come into its own (although it's true that it likely won't), but it takes touchdowns to win a football game.

Oh Well, This Could Happen Anywhere, Anytime

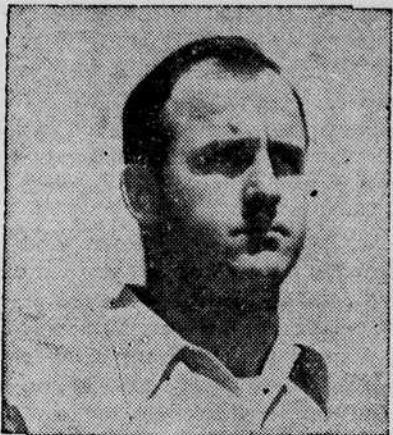
A home-loving Southern California sports writer came in for quite a shock the other day . . . Seems that John Olszewski, player of the year in that region last fall, was being measured for a U. of California suit when this writer suddenly got an inspiration . . . He reeled off a public plea urging that Olszewski pay his debt to the home folk by performing at a local city college one year before tripping off to Berkeley . . . Naturally, he expected to be flooded with phone calls from readers congratulating him and attempting to jump on the bandwagon . . . Well, the home folks didn't so much as budge—they never even lifted a receiver . . . However, the writer wasn't entirely forgotten . . . He got two quick rings almost as soon as the paper hit the streets . . . One came from Washington scout and the other from an Oregon scout . . . Both felt it would do Johnny good to stick right around home for another year and think matters over so that maybe he'd have a change of heart, forsake Berkeley, and, naturally, hike up to either Seattle or Eugene . . . Now the question is, where will Johnny go . . . And no one has the answer yet.

Miller, Zaz Making Headway at North Dakota

Received a letter from Dick Miller, former Oregon assistant who is now doing his own bossing at North Dakota . . . He says everything at Grand Forks, N. D. is fine and that the people have been particularly friendly to both him and Frank Zazula.

The text goes, in part . . . We finished spring practice last week and . . . accomplished quite a bit in such a short time. We had a practice game with another college and everyone thought the team looked pretty good. We are quite rough in a good many spots . . . have an awful lot of work to do before our season opens."

The Daily Emerald is presently polling teams around the division in an effort to formulate an All-ND nine selected by the players themselves. With most of the results already in, it appears that an Oregon player may turn out to be the only unanimous pick among the ND outfits . . . This All-Star team will be released in the Daily Emerald soon. . . Watch for it.



DICK MILLER

Clark Leads Theta Chi Mates To First Intramural Golf Title

Paced by parbaster Ron Clark, Theta Chi captured its first intramural golf championship yesterday, downing Sigma Chi 11 1/2-1 1/2.

Clark, a power hitter and seemingly destined for varsity action next season, carded six birdies and two bogies for a 68 and medalist honors on the 72-par Laurelwood layout. In other Theta Chi matches this season, Clark has turned in sub-par rounds of 71, 68, and 69.

He compiled a 35-33 for his total yesterday.

Lin Sloan, SX number one man, shot a healthy 73 for second honors, but dropped all three points to the sizzling Clark. Theta Chi two man Dick Schultz took three points from Stu Richardson; Wes Nicholson, after halving the first nine, won 2 1/2-1/2 from Norm Lamb.

In the lone match held at the Eugene Country Club, Bill Harber, of the Hilltoppers, won all three points from Wally Adams.

MOST SPECTACULAR shot of the afternoon also went to the Theta Chi's stocky slugger. On the 295-yard, par four 15th hole, Clark

drove his first shot out of bounds.

His second tee shot was six feet shy of the green. Using an 8-iron, Clark deftly dropped a 30-foot approach for a birdie 3. It was a difficult, uphill chip, but The Dalles lad had the lie figured just right.

Scoring was based upon the Nassau system of one point for each nine holes, and one for the 18. Clark was 2-up at the turn, and won the second nine 2 and 1.

SMOOTH-STROKING Schultz captured the first round 5-up from Richardson, and edged out a 1-up

verdict on the backside. Nicholson, after splitting the first nine, closed out his match with a 3 and 2 decision over Lamb.

Harber had little trouble subduing Adams. 3-up on the front side, and 3 and 2 on the final nine holes.

In notching the title, Theta Chi won from French hall by default, defeated Campbell Club 12-0, the Betas 11-1, and the Sammies 8-4 to get into the finals. Last spring, the OX quartet lost out to ATO for the title.

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PCL Baseball

HOLLYWOOD, May 25—(P)—

Art Schallock hurled the front-running Hollywood Stars to a 4-1 Coast league win over Portland last night, for his seventh victory against one loss.

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Bridges and Gladd; Schallock and Sandlock.

Cherney Beats DU, 6-5

Cherney hall came from behind to score two runs in the last of the seventh to edge out Delta Upsilon 6-5 in a challenge softball game Monday afternoon on South field. Louis Santos, hard-hitting third sacker for the Hallsters, slammed out three hits, one of which was a triple to left field with two men on base, to lead the vets dormers attack.



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