

DUCK TRACKS

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We can think of easier things to do than sit down and hammer out a last Duck Tracks. Like cleaning out a blast furnace, for example. That's a snap.

Traditionally, a column of the "swan song" variety is supposed to be composed of a few pearly words of wisdom dedicated to the incoming editor. Well, Dave Taylor, who will take over for us come fall, has been on the Oregon sports scene for quite a while, and he knows his way around. There's really little we could tell Dave that he doesn't already know.

SO, instead of following in the wake of our predecessors, we think we'll just sort of strum along, taking all the bumps and high spots as they happen to strike our fancy. It'll be a rather humdrum journey with no definite course. . . . But, if you'd like to come along . . .

The school year that ends in '49 will go down as one of the brightest the University has known. . . . Oregon has certainly landed squarely on its feet insofar as athletics is concerned . . .

And you'll recall that it was only a short while ago that it was on its other extremity . . . Will '49-'50 be as successful? . . . Perhaps not, both as to the records compiled by the various teams and also financially . . .

BUT that fact, in itself, isn't so significant, because Oregon already has made the grade, or at least it has gone a long way toward making it . . . There's no toboggan in sight, for, as far as anyone can tell, Oregon seems to be stacking up to any other school in the Northern Division . . . Oh, there's plenty of room for improvement . . . We talked to Athletic Director Leo Harris about what the prospects are for expanding the sports program here.

For example, there are several schools that support boxing; Idaho does this . . . But there are financial obstacles . . . Many school's receive subsidies from the state, but Oregon's athletic department bears the weight of its own burden.

Segura Leads Duckling Hitters

Joe Segura, catcher-outfielder on the Oregon frosh baseball team, captured the first team batting crown with a hot .414 average. Second honors went to Second Baseman J. D. Wade, who hit .387, and DeWayne Owens finished third with .384.

Topping the eighteen-man list was Ken Dunkelberger, reserve infielder, who picked up two hits in four times at bat for .500.

Segura drove in thirteen runs to head the runs-batted-in list. Wade and first baseman Phil Settecase followed with ten and nine respectively.

Dewayne Owens led the extra base hitters with a home run, two triples and a double.

Summary:

Player	AR	R	Ave	RBI
Dunkelberger	4	2	.500	0
Segura	41	17	.414	13
Wade	31	12	.387	10
Owens	39	15	.384	3
Settecase	32	10	.312	9
Smith	40	12	.300	3
Waibel	17	5	.294	1
Danzer	35	10	.284	2
Richie	19	5	.263	2
Schmer	37	9	.243	6
Proulx	20	3	.150	5
Courtright	10	0	.000	0
Dolbeer	3	0	.000	0
Gilbert	3	0	.000	0
Dunbar	2	0	.000	0
Norton	2	0	.000	0
Dimon	1	0	.000	0
Sipe	1	0	.000	0

However, boxing can be made to pay for itself, and chances are that someday it will be added to the sports curricula . . . It will have preference when the day does arrive.

WHILE most sports are winding up or already have wound up for the season, track is still going strong . . . Ahead are the AAU, NC-AA and Big Ten-PCC Meets . . . Boys like George Rasmussen have a good, stiff schedule of events cut out for them.

Rambling on, we sort of get the urge to spill a few words on the general athletic setup in these parts . . . We would be the last one in the world to say that the Athletic Department at Oregon is the best in the country . . . It's certainly not the worst, either.

But, it is good and it is solid . . . We are referring to the calibre of the coaches and their abilities to produce . . . Jim Aiken's record speaks for itself . . . As we once heard it said, "Aiken is good, and he's good for Oregon."

WE NOTED recently that Gale Bishop has made inquiries into the prospects of landing the basketball post . . . This implies that Bishop, at least, thought that John Warren is on his way out . . . Well, Bishop is wrong.

We've heard a great deal of talk about "Honest John," some favorable, but also some which was quite critical.

Is Warren good for Oregon? . . . Well, the Duck five last year defeated the NIT champions, San Francisco . . . No, it didn't win the ND, and chances are it won't next season . . . But it was a good basketball team . . . We think Warren will be around Eugene for a long, long while . . . No need to slap the respective backs of Bill Bowerman, Don Kirsch and the others . . . Undoubtedly they're "good for Oregon."

AS FOR HARRIS, we do feel he has done one thing which is highly commendable . . . From all outward appearances the athletic staff has been made into a solid, united team.

Any differences are kept within the family so to speak.

When one recalls the athletic shakeups at Washington State and UCLA and realizes that there was internal grief at each school, it is easier to appreciate the harmony prevailing in McArthur Court . . . Leo deserves credit for this . . . We happen to know that in some schools there's plenty of fireworks, unpeaceful ones, that go on behind locked doors.

STUFF like that invariably leaks out . . . Of course there are always differences of opinions, but at Oregon, so far as we can tell, there is simply no prospects of an upheaval in athletics.

Next fall football makes it annual appearance. That will help us tide over the summer.

Well, that about brings to an end our little helter-skelter journey. There were a lot fewer BUMPS than we anticipated at the outset.

ZURCHER TO RETURN

Hal Zurcher told the Emerald last night that he will likely return for another season with the baseballing Ducks. The outfielder had been expected to sign a pro contract.

Hutchins Second, Ras Fourth In Events at Compton Relays

Expansion Plans Revealed For UO Athletic Facilities

Increasing evidence of Oregon growing pains is the list of planned improvements, enlargements, and repairs of most athletic facilities, announced Friday by Leo A. Harris, director of athletics.

The seating capacity of Hayward field, now somewhat inadequate in face of the modern gridiron Duck created by Jim Aiken, will be increased by almost six thousand.

A NEW ALL-STEEL construction electric scoreboard will be installed at the south end of the gridiron, at approximately the same spot that the present one now occupies.

The impressive seating increase will be made possible by the use of both permanent and portable seats across the south end of the field. The portable rigs will be used on either end of the new seating section, and will also bolster the seating capacity at the baseball diamond.

Even the long-suffering newsmen are getting a break, according to Harris. Present plans call for the enlargement of the press box atop the Hayward field bleachers, and the addition of an extra room to

serve as a confectionary for the hungry ink-slingers.

ROLLAWAY seats will be added on both sides of the basketball court, and the hall floor itself is presently being resurfaced. Harris anticipates the use of new suspended baskets, which would boost the McArthur Court seating capacity by some 700 with bleachers at both ends of the court.

A new equipment room will be completed by the end of summer vacation, as part of a general renovation of the cellar regions of "the home of the Ducks."

A full-body size hydrotherapy whirlpool tank will be added to the training room in time for the fall football wars, and the baseball bleachers are to receive a thorough repair job this summer.

BESIDES a new scoreboard for the Howe field diamond, Harris explained that a retaining wall is to be built from the backstop on south, between McArthur Court and the playing field.

George Rasmussen, Oregon's star pole vaulter, finished in fourth place with a vault of 14 feet in last night's Compton Invitational Relays at Compton, Cal.

Jack Hutchins, Oregon freshman distance man pressed winner Jerry Thompson by finishing a close second in the mile run. Thompson, former Texas ace and AAU 5000-meter champ, won the event in 4:14.

Bob Richards of Illinois AC won the pole vault duel with a 14-foot, 6-inch soar. Smith of San Diego State and John Montgomery of USC tied for second place at 14 feet, 3 inches.

Quarter-miler Herb McKenley, Jamaica, and Craig Dixon, UCLA high hurdler, rang up the fastest times of the year in their specialties. McKenley captured the 400-meter event in :46.2, and was clocked at 440-yards in :46.8.

Dixon skimmed the 110-meter high hurdles in :13.9 with a :13.8 clocking for 120 yards.

Hutchins and Rasmussen will compete in the Inglewood Relays tonight, against substantially the same field.

Review

Bowerman & Co. Rise From Oblivion

By Dave Taylor

Coach Bill Bowerman's Webfoot cindermen have completed their scheduled season, with only Pole Vaulter George Rasmussen, frosh distance man Jack Hutchins, and Sprinters Davey Henthorne still preparing for coming meets.

SMARTING from a winless 1948 season and under the guidance of their new boss, Bill Bowerman, the Duck trackmen dropped their losing habits this year to cop second place in both the Northern Division dual meet standings and the ND championship meet.

They opened this year's competition with a 5-3 setback in the annual Oregon-Oregon State Relays, but the defeat came through a bad break. The Ducks missed a 4-all tie when a baton pass from Jack Countryman to Dennis Sullivan was ruled illegal in the mile relay. Bowerman's charges won the event by at least 20 yards.

After the OSC relays, the Webfoots returned to Hayward field and started on their winning ways by dumping the invading Idaho Vandals by a resounding 20-point margin. A host of new records were set since the Duck-Vandal dual dates back only to 1947.

DAVEY Henthorne sliced time off the century, Walt McClure duplicated his teammate's performance in the 880, Woodley Lewis upped the broad jump well over 22 feet, while the rampaging Rasmussen pushed the pole vault mark to 14 feet and Ray Heidenrich etched his name on the ledger with 144-foot discus toss.

The following week Bowerman took his cinder artists into the Palouse country to invade the lair of the touted Washington State Cougars. Jack Mooberry's made the Ducks number nine on the string of consecutive dual meet victims by drubbing them 73-58.

After the Pullman outing, the Webfoots had a scheduled week rest, but it was this weekend which produced the most speculative sports talk throughout the entire Northwest. Having an idle weekend, the Duck vaulting trio, Rasmussen, Don Pickens, and Lloyd Hickok, and ace sprinters, Dave Henthorne and Al Bullier, accepted an invitation to a Klamath Falls high school exhibition with the results almost unbelievable.

Ras vaulted 14 feet, 6 inches, the highest jump made by any undergraduate on the Pacific coast. However, Pickens and Hickok also did themselves proud by leaping 13 feet, 6 inches and 13 feet, 4 inches to give Oregon the three top vaults in the Northern Division. Henthorne and Bullier turned in :9.7 and :9.8 second 100-yard dashes on the trip.

The Washington Huskies were the next target for Bowerman and Company. The Ducks, who arrived in Seattle definite underdogs, went calmly to work and upset the Huskies, 71-61 by capturing the mile relay.

It was on May 14 that the Webfoots got sweet revenge for their opening defeat in the annual relays as they edged out OSC, 66-65. The meet produced some surprise, as Bowerman juggled his men skillfully to insure the triumph before the mile relay was run.

WOODLEY LEWIS was the electric eel that shocked the Beavers, as he leaped 6 feet, 2 inches in the high jump to tie for blue ribbon honors with ND champ Ken Elliott. Lewis also placed third in the 100 and took first in the broad jump over defending king Bob Laidlaw. Little Davey Henthorne tied Lewis for individual scoring honors by taking first in the 100 and 440-yard dashes.

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Band Schedules Football Trips

Berkeley and Portland trips to football games will be made by the University band next year, with the Athletic Department assuming financial responsibility.

A permanent schedule has been devised, sending the band on trips to Portland and California games in odd-numbered years, and to Corvallis, Portland, and Seattle in even-numbered years.

The Athletic Department will appropriate \$2,400 for odd numbered years, and \$2,000 for even-numbered years.

The Portland game this fall is with the University of Washington, Nov. 5, and the Berkeley trip is for California's homecoming game, November 12.

UW Signs Coach

SEATTLE, June 4—(AP)—The University of Washington bolstered its football coaching staff Friday with signing of Al McCoy, former head football coach at Northeastern university and Colby college, two New England schools.

Director of Athletics Harvey Cassill announced the appointment.

McCoy will serve as a general assistant to Head Coach Howard Odell during the football season and the spring practice sessions, and will have certain administrative duties the rest of the year, Cassill said.

Portland Bows to Staters

PORTLAND, Ore., June 4—(AP)—Upstate high school players blasted out a 10-4 victory over Portlanders here last night in the annual Shrine all-star high school baseball game.

Ed Whitney, first baseman from Klamath Falls, led the victors by whacking out two doubles, a triple and a single.

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Murcovich, Fenton (5), Rouw (6) and Turner; Buchheit, Simons (5) and Tareger, Van Loan (9).