## **DUCK TRACKS**

By JOHN BARTON **Emerald Sports Editor** 

The proposed University of Oregon-Cotton Bowl Club game is still up in the air. This game would feature the spring football Webfoots against a band of ex-Duck gridders who played for Jim Aiken in the Cotton Bowl against Southern Methodist University on Jan. 1, 1949.

IF (and that's a big "if") the game is played, it will prob-

ably take place around Junior Weekend, May 13. It would be a fairly green Oregon football team against a bunch of thoroughly seasoned, but possibly out-of-shape, football veterans, some of them professionals.

Asked recently if he wanted to play the Cotton Bowl Club, Jim Aiken grunted, "Well why not? We'll play the Chicago Bears if they challenge us."

But Aiken added that he doubted the ability of the older men

JIM BERWICK to round themselves into shape in time for the contest. Jim's team is, by now, hard as nails, as Aiken teams always are, and the Ducks just might be able to wear the vets down.



The personnel of the Cotton Bowl team would include quite a list of stars. Norm VanBrocklin, Dan Garza, Dick Wilkins, Keith DeCourcey, Jim Berwick, Jim Aiken, Jr., Ed Chrobot, Steve Dotur, DeWayne Johnson, Woodley Lewis, John McKay, Ted Meland, Darrel Robinson, Lou Robinson, Bob Roberts, Bob Sanders, Joe Tom . . . that's just a list of those who might be around to play for the Cotton Bowl Clubbers . . . and boy, that's quite a list.

There are other names to add to that list, but they escape us now. Anyway, Aiken says they have enough men to make up a full team. The only thing they really would lack would be conditioning. Surely, they could work together as a unit. Look at that backfield: VanBrocklin, Lewis, McKay, and Sanders . . . you couldn't find a better one on the coast.

Hope that game comes off . . . it will really be a show:

Remember Dick Bartle who played first base for the Ducks last year? Dick made quite a play last Sunday in a game between his Salem Senators and Vancouver.

Bartle was at bat . . . saw a good looking pitch . . . swung . . . the ball fouled off into the stands behind the Vancouver dugout ... and landed squarely in a concession boy's cracker-jack basket. According to the United Press, the kid spent some time picking up boxes and stating opinions about batters who can't hit every pitch straight.

Incidently, Bartle, who played for Medford in the Far West League last summer, has been going great guns for Salem. He leads the Salem batting list, with 11 hits out of 20 tries . . . that an average of .550.

Track Spirit Revived

For the first time in years, Oregon got a crowd at one of its track meets . . . the Saturday WSC affair. Football games are always well attended, and so are basketball and baseball contests. Fans frequently write in after the game and express their opinions on this or that, wondering why the team or coach did a cer-

Ken Cushman's letter in Monday's Emerald is a gratifying thing. Oregon track interest, for so long basement-low, is finally revived. The content of the letter was logical, and Coach Bill Bowerman answered Cushman in a logical way, giving clear reasons for his actions in instructing his mile-relay team to trot out that race.

But that's not the point here . . . the point is that, thank goodness, Webfoot fans are realizing that they have a top track team.

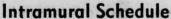
At this point in the season, after so heavy a win over the powerful Cougars, we like to pause and ask . . . do you suppose Oregon will take the Northern Division track meet May 20 in Seattle? Indications are that the Ducks can do it, barring serious injury to the squad.

Gibilisco May Return Next Fall

Well, how about the Pacific Coast Conference Championship. That's almost too much to hope for, but Bowerman's crew might do it. After Oregon's rather sad football and basketball seasons, it would certainly give the school some prestige on the coast.

Jack Gibilisco, who left Oregon football last winter for various reasons, among them the fact that he and his wife were to become parents, may be coming back to the Webfoot fold. Aiken reported not long ago that, from all indications, Jack will return in time for fall practice.

Last fall Gibilisco won his letter, and was a valuable spot offensive and defensive player. He will undoubtedly be a valuable addition next fall if he returns.



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