

DUCK TRACKS

NOTE: Frank Cothrell is Coach Don Kirsch's regular baseball score. For some time, he has expressed a desire to present his side of the baseball picture as he believes the team sees it. His opinions are not necessarily those of the Emerald sports department. --Sports Editor.

By FRANK COTHRELL

This afternoon our youthful baseballers are meeting the up-and-coming Idaho Vandals. Coach Chuck Finley's squad, fresh from a double win over the Eager-Beavers from Corvallis-way, will be very hard to handle for the traveling Ducks. However, Coach Don Kirsch, in an all-out attempt to get back into the championship running, is pulling all stops and expects to start his No. 1 hurler Mel Krause and follow him by Swede Johnson in Thursday's battle. In most years a four-out-of-six win-loss record on the Idaho-Washington trip is considered successful, but the players this year will call it so only with a five or six win record for the trip. Don't be too surprised if they do just that.

Kirsch said he planned on starting the same infield combination of Settecase-Nelson-Coley-Kimball and reported he would probably start Stratton, Salter, and Strader in the outfield.

While this squad has been having its share of trouble in handling the ball, and while in the main, the pitchers are finding it difficult to find that plate with consistency, the hitting department has come through in fine style. In both of the losing games with Washington our Ducks out-hit their opponents. In fact, they have out-hit their opponents in four of the six conference games played to date.

But let's not offer any excuses. The gang is in there trying all the time. There is not one single instance of a player dogging it and not putting forth with his best at all times. It is a young and inexperienced team and they are coming right along. Most of the 'experts' have been aiming their blasts at the weakness of the shortstop position, or the hitting of the squad. Personally, I think the biggest thing the kids lack is support.

In the Infield

Taking them step by step, it stacks up like this: Ray Coley at shortstop is a far better fielder than his record of seven errors would indicate. Those who witnessed his sterling play in the Pacific non-conference encounter will agree. With men on second and third and none away, Ray took a hard-hit grounder, and while holding the man on third, tagged the runner returning to second and threw out the hitter at first for a twin killing.

It is heads-up ball playing like that which will continue to pay off, both later in this season and next. Ray covers a lot of territory at the short patch and will continue to do a grand job of filling that spot in the infield.

As for the lacking of a 'slugger' on the squad, I think the pair of home runs, ditto with triples, and half-dozen doubles speak for themselves. Daryl (Scotter) Nelson has really been putting the wood to the horsehide as has been Strader, Salter, Stratton, and Settecase. Big problem with the latter two, is that Ray and Phil have forgotten to 'hit 'em where they ain't' No one is getting a better hold on the ball than Co-captain Stratton but he has been poking the ball right at them.

How About Support?

Now for step three, the lack of support. So far this season, when they have been ahead of the opposition. They have plenty of vocal support, but just let them drop behind, and then the word is 'get them Bums out of there.' Why is it? I was talking to a couple of athletes the other day (Basketballers, in this case) and they had this to say:

Let the team play their worst game of the year, completely chaotic in action, and yet win by a single point and they're heroes. But play your very best game of the season, do nothing wrong, and still come out on the short end of the score, and you're bums, no-goods. Sure, this is probably the case at all the other colleges in the country, but if that is the case, let us be different. Let's get behind our team, win or lose.

That's a young baseball squad we have out there. It is predominantly a squad of sophomores, with a good shower of juniors, and a sprinkling of seniors. If you would suggest to the average U. of O. 'expert' that this is a building year, he would, sneer, nod, and reply, "excuse." But you have to build some time. Since 1930 when the 16-game schedule was installed for N.D. baseball, Oregon has won the championship eight times, and has finished second on four occasions. And they have NEVER finished in the cellar. So I say, hurrah for the building plan. The guys are giving their best. They are trying. They're your team. Win or lose, support them!

Frosh coach Marv Rasmussen isn't worried so much about the ability of his squad. His big desire is to get them some action. Seems old Mr. Rain has other ideas and has been doing more than his share in keeping the Freshman on a winning streak. Marv has some fine boys on his squad, particularly Livesay, Barclay, and Barnes.

The biggest laugh the frosh have had this year is their trip to Beaver land earlier in the year to play the Rooks only to have the cancelled sign hung out after they got there. Seems, Beaver Coach Coleman was afraid a little action would tear up the field too much.

Plymouth Club 'Campus Capers' Planned Friday

"Campus Capers," musical show and comedy, will be given by Plymouth Club at 8 p.m. Friday.

The program, arranged around a "school days" theme will be presented in Plymouth House, located beside the Congregational Church at 13th and Ferry Street.

The cast will include club members and other University students. Over a dozen acts and numbers will be presented during the hour and a half show. Included will be an old fashioned barber-shop quartet, fancy folk dancing, presentation of Casey at the bat, and an imitation of Al Jolson.

Bob Leik, student director of the program, said that the show is mainly to give people an evening of light comedy and musical entertainment. Everyone is invited with a special invitation extended to all University students.

Senator Morse To Give Speech At UO Saturday

Senator Wayne Morse, former president of the Oregon chapter of the American Association of University Professors will be guest speaker at the Association's first annual meeting to be held at 6:30 Saturday in Carson Hall.

Senator Morse was president of the AAUP in 1932 and 1933 when the group was having organization difficulties. Now he will return to speak on "Pressures Within the Legislative Process" to representatives from chapters in the state.

AAUP has chapters in Eastern Oregon College, Southern Oregon College, Oregon State, Lewis and Clark, Pacific, Reed and University of Oregon.

Arrangements for the dinner and meeting are being handled by Dr. A. H. Kunz. He will also act as master of ceremonies.

Seven hundred ways have been found in which people kill time. Sorry, but we can't kill the time to list them.

Skull and Dagger Insurance Forum Slated Thursday

Deadline for applications for the \$127.50 Skull and Dagger scholarship is 5 p.m. Tuesday. Vernon Beard, president of the sophomore men's honorary, reports.

Applications may be obtained at the Office of Student Affairs, 201 Emerald. They are to be submitted to Beard, Delta Tau Delta, or Herb Lombard, Phi Delta Theta.

Only sophomore men are eligible. Other requirements are (1) Oregon residency, (2) registration as a regular resident student, (3) attendance at the University for the five preceding terms, and (4) a minimum GPA of 2.75 cumulative and 2.00 last term.

"I'd ask you for this dance, but all the cars are occupied."

A forum on career opportunities in life insurance will be held Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in 106 Commerce.

W. C. Schuppel, chairman of the board, Standard Insurance Company, is in charge of the forum, sponsored by the National Life Insurance Underwriters Association.

The meeting is open to all students—freshmen to seniors—and is planned to provide information about life insurance work, not to recruit employees.

"Life insurance in the Pacific Northwest is an open field of extraordinary opportunity and worth looking into," Karl W. Onthank, graduate placement director, stated.



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