

Frosh Bill Four Tilts

Coach Hal Zurcher's Frosh Baseball Team meets the Linfield Junior Varsity today at 3:00 p.m. on Howe field. The Ducklings are the possessors of a 4-2 won lost record.

They hold two victories over the Oregon College of Education, and lone triumphs over Klamath Falls High and Corvallis High. They have lost a double-header to the OSC Rooks, their arch-enemies, whom they play Friday in another double bill at Corvallis.

Saturday the Ducklings meet the Central Catholic Rams at 2:30 p.m. on Howe Field. Zurcher gave as his tentative starting lineup for today's Linfield tilt the following men:

Pitcher Don Hull, a righthander; catcher, Cecil Hodges, a football player just turned out for baseball; first base, Bob Brittain, a left-handed hitter; second base, Dick Stearns, the team's leading hitter; shortstop, Lee Jackson, just recovered from an appendectomy; third base, Dick Kesson, who has just won a bout with an ear infection.

Bill Bottler, a pitcher who also can hit, will start in left field; slugging Ron Phillips will be in center; and big Don Seigmund, who also doubles as a pitcher, will open in right field.

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He's Only a Junior, But

Golf Ace Ron Clark Boasts Long National Links Career

By Bill Gurney

How does it feel to shoot eight-under-par for nine holes in golf? Captain Ron Clark of the Oregon Golf Team can tell you. He did just that last Saturday against WSC.

"It really felt great," he said, "my putting had been off, but Saturday I found the range and couldn't seem to miss."

That course-record 27 round was perhaps his most spectacular performance, but the softspoken junior from The Dalles has a record studded with impressive victories.

There was his 1949 feat of winning both the Oregon Open and Amateur crowns—the first time any golfer ever fashioned such an Oregon "grand slam." The open triumph was against such pros as Porky Oliver and Bud Ward.

Other victories include the 1949 Esmeralda Tournament in Spokane, the 1947 Mid-Columbia Tournament at The Dalles, the 1950 Pendleton open and other lesser matches.

He reached the Pacific Northwest Golf Association semi-finals in 1949. He lost in the quarter-finals of last year's NCAA Meet at Albuquerque, N. M.

Crosby's Guest

Bing Crosby's hospitality at his Pebble Beach, Cal. home is remembered with pleasure by Ron as a feature of his entry in the 1949 Morris Cup Matches; he has played twice in these, and also the Portland Hudson Cup matches.

To top it all off, Ron made a hole in one last year—he sank a 170-yard six-iron shot into the 18th



Ron Clark

hole at Eugene's Laurelwood Course.

In 1948, Ron played exhibition golf with Ben Hogan several months before his auto accident; he says Hogan, often accused of lack of warmth, was very affable when under no pressure to win.

Attesting to the soundness of Ron's game is the fact that Hogan asked Ron to go on tour with him. But Ron says that professional golf is not for him because there is too much uncertainty and travel.

Apparently the terrific pressure of tournament play doesn't faze him much. He says he can perform better with the chips down. He sleeps soundly before a match, although he eats sparingly.

A stocky blonde guy at 5 ft., 9 in. and 165 pounds, he is calm and unassuming both on and off a golf course. You wouldn't pick him in a crowd for a top-flight golfer.

Golfing Since Six

But he has been at the game ever since his mother started him at the age of six. He says that Hugh Starkweather, now a pro at Medford, taught him a lot about the game on the windswept course at The Dalles.

"That was good training, because if you can play against the winds they have there, you can play anywhere," he stated.

Ron went to The Dalles High School, where he played varsity basketball. In the 1946 State Tournament he guarded Duck-hooper-to-be Bob Lavey with considerable success.

After graduation in 1946, Ron joined the famous 82nd Airborne Division as a paratrooper. He made about 14 jumps and found time to play considerable golf until he was discharged in 1948.

Jumping out of an airplane is one place where he says he couldn't stay cool and collected. "I did it for the extra pay and not for the fun of it."

College in '48

He entered Oregon in 1948 as a pre-dental major, but switched to accounting after a year. His goal now is to be a CPA, and he will spend this summer in an accountant's office in The Dalles.

Not just an athlete, Ron was a member of Skull and Dagger, is now a Druid, and is president of his fraternity, Theta Chi.

Ron mentioned also in the line of extra-curricular activity that he is trying to help Miss Barbara Stevenson enjoy this spring term, her

Ducks Battle UW In Seattle Today

The Oregon Ducks will battle the second-place Washington Huskies in a Northern Division baseball clash this afternoon at Seattle.

The Ducks defeated the Idaho Vandals 9-1 and 7-4 Tuesday at Moscow. A win today would boost the Webfoots into second place in league standings.

Washington's starting pitcher today probably will be Southpaw Bobby Moen, who hurled against the Ducks when the two teams met late in April at Eugene.

NORTHERN DIVISION BASEBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
OSC	6	0	1.000
Washington	5	3	.625
OREGON	6	4	.600
WSC	5	5	.500
Idaho	0	10	.000

Oregon had little trouble with Moen's offerings when they faced him on that occasion. He was relieved after he faced 25 batters, walked 4, and gave up 12 hits.

Despite the strong Duck attack at the plate, Washington won 9-6 when the game was called (darkness) at the end of the sixth.

The Husky batting attack is game of the doubleheader, taking a narrow 8-7 victory after Coach Don Kirsch's Webfoots shelled another heralded Washington hurler, Bob Peterson, off the mound with ten hits in eight innings.

Low Husky ERA's

Moen and Peterson have earned run averages of 3.11 and 3.18, respectively, outstanding for Northern Division play.

The Husky battling attack is spearheaded by Tom Absher, sophomore outfielder from Puyallup, Washington. Absher, who led the Husky Frosh last spring with a .552 average, was hitting .400 when the latest Northern Division batting averages were released Tuesday.

The Washington starting lineup probably will include Absher in left field, Gordon Rodland in right, Larry Hems in center, Clyde Glassman at third base, Lorne Hurlbut at second, Bob Houbregs or Jim Morrison at first, Jack Englert, shortstop, and Dave Lewis behind the plate.

Washington Coach Warren Tappin had hoped to shift Sam Mitchell to the shortstop position, but the speedy catcher bruised his throwing arm Friday during the annual spring football game.

Another Game Friday

The Ducks and Huskies will meet again Friday afternoon. In other Northern Division diamond action, the undefeated Oregon State Beavers will be seeking their 19th and 20th straight victories when they battle the Washington State Cougars Wednesday and Thursday at Pullman.

The Staters, who routed Willamette 20-2 and Linfield 15-7 during the weekend, will move to Moscow for Friday and Saturday games with Idaho and will meet Washington Monday and Tuesday at Seattle.

last at Oregon.

Ron says he is basically the outdoor type. He likes to fly fish on the famous Deschutes River; also he brags of a limit catch of Eastern Brook Trout last year on Sparks Lake near Bend.

This summer, besides fishing and accountancy, Ron will defend his Oregon Best Ball title, paired again with Dick Yost of OSC. He'll also play in the Oregon Open for sure—maybe other tournaments.

In the next few weeks, Golf Coach Sid Milligan is counting heavily on Ron in his hopes for a ND crown. Here's hoping Mr. Clark can keep that putter of his in line.

Cinder Sidelights

By Jack Gamet

Sometimes the thought comes to this writer that schools teach either too much or too little of history and literature. Certain nonsense keeps popping up about such legendary strong men as Atlas, who held up the world.

Let us get down to our own local strong men. Those who will perform in the middle of Hayward Field come Saturday. Here is real flesh and blood stuff. Young men who are fleet of foot and strong of limb.

To consider cases, there is the discus. Here is an event that has been passed down through history from the day of the Greeks. To be sure, the event has changed through the centuries. A good Greek warrior could part the scales of a Samaritan at 100 feet. At an athletic event the Greeks tossed the stone platter from a six foot circle. That is not interesting, but let me tell you that many Greek spectators got a belly laugh when a performer stepped out of the circle—their ring was on top of a ten foot pedestal.

Bob Anderson, the Scappoose Viking, heads Oregon's flying saucer crew. Assisting Bob are Herb Nill and Chet Noe. This is one of Oregon's strong events. You can watch the performance they put on at the north end of Hayward Field. Anderson has been working like a Norse horse to break into the 160 foot class. Maybe this will be his week.

The Ducks have had a long and illustrious line of javelin throwers. Listed among the division, coast, and national champions are the names of Jim Demeers, Warren DeMaris, Boyd Brown and Bob Parke. The present heir to the harpoon is Chuck Missfeldt, who is ably assisted by Earl Stelle. This guy DeMaris was supposed to be red hot at spearing rabbits up in the sagebrush country of Prineville. Ha! I would like to see that.

Now take this Charley Missfeldt. He holds the state record at 211 feet. He won the division championship last year as a sophomore. This year he has a best throw of 225 feet—yes, and a worst of 178. I asked Bill Bowerman about that and he advised me that he considered himself one of the few coaches in the country who could coach a man from 225 down to 178, and concluded "better I should candle eggs."

"Well, this harpoon contest will not only be for distance, for there are also a couple of better than average Staters to be on hand. Both Royal Delaney and Ralph Sutton have top season performances of over 190 feet. Charley had better not have an "egg candling" day.

The 16 pound iron ball is called a shot. Here is an event I can't understand. A man steps into a circle, snuggles a ball that I can't lift up to his neck, then grunts terrifically and pops it out somewhere between 40 and 50 feet. This one should be a

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