

Duck Tracks

By John Whitty

The rule permitting freshmen to compete in varsity sports has proved to be of special benefit to Oregon's springtime athletic squads, for first-year men comprise a good part of the Webfoots' varsity baseball, tennis, and track teams, and a majority of the men on the golf roster are either freshmen or sophomores.

This predominance of underclassmen on our spring sport teams indicates the position that Oregon may be expected to maintain in Northern Division competition in the next few years.

Frosh Star on Diamond

Coach Don Kirsch's varsity baseball nine is fairly loaded with first and second-year men. First string catcher Ron Bottler, a freshman, is an outstanding prospect for the future, as well as for the present. At the present time, Bottler holds down the third spot in the Duck hitting percentages, and his throwing arm is one of best, if not the best, in the Northern Division.

George Shaw, leadoff man in the batting order, is another freshman who should see a lot more action on the diamond in years to come. Shaw, with a hot .400 percentage at the plate, is second in the hitting averages for the varsity squad, and he covers center field like a veteran ballplayer.

Ron Phillips, a sophomore who acts as a sort of utility man for the Webfoots, is currently working out at third base. Although Phillips has not yet cracked the starting lineup, he sports a .357 batting average in 14 trips to the plate, and he should spend a lot of time on the field for the next two years.

In the pitching department, underclassmen are as strong as flies, with sophomores Bill Bottler and Don Siegmund and freshmen Norm Forbes and Farrell Albright all having seen action so far this year.

Freshman Pete Williams, an all-state selection last year at shortstop for Grant high school, also shows promise of developing into an excellent infielder.

Tennis Strong in Future Years

On the tennis scene, first-year man Jack Neer from Grant has worked his way up to the position of second man on the squad, and according to all reports should make quite a name for himself in Northern Division net circles.

Bruce Dingler from Klamath Falls and Bill Rose, who hails from Jefferson of Portland, have both displayed promise of becoming reliable netmen after they get a little experience behind them. Rose has been having scholastic difficulties, however.

Ron Lowell, the only sophomore on the net squad, played in the fourth spot against the Multnomah and Irvington Clubs last weekend.

Sophs Bolster Links Squad

Oregon's golf squad, which has seized the match play team championship in the ND for the past three years lists five sophomores and two freshmen on the 13 man roster.

Bud Cross and Al Mundle, both sophomores from Eugene, and King Shanks from Lincoln high in Portland have been looking good in qualifying play. Both Cross and Mundle won their match play rounds Saturday against Portland university.

Don Krieger of Redmond, who was medalist in the 1951 Junior Chamber of Commerce regionals, carded a 73 against Portland and should improve even more. Bob Gasper, a sophomore, and Gary Campbell, a freshman from Salem, round out the list of underclassmen on the golf roster. Skip Nagler, a sophomore, who was listed on the roster for this season, has since become ineligible.

Underclass Track Men Promising

Coach Bill Bowerman has a number of very promising freshmen on his varsity track unit, and several of them show real promise of developing into great tracksters.

Wayne Reiser, who ran a 4:24 mile as a high school distance runner, made a good showing in the two-mile race against Myer of Washington last Saturday, although he tired in the last two laps.

In the 440, Bowerman has freshman Doug Clement from Vancouver, B. C. and Merlyn Samples from Springfield, both of whom have already picked up points this year. Clement placed third in the 440 in Saturday's meet. Samples scored in the Willamette Relays.

Bruce Springbett, a dash man from Springfield, and Walt Badorek of Klamath Falls, a high-jumper, also should provide points for the Webfoots during the coming years.

Ray Packwood, who won the pole vault in Saturday's meet, Al Martin, who finished first in the mile with a time of 4:24.7, and Ted Anderson, who set a new meet record in the 440 Saturday, have already proven their merit, and since all three are sophomores, they can be planned on in future years.

Tennis, Anyone?

Anthony Tells Cleo Billiards Will Round Off Evening

By Jim Mahoney

Billiards is the generic name of a variety of games played on a flat surfaced table approximately twice as long as it is wide. No one knows exactly when the game was thought up. Henry VIII played billiards when he had nothing better to do, so did Louis XIV.

Shakespeare has Anthony telling Cleo that a quick game of billiards will be just the thing to round off the evening after a long, hot day on the barge.

Cathaire Mor, a minor Irish king of the second century, may have played with brass billiard balls as he claims, but I doubt it. It was the rule that Irish kings of that time were to be assassinated by their successors; the physician of Henry VIII recommended billiards as a digestive exercise after dinner.

Mr. Charles Cotton in his *Complete Gamester* of 1674 calls billiards a recreation of the mind and an exercise of the body. He also gives a few hints on how to improve your game, some are as follows:

1. Always play at a true table for "... at a false table it is impossible for an expert to show his art and skill, whereby bunglers many times by knowing the windings and tricks of the table have

shamefully beaten a very good gamester."

2. Make sure that the ivory tip of your Lignum vitae stick is fastened solidly for, "... if the heads happen to be loose, you will never strike a smart stroke. You will easily perceive that defect by the hollow deadness of your stroke and the faint running of your ball."

3. "Beware when you jobb your ball through the port with the great end of the stick that you throw it not down, if you do it is a loss."

4. "There is a great art in lying abscond, (a technical term) that is, to lie at bo-peep with your adversary, either to gain a pass or a hazzard."

5. "If you smoak and let the ashes of your pipe fall on the table, whereby oftentimes the cloth is burned, it is a forfeiture, but that should not so much deter you from it as the hindrance piping is to your play."

Cotton also says that in breeding race horses, one should take them up from grass about Bartholomew-tide otherwise Bar "... straighten his guts, heat his liver, and hurt his blood," so as far as billiards go you can take him or leave him.

Ducks Face WSC In ND Opener

Things were relatively quiet on the Oregon baseball scene Wednesday afternoon, as Coach Don Kirsch took the day off to journey to Corvallis and a look at the Washington State-Oregon State baseball game.

The Ducks meet WSC in the Oregon Northern Division opening series Friday and Saturday in Eugene.

The Cougars made an inauspicious debut at Corvallis Wednesday as they lost to Coach Ralph Coleman's Beavers by a 9-2 count. The two teams meet again today.

The Cougars are backed by crowd-pleasing Buck Bailey, and are always potent in Eugene. However, if comparative scores mean anything, Oregon should rate the edge.

Last week a hit-happy band of Webfoots downed the Beavers 12-5 at Corvallis. This score coupled over WSC would seem to indicate that the Ducks may get off to a running start in the 1952 Northern Division chase.

While Kirsch was in Corvallis, Junior Varsity Coach John Londahl supervised the Webfoots in hitting and infield drills.

BOWLING...

In League III, Perkett and Perkett received three points, while their opponents, Moore and Graham got one. Bill Perkett had the high series for the evening with 598 and a 226 game.

Other League scores: Allen and Naapi 3, Goddard and Reekman 1; Troeh and Troeh 4, Pasley and Koppe 0; Butz and Ireland 3, Rilea and Ekstrom 1. Leo Naapi had a 536 series, and George Troeh rolled a 209 game in chalking up a 532 series.

League IV scores: Donahue and Theriault 3, Oswald and England 1; Hande and Hamilton 3, Bryan and Baumohl 1; Williams and Thompson 4. Cosart and Heestand 0; Hoppins and Shaw 3, Cannon and Cannon 1.

IM SCHEDULE

SOFTBALL

- 3:50 North Field Nestor Hall vs. French Hall
- 3:50 South Field Alpha Hall vs. Stan Ray Hall
- 3:50 Upper Field Sederstrom Hall vs. Minturn Hall
- 4:55 North Field Phi Delta Theta vs. Sigma Chi
- 4:55 South Field Delta Upsilon vs. Pi Kappa Phi
- 4:55 Upper Field Delta Tau Delta vs. Pi Kappa Alpha

TENNIS

- 4:00 Delta Tau Delta vs. Theta Chi

GOLF

- Barrister Inn vs. Phi Gamma Delta

There will be a meeting of the varsity swimming team at the men's pool on Friday, April 18, at 3 p.m. All swimming team members are requested to be present.

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