

Duck Tracks

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Last weekend on the Oregon campus were a number of young men who were part of the group of visiting high school seniors here for Duck Preview.

Most of them were taller, heavier, better coordinated than their classmates. They were the high school athletes. Many of them have grown used to seeing their pictures in the papers, their names in headlines.

Now they are in the process of deciding where to attend college. But unlike their non-athletic classmates, they are not unknown on college campuses. A lot of pressure is put on them, put on each one in direct proportion to his potentialities.

If Things Come Too Easily . . .

There are different forms which this pressure takes. One is the offer of cold, hard cash in large amounts. The University of Oregon does not use this method. There are idealistic reasons why it does not. For one thing, it does not believe education as an aim is compatible with money which comes too easily.

College takes up four years of a lifetime. During that time a good college athlete has things pretty much his own way. If he is talented enough, he becomes a sort of minor deity and it is easy for his desire for adulation to grow, always keeping ahead of the amount he gets. It becomes a habit. If money is given him freely, if he is not required to attain the same scholastic standards as others, this thing is almost certain to happen.

He may begin to think the world owes him a living. He will not have formed habits which will carry him through the next forty years in the same manner which his reflexes took him the last forty yards in the Big Game. He will find out he cannot eat fame.

Easier to Rationalize

Another consideration, also idealistic if you will, is the recurrent rearing of the ugly head of corruption and bribery in sport. Of course it is basic that college sports are not amateur any more in the strictest sense of the word.

It is no longer considered wrong to give modest aid to athletes, such as paying their tuition, providing them with board and room jobs. If all colleges stopped there, our problem would not exist.

But when young men do not have to work for what they get, either scholastically or physically other than in their line of athletics, it makes easier the job of rationalizing themselves into taking bribes from people who want games to turn out in a certain way.

Easier, because if an athlete is already operating by the guiding principle of "What's in it for me?", the academic question of right and wrong does not bother him.

Selling the University

Those are among the reasons why the University of Oregon has a policy of "selling the University, not buying the athlete." A policy of stressing the things a boy can learn at Eugene, not what he can earn at Eugene.

Of course, one mundane, practical reason also is a factor preventing extensive local bidding for athletes with cash. Sufficient cash is just not present.

At any rate, we think the policy is a good one. And that it can be successful. It will, however, need a lot of salesmanship. More salesmanship than the less imaginative "buy 'em" plan. This is natural because it is much harder to sell an ideal than to give away a convertible.

It is a selling job which should not be monopolized by the coaching staff, or by the alumni.

They form the spearhead of the sales force, but they can never speak to prep athletes as equals. Oregon students, Oregon athletes, can do this.

Many come from the same high schools as the prep standouts. They can, and should do much toward getting them to enroll.

Home-state Boys Wanted

Another point—the University of Oregon wants to build its future teams as much as possible from the material of this state. There is plenty of homegrown talent. If all of it stayed at home, went to school in the Oregon institution best suited academically, there would be some big years ahead.

Years like 1939, when five Oregon natives fought their way to a NCAA basketball championship. Their jerseys, retired now, are in the McArthur court trophy case.

Jayvees Lose Game Managers' Group Officers Fined To Orange Juniors

Jim Neirman, Oregon State junior varsity pitcher, whiffed 13 Oregon Ducklings as the Orange JV's romped to a 14-2 decision over Coach John Londahl's team at Howe field Saturday.

The win was the second straight for the Oregon Staters over the Ducks. The Beavers socked out 14 hits off three Oregon pitchers, and garnered three runs in the first inning to get off to a flying start.

Friday, the Ducklings found high school opposition more to their liking as they topped Medford high school, 7-0.

Saturday score:

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Neirman and Smith; Blodgett, Delaney (6), Lewis (8), and Greenley, Marlett (7).

Trackmen Top

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Pole vault—Martindale, I; Packwood, O; Mannex, O. Height, 13 feet 4 inches.

880-yard run—Jack Loftis, O; May, I; Thornton, I. No time. (Hutchins of Oregon, the winner, was disqualified on a turn and Meukow of Idaho, second, was disqualified on a straightaway.)

220-yard dash—Fell, O; Mock, O; Newton, I. Time, :22.9.

Two-mile run—Gourley, I; Reiser, O; Weinmann, I. Time, 9:49.6.

High jump — Martindale, I; Smith, O; and Barnes, O, tied for first. Height, 6 feet 2 inches.

Ducks Win Relay

Broad jump—Sweeney, I; Newton, I; Smith, O. Distance, 22 feet 1½ inches.

2280-yard low hurdles—Sweeney, I; Blunt, O; Martindale, I. Time, :25.9.

Discus—Cogswell, N; Noe, O; Nelson, I. Distance 134 feet 11 inches.

Mile relay — Oregon (Turner, Loftis, Clement, and Hutchins). Time, 3:30.1.

Ducks Drop Portland

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Stan Bozich and Pete Lulich to clinch the win for Oregon.

The Pilots boasted a 3-1 lead entering the sixth frame, but Norm Forbes, pitcher turned pinchhitter, slugged a homer with Shortstop Pete Williams on base to knot the contest.

Phillips boosted Livesay home in the seventh to bring the score to 4-3, Oregon leading. Stan Bozich and Pete Lulich retaliated with singles for the Pilots, and these plus a Webfoot cutoff play attempt which failed, gave Portland tying counter.

The next two batters were intentionally walked by Mays to load the bases. Mays then calmly proceeded to eliminate the next three batsmen on a pop-out, a force play at the plate, and a fly to left.

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B. Bottler, Mays (6), and R. Bottler; Penny and Highburger.

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Pyle, Aune (5), Mays (6) and Ritchey; Marshall and Poell.

It takes 92,000 motor buses to transport traveling and commuting Americans each year.

Especially named for honeymooners is a guest house in suburban Sydney, in Australia. It's the Cooinoo, on Kissing Point Road, Turramurra.

Paul Surprenant, president of the House Managers association, was arrested by county officers Wednesday night and fined \$50 on a charge of drunk on a public highway.

Lowell Schuck, vice-president of the association, was also arrested and fined \$150 on the charge of driving under the influence of alcohol. His driver's license was suspended for 90 days.

Both men spent the night in the county jail. When arrested they were returning from a House Manager association picnic near Fern Ridge lake.

Surprenant is a sophomore in liberal arts. Schuck is a junior in business.

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