

Duck Tracks

By Rodney Morrison

University of Oregon students can well be proud of the achievements of their spring sport athletic teams. In all four fields of spring term sports, the Webfoots have shown that they are to be feared as contenders for the Northern Division championships.

The baseball team is presently leading the race for the ND crown, due to their showing on the current road trip through the Inland Empire. The Ducks now have a one-half game margin over their nearest rivals, the Beavers of Oregon State, who were picked to walk away with the ND crown in the diamond sport.

Oregon's biggest weakness to date has been the lack of depth in the pitching staff, but the hitting of the team as a whole has more than made up for any possible deficiency in the hurling department. The Webfoot baseballers should prove themselves a threat for several years to come, as they have a number of freshmen and sophomores on their roster.

Tracksters Come Through

The baseball squad has shown that it has not only ability, but also the fighting spirit so necessary to a championship team, as Coach Don Kirsch's men have frequently come from behind in the last few innings to snatch victory from apparent defeat.

Coach Bill Bowerman's varsity track squad cinched the ND dual meet championship Saturday, when the cindermen seized a 73 2/3 to 56 1/3 victory over the Beavers of Oregon State, coached by Hal Moe, who has taken the reins of the OSC cinder squad after the resignation of Grant "Doc" Swan at the end of the track season last year.

The Northern Division meet this weekend will reveal the true mettle of the Webfoot harriers. Predictions have been made by a number of sports authorities, some of which rate the Ducks as 1952 Northern Division track champions, while others rate WSC or Washington as the number one contenders for the crown.

ND Favorites?

In view of the showing made by Oregon this past weekend, we feel that Coach Bowerman's squad is as logical a choice as any team in the ND. While competing without the services of two of its star ribbon-winners, Bill Fell and Chuck Missfeldt, the cinder unit decisively downed the Beavers in what was to be a see-saw battle between the two schools.

Incidentally Missfeldt made his longest javelin throw of the year while at the West Coast relays Saturday, but third place was the best he could do. His 219' 11 heave was topped by Cy Young's 236' 5 1/2", and Bill Miller's 232' 5 1/2".

The tennis team has also chalked up a good record in Northern Division play this season. The Ducks have lost only one Northern Division dual match this season, and that was to the perennial ND champions, the University of Washington.

Key Men of Tennis Squad

The racketmen have shown steady improvement since the season opened, and they are given an outside chance of winning the ND net crown in Pullman this Friday and Saturday, although the favorite's position goes to the powerful Husky team.

Key men on this year's squad have been Tom Macdonald, a senior and a two-year letterman, Bill Rose, a freshman from Jefferson in Portland, freshman Jack Neer of Grant high school in Portland, Neil George, a junior, and sophomore Ron Lowell, who hails from Klamath Falls.

Coach Sid Milligan's golf squad has proven itself to be the best in recent years at the University of Oregon. The linksters are undefeated in this season's play and will consequently be favored to win the four-man, 36-hole competition at Moscow, Idaho this weekend. The tournament will be decided on the basis of medal play, with the winner gaining Northern Division Championship honors.

Golfers Win Dual Title

The Webfoots finished their Northern Division dual meet slate over the weekend by downing the University of Washington golfers on their home course. By virtue of this win they will receive the ND dual match championship. All that is left for them now is the medal play title which will be put on the block this Friday and Saturday.

The competitors for the U of O in the Washington match were Ron Clark, a two-year letterman, Bob Atkinson, a one-year letter winner, Fred Mueller, another one-year letterman, and sophomores Al Mundle, Don Krieger, and Allan Cross. These six have been the regular members of the golf squad for the past season.

Jack Hutchins, Track Star, Awarded Emerald Athletic Trophy at Jr. Prom

Harris Presents Senior With Cup

Jack Hutchins, senior in business, was awarded the second annual Emerald athletic trophy Friday night at the Junior Prom. The presentation was made by Leo Harris, director of athletics.

The award was given on the basis of athletic ability, citizenship, and scholarship. Last year's award was given to Jack Keller, basketball guard.

Hutchins is a track star who has a brilliant record as a half-miler, and is the newly elected president of the Interfraternity council.

Members of the committee which decided the award winner were Dean Orlando J. Hollis of the Oregon law school, Bill Carey, ASUO president; Ray Hawk, director of men's affairs; Jim Livesay, Order of the O president; Art Litchman, athletic news bureau director; Dick Strite, Eugene Register-Guard sports editor; Bill



JACK HUTCHINS

Gurney, Emerald sports editor; and Leo Harris, director of athletics.

A sketch of award-winner Hutchins is found in the next column.

Hutchins Lists Varied Career

By Ron Ricketts

Did you know that our ace middle-distance runner, who is pacing the University of Oregon track team to a Northern division championship, almost didn't come to school at Oregon?

That's right — in fact, Jack Hutchins was all set for the University of Washington until a friend of his set him on the right track. And so, as a result of his friend's persuasive efforts, Jack made the trip from his Vancouver, B. C., home to Eugene where he entered the school of business administration and went out for the Duck track team.

A Senior

Jack Hutchins is now in his fourth year at Oregon, and it is very certain that no one at the University regrets his choice of schools. Jack has become one of the top 880-yard runners on the Pacific coast and has consistently been number one in that event in the Northern division. Certainly he is the top half-miler among the Webfoots, for he holds the school record of 1:52.1 for the two-lap event.

"Hutch," who is 25 years old, started running in high school and has been a trackman ever since. This puts him in the veteran class. However, he didn't get much competition in high school because there was only one meet a year — an all-city affair.

During this time he got most of his experience competing in the summer for Major Kinley's Owls Club. This club is AAU affiliated and it entered the major Canadian meets. The Owls Club is unique in that there are only about five members in the club. They have a good coach in Major Kinley, but each man must pay his own expenses. Jack will compete for the Owls Club in the Canadian Olympic trials this summer.

Runs Other Distances

Although Hutchins has always been a middle-distance man, he has not run the half-mile exclusively. In 1950 he won the Northern division mile run in 4:18.3 and in the 1948 Olympic Games he placed tenth in the 1500 meters. He also competed in the 800 meter run in 1948, but next summer he will confine his efforts to one event — his favorite 800 meters. Last year Jack finished fifth in the NCAA 880-yard run. Also in 1950 he ran in the British Empire Games in New Zealand.

Jack has also been active outside of track, being president of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and president of the Inter-Fraternity Council. Although he finishes his athletic eligibility this spring, Hutchins needs 13 hours to graduate. He'd like to go to summer school, but the Olympics prevent this, so he'll be back to wind up his education next fall.

Green Gridders Smear Whites, 54-30 In Wild Finale of Spring Drills

Passes choked the air lanes at Hayward field Saturday afternoon and nearly every one had touchdown enscribed on it as a team of Greens waxed a favored White eleven, 54-30 in University of Oregon's annual spring football extravaganza.

A slim crowd of approximately 200 left the stadium wondering what, if anything, the results indicate. On the surface it looked as if Head Coach Len Casanova and his assistants had created a Fielding Yost point-a-minute outfit—a point for the Ducks and a point for the opposition.

When They're Together—

Actually, it takes an astute judge to interpret the success or failure of an intra-squad scrimmage. Casanova was concerned mainly with the porous defense the Whites threw up.

"We should look better next fall when they're all on one side," Casanova explained. "I certainly hope that a defensive backfield of Monte Brethauer, Ron Lyman and George Shaw and maybe, Farrell Albright, can stop the passes."

Junior Quarterback Barney Holland and his right halfback Albright, profited most by the recurring White mistakes. Holland and Albright teamed up for four touchdown tosses, one on the second play of the game.

After the initial score, Cece Hodges, White halfback, took a pitchout from Holland and skirted right end, then cut back for an 11-yard tally. Green Quarterback Hal Dunham threw a 47-yard touchdown pass to End Lyman and the Whites rebounded on Manning Barber's one-yard plunge.

Johnson Scores

Holland's pass to Wayne Johnson opened the fireworks in the second period and gave the Whites a 24-6 edge. Fullback Dean Van Lueven accepted a pitchout from Dunham, raced around the Green right flank for a 48-yard gallop. Three plays later, Holland singled out Albright from two defenders for a 35-yard gain and a 30-12 advantage.

Dunham's jump pass to Lyman completed the first half scoring. The play was good for five yards. Much of the Greens' offensive troubles were caused by backfield mix-ups, crossed singles and fumbles.

The second half, which was abbreviated to 15 minutes because

of the time element, was punctuated by six goal-crossings. A 14-yard Holland-Albright throw resulted in the Greens' sixth touchdown and a 36-18 lead. Lyman caught his third Dunham pass for a 25-yard touchdown play to narrow the gap to 12 points.

Holland flicked a six-yard pass to Albright, who streaked along the stadium's west sidelines for 50 yards and another six points. A pass by Holland, intended for Johnson was deflected to Brethauer, who ran 30 yards to lengthen the Whites' margin to 48-30.

Albright Injured

Dunham hit Lyman with another jump toss to cover 12 yards and Holland passed 14 yards to Brethauer on the final play for the final touchdown.

Albright, the Milwaukie sophomore, suffered a twisted ankle in the last stages of the game and Tom Novikoff, the first string fullback, was sidelined by an ankle bone bruise in Thursday afternoon's workout, and hence, did not play.

Standouts were Holland, Albright, Dunham, Lyman, Emmitt Williams, the Greens' right guard and linebacker Bob Leter.

With the completion of the 20 day spring practice the Webfoot footballers will idle until Monday, Sept. 1, Labor Day when they will begin to drill in earnest for the fall opener, Sept. 20 against UCLA in Los Angeles.

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