

Duck Tracks

By John Whitty

Probably the only athletic event remaining to be held this year on the Oregon campus which will bring together teams from living organizations is the decathlon meet which is being sponsored by the P.E. Club, and it promises to be one of the biggest things of an intramural nature to be held this year.

Since there seems to be some question in the minds of the students as to just what the decathlon meet is, some clarification is in order.

The P. E. Club has been working on the affair since the start of fall term, and everything is ready to go. Trophies have been purchased which should promote a real turnout by members of the living organizations.

The travelling trophy for the living organization whose three-man team amasses the highest number of points is 33 inches high, and would look good above the fireplace of any organization. Twenty-one awards will be issued in all, among them a cup for the individual champion to retain permanently.

As far as we know, Oregon is the only institution of higher learning in the country which has an event of this type entirely within the campus, and the P. E. Club plans to make the decathlon an annual affair.

Mathias to Be Here

While on the subject of the decathlon, we should mention that the world's champion in the ten-event sport, Bob Mathias of Stanford will be present at the Pacific Coast Conference meet on Hayward field this Saturday.

Mathias will probably place in the top three in two events, the discus and the high hurdles, and he may pick up points in the shot put as well. Mathias also plays football for the Stanford grid team, another evidence of his versatility.

Another football player and track man who will be expected to do well in this Saturday's competition is big Emery Barnes of Oregon. Emery has been literally "reaching great heights" this year in the high jump, and he has been acclaimed as the best high jumper to attend the University since the days of world's high jump champion Les Steers.

In the Oregon State meet "Big Em" came so close to breaking the meet record set by Steers in 1941 that it seems a shame that he couldn't have gone just a little bit higher. Barnes set his best mark this year in the Corvallis meet, when he reached 6-feet, 8-inches. This just a hair short of the 6-feet, 8½ inches record in the meet.

Emery Has Good Chance

The jump was good enough to give Emery the best leap so far this season in the Pacific Coast Conference, and if he can come close to that height this weekend, he will probably walk off with the PCC title in the event. The record for the PCC in the event, again held by Les Steers, is 6-feet, 9-inches.

Another athlete who should bear watching during the PCC competition is Art Garcia of Southern California. Garcia has chalked up the best marks in the PCC this year in two events, the mile and the two-mile. His time in the mile is 4:15.0, while in the two-mile race he toured the required eight laps in 9:22.5.

This Is Big Baseball Weekend

To swing from track to baseball, this weekend will make or break the 1952 Oregon baseball team. The Ducks need a double victory this Friday and Saturday to remain in contention for the Northern Division pennant, while a split series or two losses would put a stop to their ND title hopes, since this series winds up the conference slate for this year.

Oregon's diamond squad is now carrying the Webfoot hopes for Northern Division championships in spring sports all alone. Last week's ND track meet brought a disastrous end to a formerly successful season in conference play for the cinder squad. Had the Ducks not been hampered by injuries, it is almost a certainty that they would have picked up three more first places, with the accompanying 15 points, and the tracksters who did place in those events from Washington and WSC would have received correspondingly less.

However, no use adding to the flow of water under the dam by shedding tears, so the spotlight shifts to baseball this weekend, at least as far as ND hopes are concerned.

It's Win or ELSE for Ducks

ND Flag Rides on OSC Tilts

By Bill Gurney

Their backs to the wall, the Oregon baseball team must win their remaining two ND contests with Oregon State to remain in contention for the loop pennant.

The first game will be played at Corvallis Friday starting at 3 p.m., and the second tilt will begin at 12 p.m. Saturday on Howe field.

If the Ducks win the ND title, it will mark the first flag won by Don Kirsch, youthful Oregon diamond mentor. Since his arrival in 1947, Oregon has finished second three times, third once, and fourth in 1951.

Same Spot Again

Commenting on Oregon chances, Kirsch said:

"We are in the same spot we were in before the last game (Monday), only now we must win two in a row. If we get hitting in the clutch to go along with our pitching, we should do all right."

Picked by Kirsch to start on the mound Friday is Don Siegmund, southpaw and leading hurler on the team. Coach Ralph Coleman of OSC will probably counter with another lefthander, his ace Don White.

Kirsch expressed satisfaction with his pitching in the Monday OSC contest at Eugene, which

Oregon lost, 3-1. A pair of Oregon hurlers, Bill Mays, righthander, and Siegmund, gave up a total of only three hits.

"There is no disgrace in losing a game like that," stated Kirsch. He said he was pleased with the seven innings of one-hit baseball pitched by Mays, but inserted Siegmund in the eighth because the senior righthander was tiring.

Kirsch said he thought that Siegmund would be able to stop the Beavers, because he is a strong pitcher, although he had

ND Baseball Standings

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Ore. State.	9	5	.643	
OREGON	8	5	.615	½
Washington	7	5	.583	1
Wash. State	6	8	.429	3
Idaho	3	10	.231	5½

just one day of rest after pitching Saturday at Corvallis in the 14-13 Duck win.

Siegmund was stingy with hits, giving up just two, but a pair of bases on balls and an error gave the Beavers two runs.

Huskies Have Chance

Along with Oregon and Oregon State, Washington has a chance for the ND pennant. Coach Warren Tappin's Huskies play four games in the Inland Empire this

WRA Tennis Finals

The finals of the WRA tennis competition will be held this afternoon at 4 p.m. on the tennis courts near Hayward Field. Bunny Bradley will meet Monica Gutchow, the other finalist in a best two out of three sets.

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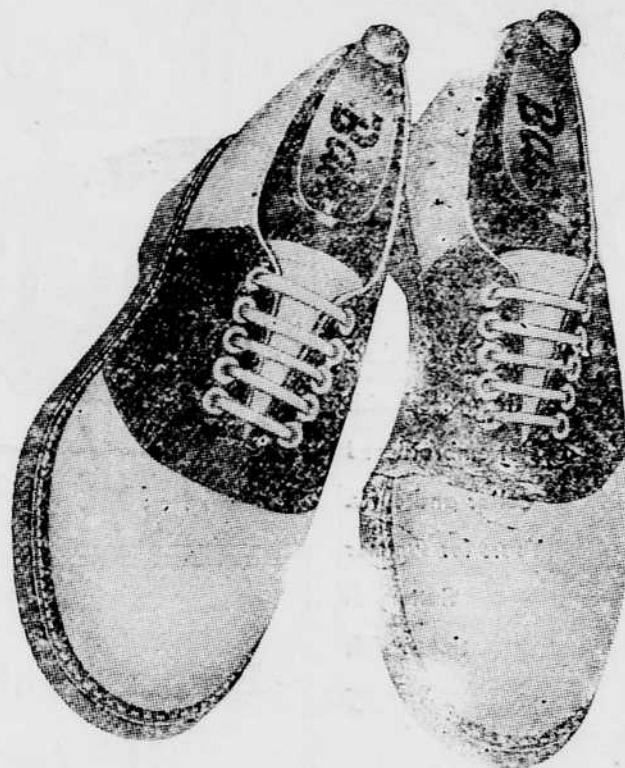
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