

Webfoots Win Baseball Title

Oregon Nine Edges Past OSC When Three Games Rained Out

Oregon's youthful Webfoots backed into the 1953 Northern division baseball championship during the week end when three scheduled contests with the Oregon State Beavers were rained out.

The cancellations—a single game at Eugene Friday and a twin-bill at Corvallis Saturday—left Oregon with a 9-3 conference mark and the Beavers with 8-3. The Ducks won the lone game between the traditional rivals, a 2-1 contest played May 16.

Coach Don Kirsch's nine now travels to Palo Alto, Calif., where they will meet the highly regarded Stanford Indians, winners of the Southern division title, in a best two-of-three set, May 29-30.

At Corvallis Saturday the Staters worked hard to get Coleman field in shape, but it proved to be too wet. Later it was planned to hold the contests on another diamond, but more rain ruled out that possibility.

The championship was Oregon's ninth in the 21-year existence of the Northern division and the Ducks tenth in history. They also won a conference title in 1916 when the league included only Oregon State, Stanford, California, and Oregon.

The Northern division pennant was also the fourth with which Coach Kirsch has been connected. In 1941-42-43 he starred at second base on champion Oregon teams and returned in 1948 as head baseball coach.

Decathlon Slated For This Week

Fifteen men's organizations have entered the Men's P.E. Club decathlon which will be held this Wednesday and Thursday afternoon at 3:00. Each house will be represented by three trackmen.

Individual and team trophies will be awarded to the winners. The team trophy is now on display in the Student Union fish bowl.

Four events will be run off each day. The eight divisions of competition are shot put, broad jump, high jump, discus, javelin, 100-yard dash, 90 yard hurdles, and three-quarter mile relay.

This is the second year that the decathlon has been held, sponsored both years by the Men's P.E. club.

Spring Footballers Close Sessions; Green Eleven Wins Scrimmage

By Sam Vahey
Emerald Sports Editor

Head Football Coach Len Casanova closed out his 1953 spring football practice with a full scale scrimmage Monday afternoon on Hayward field. The Green squad, quarterbacked by Barney Holland, defeated Don Holt's White team, 18-12.

The Duck gridders looked good in their final workout, especially the crew of freshmen who will be the sophomores of next fall's squad. The leading ground gainer of the afternoon was Dick James, frosh recruit from Grants Pass. James has spent a busy year in sports, playing on the frosh football team last fall, the frosh basketball five this winter, the frosh baseball team, the freshman track squad, and the spring football team this term.

James Rambles

James toiled for the Green shirted eleven. Although he didn't score any of his team's three touchdowns, he racked up almost 90 yards through pass receiving and running.

Another first year man who looked good was Dick Pavlat

who played with a heavy cast on his left wrist. Also a member of the Green team in the halfback position, he rolled up 25 yards on the ground and took two passes from Holland for a total of 50 yards. One was good for a touchdown.

Of course the freshmen weren't the only top performers in the game. Holland did a masterful job in field-generalizing his eleven to the triumph. He used a versatile attack, combining the power drives of James, Pavlat, Cece Hodges and Dean Leuven with a variety of pass plays to Chuck Greenley, Emery Barnes, and Pavlat.

Don Holt's White-clad gridders were the first to cross scoring territory. With two accurate passes to Len Berrie and Farrell Albright, he moved to within thirty yards of the goal line.

Albright Tallies

Freshman Meb Bechanan came up with a nice run that netted 15, and then Albright, Larry Rose, and again Albright carried the ball for the six points.

The Green squad surged back on the swerving, driving running of James, who racked up 30

Huskies Top Ducks To Cop Golf Meet

Oregon lost the Northern Division golf tournament last Saturday at Seattle by a single stroke to the defending tournament titlists, Washington. The score was 596-597. Other scores were Idaho, 646, Oregon State, 655, and Washington State, 667.

Oregon's Don Krieger tied with Husky Paul Johansen for medalist honors with a two-over-par 144. Scores, on the average, were high as a bad wind was blowing during the playoffs.

Washington Takes ND Tennis Crown

The University of Washington tennis squad racked up 20 points to take the ND title in Seattle Saturday. Following Washington in total points were OSC, 5; Idaho, 3; WSC and Oregon, 2. The perfect finish by Washington was the first time it has happened in division play.

Jerry Kirk and Ray Albano of Washington outplayed Ron Lowell and Neil George of Oregon in the semi-finals by 6-4, 6-4 counts.

FINALS

Singles—Bill Quillian beat Don Flye, 6-2, 6-4.

Doubles—Quillian-Flye beat Jerry Kirk-Ray Albano, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

yards of a drive that went half the length of the field. Cece Hodges also contributed with a good 10 yard run off tackle.

The Green team finally crossed the goal line when passes from Holland covered most of the required yardage. His first one was to Hodges for eight. Chuck Greenley pulled the next two down to move the ball within scoring distance.

Greens Score

After Hodges ground out another lengthy run, Pavlat took the ball for five. On the next play, Holland ran to his left on the run-pass option and fired a bullet pass to Pavlat who dance-stepped his way past three defenders for the touchdown.

A Holland to Greenely aerial that was good for 40 yards climaxed the Greens' third scoring thrust that went almost 90 yards. Using the run-pass optional again, the junior quarterback declined to run the ball and instead lofted a long pass to End Greenely who speedily outdistanced the White safety man.

Ducks Place Third In ND Track Test

By Jim White
Emerald Sports Editor

Oregon's ice cold Ducks swam to defeat on Hayward field Saturday, but the weather didn't affect Washington State's Cougars. They came through brilliantly to take their third Northern Division track title in as many years.

The aptly named Webfoots were the victims of too much doubling up on the running events and finished third behind WSC and Washington's Huskies. Hayward field was flooded for the morning trials, and was only partially drained when the meet began. Several showers kept the track soggy and muddy.

Sweeney High Pointer

High point man for the meet, and undoubtedly the most outstanding performer was Idaho's Bruce Sweeney. The little Vandal won both hurdles events, the broad jump, and tied for third in the high jump for a total of 15 1/2 points.

The pole vault, the event which should have been hurt the worst by the weather, saw the most outstanding performances. Three men, Vic Anderson, Russ Mannex, and Ray Packwood, came through with their best heights. Packwood won the event with a near record leap of 14 feet. He was second high point man of the day with 10 1/2 points. Besides winning the pole vault, he took second in the high hurdles, third in the low hurdles and tied third in the high jump.

The only record of the day was set in the two mile run, that saw the best distance men in the West vie for the championship. Washington's Denny Meyer came through in the stretch with a record breaking time of 9:22.6. Al Fisher, who set the old record last year finished second, and almost lost that to Oregon's Ken Reiser in a sensational stretch drive.

Bob Forna of Washington upset Oregon's Al Martin and Fred Turner by inches in another beautiful stretch drive.

Bob Gary retained the crown in the 100 and captured another in the 220. He was the Cougars' only double winner of the day and con-

sidering the track he turned in very good times.

Clement Second

Oregon's Doug Clement put forth a tremendous effort in the 880, after a very good race in the 440. He entered the stretch a step or two ahead of WSC's favored Bill Link, but he could not compete against the fresh Link and faded to second.

The meet was not officially decided until the results of the discus came in, but considering WSC's strength in the event, the fans went home after Washington State edged out Oregon in the mile relay. The Cougars' sprinter, Bob Gary, edged Doug Clement, who once more faded in the stretch after a very difficult day.

WSC collected 51 1/2 points in taking their twelfth title in 18 years. Second was Washington with 40 1/2 points. Oregon finished third with 34 1/2. Sweeney led the Idaho Vandals to fourth place with a total of 20 1/2 counters, and OSC's Beavers came in last with a score of 17 1/2.

Summary:

100—Bob Gary (WSC); Brock (OSC); Springbett (O); Hutchinson (W). Time 9.8.

220—Bob Gary (SC); Brock (OSC); Hutchinson (W); Anderson (O). Time 21.5.

440—Clint Richardson (WSC); Anderson (O); Clement (O); Horner (WSC). Time 49.5.

880—Bill Link (WSC); Clement (O); Cameron (W); Loftis (O). Time 1:58.0

Mile—Bob Forna (W); Martin (O); Clark (I); Turner (O). Time 4:22.4.

2 Mile—Denney Meyer (W); Gourley (I); Fisher (WSC); Reiser (O). Time 9:22.6.

(New Record. Old record of 9:22.7 set by Al Fisher of Washington in 1952.)

1000—Bruce Sweeney (I); Guenther (W); Packwood (O); Widenfelt (W). Time 23.8.

Highs—Bruce Sweeney (I); Packwood (O); Guenther (W); Swalm (O). Time 15.2.

Javelin—Ralph Sutton (OSC); Church (OSC); Duncan (WSC); Thurman (WSC). Distance 196' 7".

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