

Duck Tracks

By John Whitty
Emerald Sportswriter

Although spring sports competition is not yet at an end, with both the PCC track meet and the conference baseball playoffs on the agenda this weekend, Oregon athletic competition for the school year 1952-53 is nearing a close, and only a few more editions of the paper are on tap.

With this in mind, and in view of the fact that this will probably be the last column in the Emerald appearing under this by-line, we think it only fitting that we devote some space to the graduating Webfoot athletes.

Many Gridders Gone

The Webfoot football squad is to be the largest loser due to graduation, with fourteen Duck grid stalwarts on their way out into the cold world. All but three of these spent most of their time on the field as linemen, the unsung heroes of the game.

Taking them in alphabetical order, they are as follows: John Adams, Monte Brethauer, Len Diederichs, Hal Dunham, Wayne Johnson, Bob Leter, Ron Lyman, Tom Novilkoff, Hal Simmons, Don Sloan, Dick Stoutt, Ken Sweitzer, Emmett Williams, and Bob Wilcox. Coach Casanova is definitely going to miss these boys next season.

Four of Bill Borchers' varsity basketball team will not be back next year, and have played their last games in Webfoot livery. The two big boys on the squad, Henry Bonnemant and All-ND Chet Noe, are graduating, as well as forward Keith Farnham and speedster Bud Covey.

Averill, Livesay Leave

Hard-hitting Earl Averill and Jim Livesay are finishing their last years on the Oregon baseball team, and both will be missed in the lineup next year. However, with the large crew of sophomores on this year's roster, baseball mentor Don Kirsch should field another strong nine in 1954.

From the track squad's roster, we find that only four of this year's Webfoot cindermen are seniors, and all will be three-year lettermen when they graduate. They are Jack Loftis, middle distances, Jerry Mock, sprints, Tom Swalm, hurdler, and Fred Turner, miler.

Bob Atkinson, golf team captain and Neil George, veteran Webfoot netman have also ended their athletic careers here at the University. Both are three-year lettermen. All in all, it looks as if Oregon's athletic teams are definitely going to miss the performances of these men next year, but

it seems as if there are always others to take the places of those who complete their careers. Apparently there is nothing more to be said, except for a heart-felt word of congratulation to all of them.

Poetic Justice

To return to the present, there seems to be a bit of poetic justice in the way Oregon's diamond squad was rained into the Northern Division championship this past weekend. Those who were here at school last spring will recall the disappointment felt when the Ducks lost the ND title to the Beavers on that controversial call by the umpire, in which a Beaver batsman hit a pop-up which looked like a foul to everyone including himself, but which was called fair by the arbiter.

Whether the ball did land fair or foul is still questionable, but many Webfoot baseball fans were quite broken up over the whole situation. Perhaps the favor shown by old Jupiter Pluvius last Friday and Saturday has served to soothe the injured feelings remaining from last year.

In any case, Oregon won the championship fair and square, giving us the ninth diamond title in the last twenty-two years, although one of these was a tie with OSC. Washington State has taken the pennant five times and tied for it once, Oregon State has topped the league two times and tied three times, and Washington has copped three championships, and finished in a tie for the title with Oregon State last year.

Oregon's track squad did not fare as well, however, for they finished third last Saturday, behind Washington and WSC, when they were predicted to be a strong second, and a possible contender for first place. The Webfoot cindermen have finished on top only three times, with their last championship coming in 1950.

WSC Track Monopoly

The Cougars of Washington State have shown themselves to be the strongest track school in the Northern Division, for they have won the annual ND meet a total of twelve times. Even more remarkable than this, however, is the fact that five of these championships have come in the last six years. Only Oregon's win in 1950 kept them from making it six in a row.

That about winds up the records in track and baseball for the past few years, and we are left with the hope that Coach Don Kirsch and his crew will return to Eugene next Sunday with the PCC baseball trophy in their possession.

Baseball Team Has Final Drill

By Buzz Nelson
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Oregon's Ducks, who meet Stanford Friday and Saturday for the Pacific Coast conference baseball title, went through lengthy defense and batting drills Wednesday afternoon in their final home practice session before meeting the Indians.

In the batting drill a number of players got off long drives, Co-captain Earl Averill and Don Siegmund in particular. Outfielder Ron Phillips also connected for some sharp hits.

The main stress was placed on infield defensive work, with double steal and hit-and-run situations getting the most attention. The pitchers also worked out at covering first base when the first baseman was forced to field an infield grounder.

The Oregon-Stanford games will be broadcast direct over Eugene radio station KORE at 1:00 p.m. Friday, and 12:00 noon Saturday.

Coach Don Kirsch stated that as yet he was not fully decided on his starting lineup, with the big question marks being first base, one outfield position, and pitcher. Averill is set at catcher, Jim Johnson at second, Pete Williams at third, George Shaw at short, Jim Livesay in centerfield, and Ron Phillips either in right or left.

As for pitcher, starting choice in the Friday game will be either Norm Forbes or Stan Dmochowsky. If the series is extended to three games, Lefty Trent Huls will probably take the mound.

Stanford is expected to hurl ace Bob Murphy in the opener with the hope of getting a one-game jump on the Webfoots. The Indians are weak in pitching after Murphy, however.

June Date Slated For Phi Beta Show

The Phi Beta army collaboration show has been rescheduled for Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the University lab theater due to a conflict with the lecture of Lester B. Pearson.

Tickets for the show are on sale this week and may be purchased from any member of Phi Beta. Prices are 30 cents for students and 60 cents for adults.

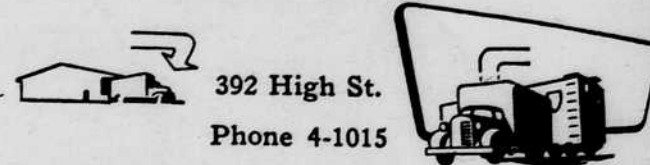
Bowerman, Trackmen Leave for PCC Meet

Coach Bill Bowerman and seven of Oregon's traveling squad left Wednesday for Palo Alto and the 1953 PCC track and field championships. The remaining four trackmen leave today, via automobile.

Bowerman added two names to his traveling squad: Ken Hickenbottom, pole vault; and Bob Faccett, high jump. The meet begins with time trials Friday afternoon and the meet on Saturday.

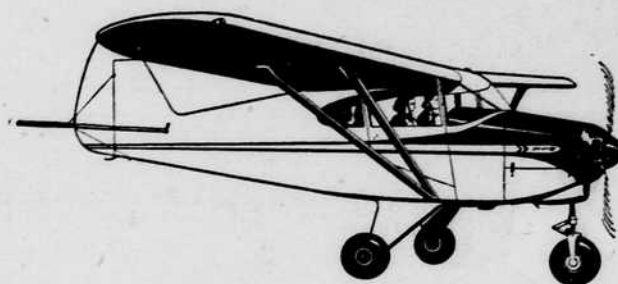
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