

Duck Tracks

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If statistics thus far are any indication of things to come, then all Northern Division track and field teams had better be on the lookout for Bill Bowerman's Oregon Ducks. With the ND championship meet just a little more than two weeks away, Oregon men hold the best marks in five of 15 events which have been held in dual meets to date.

Washington seems to be the biggest threat to the Ducks in their quest for the league crown. The Huskies also have five top marks. The other five top performances are distributed among the other three ND schools. Washington State holds three of these, Oregon State one and Idaho one.

At the present time the five Oregon trackmen who are at the top of the list in their respective events are Gordon Dahlquist in the 440 yard dash, Ken Hickenbottom in the pole vault, Bob Faucett in the high jump, Doyle Higdon in the javelin and Bill Sorsby in the 220-yard low hurdles. Of these Hickenbottom and Higdon, especially have been head and shoulders above any other competitors and unless something drastic changes in the next couple of weeks they seem destined for first places in the ND meet.

Washington Strong

Faucett, Sorsby and Dahlquist will all have their work cut out for them if they are to maintain their first place standings in the big meet.

Washington's five top performers are Duane Wardlow in the shot put, Denny Meyer in the two-mile run, Terry Strom in the discus, Darrold Skarvedt in the broad jump and the Husky mile relay team.

From the looks of this it appears as if the Washingtonians and the Webfoots are due for a close fight for the league toga. The Huskies will have one slight advantage in that this year's meet is to be held in Seattle on Washington's home track.

Washington State's Bob Gary holds the best times in both the 100 and 220-yard dashes and Cougar Bill Link looms as the best man in the 880-yard run.

OSC's only top mark is held by Don Chambers in the 120-yard high hurdles while Idaho's first is in the person of Emerson Clark in the mile run.

Of course all these estimations are from statistics alone and have not taken into account upsets, inspired performances and surprise showings which year after year continue to make the form chart look bad.

Big Sports Day Coming

Sports fans around the Eugene area are going to be treated to another big day of athletic events Saturday, May 22. The athletic department is sponsoring their second annual "Spring Spots Day" and on this year's slate are four prominent features.

The Northern Division golf championships will get underway at 10 o'clock in the morning and will continue for most of the day at the Eugene Country Club. At the same time on the Oregon tennis courts will be held the ND tennis championships featuring some of the outstanding netters in the Pacific Northwest.

At 11 o'clock Len Casanova's Oregon football team will take to Hayward field for their annual spring practice game between the "greens" and the "whites."

To cap the day Don Kirsch's Oregon baseball team will host Oregon State at Howe field in the final ND diamond fracas of the season for both teams. From the looks of things at this time, this game could prove to be very important in determining the league championship. Oregon State and Oregon are currently fighting it out for first place in the conference.

Play-offs in North This Year

Whoever wins the ND baseball title this year will get a good break in the PCC play-offs. This year's two-of-three series with the Southern Division winner will be held on the home diamond of the winning northern team. If OSC comes out on top, the play-offs will be at Coleman field in Corvallis and if Oregon's Ducks get the nod the series will be held on Oregon's Howe field.

As many people recall, last year Oregon had to travel all the way to Palo Alto for the conference championship play-off with Stanford university. The Ducks were beaten decisively in two straight games.

Delving back into the past records we found that in past PCC play-offs the Southern Division has pretty well dominated the titles. Only twice in the seven seasons which the play-offs have been held have the ND teams come out on top. In 1950 Washington State downed Stanford at Pullman and went on to gain a second place finish in the NCAA championships. In 1952 Oregon State upset Southern California at Corvallis and went on to a sixth place finish in the NCAA. The southern schools have taken the title in every other series.

Duck Nine Moves to Pullman For Washington State Tilts

Still hot on the trail of front-running Oregon State, the Oregon Duck baseball team will roll into Pullman this weekend for a two game series with the fast-improving and dangerous Washington State Cougars.

The Webfoots, who split two games with WSC at Howe field a few weeks back, are expecting the Cougars of robust Buck Bailey to offer some stiff competition. Washington State, after a very slow start in which they dropped five of their first six games, has rallied back to triumph in three of their last four outings to serve notice

that they are finally beginning to play the kind of ball that was predicted that they would before the season began.

The Cougars split a series with league-leading OSC early this week and in the second game gave the Beavers a good drubbing, 10-2.

Bailey, who has been quite pleased with his team in their last couple of outings, will probably use the same starting line-up that downed Oregon State last Tuesday afternoon. If he does the starters will be: Golden, catcher; McIntosh, first base; Herschy, second base; Foisy, shortstop; Hardman, third base; Poppe, left field; Sparks, center field; Overby, right field.

A likely pitching choice for the Cougars would be Lee Dolquist, the fast-ball flinger who has had such fine success in games thus far.

Duck coach, Don Kirsch, will probably stick with the same line-up that played for him in the Idaho series, just completed. This would mean that the opening men would be: Neal Marlett, catcher; Dick Schlosstein, first base; Jim Johnson, second base; John Keller, shortstop; Pete Williams, third base; Jerry Ross, left field; George Shaw, center field; and Bob Wagner, right field.

On the mound for the Webfoots in the first game of the set will be either Trenton Huls or Bill Blodgett. Both flingers saw action in the first Idaho game and neither one was worked hard enough to have to rest more than two or three days.

Ducks Stage Rally To Crush Idaho,

Don Kirsch's Oregon Ducks broke loose with nine big runs in the eighth inning of their Northern Division game with Idaho Thursday afternoon at Moscow to swamp the Vandals by a 13-4 score.

Clem Parberry's Vandals had taken an early lead with two runs in the second but the Ducks fought back to tie the count in the fifth. Then in the eighth Oregon let loose with both barrels to snow their opponents under.

Norm Forbes pitched eight innings for the Webfoots and received credit for the pitching win. He was nicked for five hits during his stint. Pete Williams went in for the Ducks in the ninth to put the final hurling slants past the Idaho batters.

The victory for Oregon pushed the Ducks up to within one game of league leading Oregon State. The Ducks now move off to Pullman for a two game series with Washington State college.

Wednesday's Box

Oregon (8)	AB	H	O	A
Ross, lf	4	2	1	0
Keller, ss	5	2	1	3
Shaw, cf	5	1	3	0
Marlett, c	4	2	7	0
Schlosstein, 1b	3	2	8	0
Wagner, rf	4	0	1	0
Williams, 3b	3	1	4	2
Johnson, 2b	3	0	2	2
Huls, p	2	0	0	0
Blodgett, p	2	1	0	1
	35	11	27	8

Idaho (4)	AB	H	O	A
Falash, cf	3	0	3	0
Haines, 1b	5	0	9	0
Cyglar, 2b	5	1	4	1
Kleffner, 3b	3	0	1	3
Frazier, lf	4	1	0	0
Morrison, ss	2	1	1	3
Quane, c	2	0	7	1
Teverbaugh, rf	2	0	2	0
Hallett, p	0	0	0	0
Barton, p	4	1	0	2
Nelson, rf	1	0	0	0
	32	4	27	10

Errors—Williams, Falash, Cyglar.
2B—Rooss, Williams, Blodgett, Barton.
3B—Morrison.
Oregon 420 000 011—8
Idaho 000 310 000—4

Question of the day

Can ducks tell time by looking at the stars? A noted authority on this subject, Silva Z. Torchleg, says that the only time ducks need to tell is closing time.

You can always tell closing time by the flashing lights over the college girl's doorways.

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