

# Duck Tracks

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Many sporting fans along the Pacific Coast are beginning to wonder if any ND school will ever unseat the University of Washington as tennis champions of the league. The Huskies have become such a constant first-place finisher that everyone is beginning to take them more-or-less for granted when it comes time for the ND tennis championship play-offs.

Since the first Northern Division meet began way back in 1934, Washington has failed to win the affair on only one occasion. In the late 1930's Oregon managed to take the crown but that is the only time that the Huskies have finished out of the money.

This year seems to be no exception to the prevailing situation. The Huskies have defeated every other ND school in dual match action and there is no reason to believe that they won't continue their domination of the big meet for at least one more year.

Incidentally, for interested net fans, this year's ND tennis meet is going to be held on the University of Oregon courts, May 21 and 22.

## Evonuk Starting a Good Thing

Gene Evonuk of the Physical Education department should be commended for the fine job he is doing in reviving Sigma Delta Psi, athletic honorary fraternity, on the Oregon campus.

Many years ago the fraternity was very popular on the Duck campus and many outstanding athletes were members of the organization which is well-known all over the United States.

With pretty stiff requirements necessary for membership, only the best athletes at Oregon will be able to qualify for the fraternity. Evonuk has stated that he hopes that within the next couple of years the organization will be able to get enough members to be able to enter national track competition with chapters of Sigma Delta Psi from other colleges.

## Exhibition Mile Run Proposed

The Canadian Exhibition Association is trying to arrange one of the most phenomenal athletic events ever dreamed up. If their plans work out, in early September they will have on hand for an exhibition mile race the four greatest milers in the world today.

The association has sent invitations to Roger Bannister of England, John Landy of Australia, Murray Halburg of New Zealand and Wes Santee of the United States. If a mythical run such as this can be worked out it will go down in the record books as one of classic athletic events in sports history.

Bannister only last week became the first man in history to better the four minute mile when he galloped the 1760 yards grind in the world record time of 3:59.4. Landy has a best time of 4:02 and Halburg's top mark is 4:04.4. Santee, the Kansas university flash, has a 4:02.4 clocking under his belt which is his best performance.

## Springbett Keeps Improving

Bruce Springbett, Duck sprinter, has shown noticeable improvement during the present season and his time for the 100-yard dash has become good enough lately that he is once again a threat to Bob Gary, ND sprint king, in the coming conference meet.

Last Saturday at Vancouver, BC, Springbett ran the 100 in the sparkling time of 9.8 seconds. On the same afternoon Gary ran the same race in 9.7 seconds in Washington State's dual meet with Oregon State.

For two years now Springbett has been playing second best to Gary in ND action. Bruce has come close many times but he has never been able to defeat the Cougar speeder. We rather imagine that Springbett is looking forward to ND meet in hopes that he can accomplish this unconquered feat.

## Schlosstein Going Great

A budding sophomore who should prove to be one of Oregon's best baseball finds is Dick Schlosstein, the light-haired first-baseman from Tacoma. Schlosstein, who is playing his first season of varsity ball, has become one of the most feared hitters in the Northern Division.

As of the last tabulations, Schlosstein had passed teammate George Shaw to become the leading Oregon batter in ND action. Not counting the Washington games early this week, Schlosstein was rapping the ball at a .368 clip.

Likeable Dick doesn't limit his abilities to the hitting department ether. He is also one of the best fielders on the Webfoot team. On many different occasions this year he has come up with sparkling plays which have cut opponents' rallies off before they were well started.

If Dick shows the improvement during his junior and senior years which he is expected to, he should become one of the most sought after players by professional baseball scouts.

# Ducks Take on OSC In Crucial ND Game

## Oregon Needs Win To Stay in Running In Pennant Chase

Oregon's Ducks will have the pressure on them Saturday afternoon at Corvallis when they take on the Oregon State Beavers in the first game of their "Civil War" baseball series which will decide the Northern Division championship.

The present league standings have the Beavers on top of the heap with a nine won and three lost mark and Oregon a close second with an eight and four record. Thus, if Ralph Coleman's Orangemen can come up with two

### NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.
Oregon State	9	3	.750
OREGON	8	4	.667
Washington	7	5	.583
Washington State	5	7	.417
Idaho	1	11	.083

wins in their four games with the Ducks, they will clinch the ND title and earn the right to meet the Southern Division winner for the Pacific Coast crown.

On the other hand, if Oregon is to win their second straight title they will have to take three of the four games with the Beavers. An even split of the four games would be of no benefit to Don Kirsch's warriors.

### Huskies Have Chance

Washington's Huskies still have a mathematical chance to win the championship. But they will have to win all of their last four games from Washington State and Idaho if they are to stay in the running. Bill Marx's Huskies currently sport a seven and five league record.

Although Kirsch hadn't decided for sure just who he would start on the pitching mound in the first Beaver fray, it is expected that righthander Norm Forbes will get the call. Forbes has a four won and one lost mark against ND foes and last year he was very successful in his pitching tries against OSC. Trent Huls, Bill Blodgett and Bill Garner will all stand ready to take to the firing line in case Forbes gets in trouble. Huls and Garner are both "lefties" while Blodgett throws from the right side.

### Wellman to Start

Opposing the Oregon hurlers on the hill for Oregon State will more than likely be big Norb Wellman,

## Cougars Favored Over Washington

Hec Edmundson's University of Washington track squad will have to better most of their 1954 performances Saturday if they are to upset Washington State in their final Northern Division dual meet at Pullman.

The form chart gives the Cougars at least a nine-point advantage, an edge which likely will be increased by WSC's home advantage.

One Husky, though, looks like money in the bank—that being Denny Meyer, of course. Undeclared this year by Northern Division two-milers, Meyer was clocked in the fast time of 9:17.5 last Saturday against Idaho. He had to be at his best because the Vandals' plucky Lou Gourley stayed with him right down to the last half lap and trailed him across the finish line by less than 15 yards.



NORM FORBES and BILL BLODGETT, Oregon pitchers, may both see action this Saturday afternoon as the Ducks take on Oregon State in the first tilt of their four game series at Corvallis. Both men have looked good in games to date.

Coleman's reliable red-headed flinger. Wellman has been the workhorse of the OSC mound corps and at this time he is the possessor of a 4-2 won-loss mark.

With Forbes and Wellman on the mound against each other it is very possible that the game could develop into a superb pitching duel. Both hurlers have had their shaky moments this season but in most games they have been very stingy with the base-hits.

To go along with Forbes, Kirsch will likely start the following men: 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 Ron Phillips, right field.

### Phillips Shows Well

Phillips, who earned back his starting position in the six game invasion of the Inland Empire by the Ducks, is expected to help the Webfoots considerably with his return to hitting form.

Coleman will probably start the same team he has been using most of the season in addition to Wellman. If he does he will open

with Jack Stephenson, catcher; Jay Dean, first base; Bob Buob, second base; Chuck Fisk, shortstop; Irv Heinrich, third base; Jim Ruggles, left field; Jerry Exley, center field; and Dick Isbell, right field.

After their Saturday encounter the two teams will play their second encounter at Eugene Monday afternoon. The final two tussles of the series will be played Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22.

## Oregon Frosh Finish Season

The Oregon Frosh baseball team will finish up their season this Friday and Saturday afternoons as they play the final two tussles of a 12 game schedule.

Friday afternoon the Ducklings of Ray Coley will host the Medford high school Black Tornado on the Frosh diamond and on Saturday they will travel to Springfield high for a game with the Millers.

In their last two outings the Frosh split a series with the Oregon State Rooks. The Ducklings won the first game at Corvallis by a 15-8 count but dropped the second fray at Eugene by a 12-7 tally.

Coley's nine is expecting some rough competition from both teams, especially Medford. The Tornado has always been noted for its outstanding baseball teams and this one is thought to be no exception to the rule.

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