

# EMERALD Sports

## Duck Tracks

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Probably Oregon's highest finish in a national tournament this year will be made next month by representatives of the campus' most neglected sport. At least a third place in two divisions of the national intercollegiate billiards tournament at Michigan State college is guaranteed for the University's entrants, John Wilson and Stan Williams.

Billiards has come a long way from being just a back room pool and card parlor game, according to Wilson. "Billiards is to pool-type games what the violin is to music," he claims. "You can't slop your shots like pool, and you have to think them out."

It's this thinking angle, plus only three balls on a pocketless table that makes it a game of considerably more skill. In addition, further divisions add other complications. Three cushion billiards requires that the cue ball bounce off the side rails of the table three times, while the straight rail game stipulates only that the cue ball must hit both object balls.

### Wilson Gets Two Thirds

Wilson's scores in the national billiards team tourney recently placed him third in the nation individually in both the straight rail and three cushion divisions. However, Williams will take his place in the three cushion competition and Wilson will limit his efforts to a try at the straight rail crown.

Wilson admits his devotion to the game is mostly for show. "I just like to be able to make the balls go curly-wumpus," he says; "it isn't too interesting to me as a game only."

A heavy-set sophomore veteran, Wilson played billiards several years before entering the Army. He played football on one of the top service teams in Europe before a knee injury forced him to quit. The same ache still bothers him today and "helps limit me to just billiards." Wilson still finds time to carry a stiff load of courses and work 20 hours, while keeping up his practice, though.

### No Shots Impossible

Although his technical knowledge of the game is admittedly limited ("I only know what the cue ball is going to do when I hit it—nothing else."), he firmly believes that no shot on a billiard table is impossible. "Some are pretty close to impossible, though," he adds.

Wilson is a hard hitter, relying on his English to carry the ball where he wants it. The English, he stresses, is an important part of billiards success. "There's no luck in this game like in others," he says; "it's just plain old good shoot-in' that wins."

His partner in the trip to East Lansing, Williams, bases his game more on the scientific side. Unlike Wilson he is a soft ball hitter and depends upon placement to score. While Wilson raced around a second table, talking and shooting, Williams set up key shots (required to open intercollegiate tournament rounds) and studied them with the care of a chemist checking an experiment.

### Diamond System Tried

Williams is trying his hand at the Diamond System, which sets up shots along imaginary lines drawn between key spots on the rails. "I figure it might get me out of a spot now and then," he says.

Louie Bellissimo, coach of the national fourth place Oregon team, is optimistic of the players chance. "They should do all right if John doesn't start shooting too fast and forgetting to think," he said. "Billiards is a thinking game; you've got to be awake all the time to set up those shots. That's what makes it difficult, and that's why it isn't any more popular than it is. You can just slop your shots in pool."

Lack of local interest is shown in the virtual non-attention paid the two billiards tables in the Student Union basement. Most of the interest centers around the eight pool tables. Perhaps if Oregon's representatives bring home a pair of national championships, the campus' most neglected sport will receive a bit more heed.

## Phi Delts Top Point Totals In IM Standings

Phi Delta Theta, perennial intramural champion, still retains its lead in living group intramural sports despite not winning a single winter term championship.

Combined point totals for 1954-55 intramurals reveal that the Phi Delt's increased their lead over second-place Hale Kane as result of winter term action in which the leaders picked up 295 points to go with their fall total of 350 for a two-term total of 645.

Hale Kane garnered only 231 points during winter term in the four team sports to total 556 points and fall farther behind the Phi Delts. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, winner of the A basketball tournament, jumped from sixth to third as its 269 points for winter term was second only to the Phi Delt's total.

Most of the other houses stayed in practically the same positions as before with Cherney hall recording the biggest drop, from third to 13th. The Phi Delt's picked up their winning winter term point total on second places in both A and B basketball, worth 134 and 66 points, and a tie for third in handball, worth 55 points. Bowling netted the other 40 points.

In contrast with fall term when independent Hale Kane won both A and B volleyball, with the Phi Delt's taking football, the fraternities dominated the winter sports. Four different houses won championships with Delta Tau Delta winning the bowling tournament, Beta Theta Pi took first in handball and Sigma Chi winning B basketball. All championships were worth 75 points except for the 150 picked up by the SAE's in A basketball.

Two-term point totals:

	Fall	Winter	Total
1. Phi Delta Theta	350	295	645
2. Hale Kane	325	231	556
3. Sigma Alpha Epsilon	242	261	530
4. Alpha Tau Omega	231	269	500
5. Sigma Chi	250	250	490
6. Sigma Phi Epsilon	245	222	467
7. Beta Theta Pi	220	200	420
8. Theta Chi	199	219	418
9. Phi Kappa Sigma	182	195	377
10. Campbell Club	175	195	370
11. Phi Kappa Psi	203	165	368
12. Delta Tau Delta	174	185	359
13. Cherney	259	95	354
14. Phi Gamma Delta	220	122	342
15. Sigma Nu	175	163	338
16. Dorm Counselors	187	140	327
17. Delta Upsilon	183	144	327
18. Hunter	162	135	297
19. Chi Psi	157	133	290
20. Straub	95	193	288
21. French	159	120	279
22. Kappa Sigma	150	125	275
23. Nestor	75	175	250
24. Tau Kappa Epsilon	100	110	210
25. Philadelphia	146	62	208
26. Gamma	103	101	204
27. Sederstrom	67	130	197
28. Pi Kappa Alpha	50	145	195
29. Lambda Chi Alpha	125	62	187
30. Alpha	62	112	174
31. Legal Eagles	0	151	151
32. Sigma Alpha Mu	0	150	150
33. Phi Sigma Kappa	87	60	147
34. Yeoman	0	97	97
35. Pi Kappa Phi	50	0	50
36. Barrister	0	50	50

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## Duck Cindermen Set Relay Test

A deep and powerful Oregon track team will get its first test at full distances in the young 1955 season Saturday when the cindermen go to Salem for the Willamette relays.

Coach Bill Bowerman's defending Northern Division champions will be virtually at full strength for the Northwest's "World Series of Track" at the capital city. The lone exception will be the absence of Doug Clement, veteran middle-distance star, who pulled a muscle against Willamette and will rest his leg until the Northern Division opener with Idaho, April 16.

### Webfoot Runners Strong

The relay meet serves as a warmup for nearly every college track team in the Northwest. About 2500 athletes from 22 colleges and 101 high schools will take part, and the Oregon trackmen will face stiff competition. The Ducks will counter with especially strong entries in the sprint and distance relays.

Leading the Duck entry will be perhaps the best foursome of distance men on the coast. Slattd to run in the distance medley for the Oregon team is Gordon Dahlquist, Jim Bailey, Ken Reiser and Bill Dellinger. The medley is a relay consisting of a 440, 880, 1/2 mile and mile runs and each one of the Oregon performers is a specialist in one distance.

### IM Handball Crown Taken by Sussman

Howard Sussman won the winter term intramural handball title in the final week of the term by defeating Jim Barlow in the finals of the tournament.

Sussman reached the finals by defeating Sam Kent while Barlow had beaten Dick Bray to get into the last round. The winner was the survivor of 16 originally entered in the tourney, which does not count towards living group intramural points.

In the sprints, Bruce Springbett, winner of last year's Willamette relay's 100-yard dash, will go against at least three other sprinters who have run the century under 10 seconds. LeRoy Campbell, Arden Christenson and Dave Talbot will also be competing in the shorter distances after winning places against Willamette last week.

In the field events Ben Lloyd and Jack Moad will combine to give the Oregon team its finest shot put entry in several years while Martin Pedigo, Donn Sullivan and Don McClure make a strong broad jump entry.

### UO Pole Vault Strong

In the pole vault the Webfoots will again have Ken Hickenbottom and Bob Reid plus Russ Mannex for a strong entry in that event. Hickenbottom is the defending senior pole vault champion at the Relays, having won the event with a vault of 12' 6 1/2" last year.

This will be the fifth running of the Relays, which will likely have more entries than ever before. Oregon last year won more first places than any other school in the college events and will again be one of the top entries this year. Washington State and Idaho will be competing for the first time while Oregon State will also be there.

Each team in the Northern Division was represented on the 1954 all-league team, with Barney Holland being the Oregon contribution at a guard spot.

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