

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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Although the Willamette valley's usual spring weather—rain and more rain—has hampered conditioning for Oregon's spring sports teams, one thing already seems pretty certain. Oregon is practically a cinch to successfully defend its Northern Division track title.

Even hampered by windy and rainy weather Saturday at the Willamette relays, Oregon far outdistanced its four Northern Division rivals in first places. Of course it's hazardous to be basing conference championships on early-April performances. But Oregon simply has too much talent and depth for the cindermen from OSC, Washington, Idaho and WSC.

Everyone knows that the Ducks have the best bunch of sprinters and distance runners in the league, just as they did last year. In fact it was sophomores and juniors that gave Oregon the 1954 championship with firsts in the mile, two-mile, 440-yard dash and the mile relay plus strong finishes in the other running events.

Ducks Better Balanced

But Oregon was relatively weak in the field events last year with only Captain Bob Faucett's first in the high jump being a Duck non-captain win. In the shot put, discus and 120-yard high hurdles Oregon didn't even place a man in the ND meet. This season, however, the Webfoots are better loaded in everything.

Taking a look at Oregon's performance Saturday compared to the other conference teams, Coach Bill Bowerman has every right to be optimistic. Oregon won or tied for 10 first places, with, of course, the running teams leading the way.

Performances in the field events, however, proves that the Ducks are well set in every event this season. Take the broad jump, for instance. Last year Ben Johnson was Oregon's only consistent point-winner and picked up a second in the ND with a leap of just under 22 feet.

Pedigo Breaks Record

At the relays, however, Martin Pedigo, a sophomore, took home a first for Oregon in the novice broad jump with a leap of 22' 9 3/4". This leap not only broke the relay record but was 8 1/2" better than the winning leap by the winner in the senior division, for lettermen only. Meanwhile OSC took second and third in the novice division and sixth in the senior class while Idaho got only a fourth in the senior division.

In the javelin Ed Bingham, another Duck sophomore, took a first in the spear-throwing event for the second straight week with a 185', 5 1/2" toss. This was in the novice division and was short of the Medford athlete's near-200-foot throw of last week, but OSC's PCC champ, Jerry Church, was the only ND man to do better.

In the discus Walt Badorek, a two-year letterman who has steadily improved, showed that he will have to be reckoned with in the ND championships. The Klamath Falls senior took second behind Washington's Terry Strom, the only returnee out of last year's top four placers in the ND in that event.

Reid Tops 13 Feet

In the pole vault Bob Reid went over 13 feet for the first time this year as the Canadian junior tied for the top spot in the senior class. Ken Hickenbottom managed a tie for third in a field that figures to make the pole-vault one of the closest events of the season.

Thus things are looking even better than last season for the Ducks who, with their all-around balance, figure to be a threat for the PCC title traditionally captured by USC. The Northern Division championship looks like it's coming home again, however, with Oregon fairly certain to win at least the same number of firsts as in 1954 plus more seconds, thirds and fourths.

A prediction right now would put Oregon, Washington, Washington State, Oregon State and Idaho in that order in the ND meet—the same as last year. But track is subject to upsets and poor performances just as in other sports. Let's hope it doesn't happen to the Ducks at title time.

Action Begins Today In Three IM Sports

Spring intramural sports action will open today with a full schedule of softball games plus tennis and golf matches beginning play in the three sports.

A fourth spring sport, track, will be added later to intramural competition when a schedule is arranged.

Softball will be conducted on a round-robin basis with each team playing four games in its league before the all-league play-offs begin the first week in May. Postponements will not be permitted unless rain forces the intramural department to re-schedule the games.

Three days of softball are scheduled each week with action slated for Tuesday and Thursday after today of this week. Today's games will pit Delta Upsilon against Sigma Nu, Phi Kappa Psi against Sigma Phi Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta against Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi against Phi Delta Theta, Tau Kappa Epsilon against Phi Gamma Delta and Chi Psi against Sigma Alpha Mu.

The games will take place on three fields, the north, south and upper. The first three games will begin at 3:50 and the other three at 4:55. Games will go five innings or four if one team is seven or more runs ahead at that time.

In tennis the Legal Eagles and Phi Delta Theta will kick off court competition at 4 p.m.

Puscas Winner In Smoker Bout

Jack Puscas used a hard-hitting right hand to score a third-round knockout over Gil Durey in the feature event of the Order of the O smoker Friday night before a crowd of about 500 in McArthur court.

Puscas, the Eugene slugger who went to the finals of the national AAU tourney last year, proved to be too tough for Durey, the Australian featherweight champ now at the University of Oregon. Durey gave the Northwest champion plenty of trouble in the second round with a good left jab but Puscas floored the Aussie five times in the third round of a scheduled four-rounder before closing the door.

In another feature there was plenty of action in the tag-team wrestling match which ended just as rehearsed. "Heroes" Lon Stiner and Harry Johnson were the winners as they conquered the "villains," Keith Tucker and Jerry Nelson.

Two other Oregon football players got into the act in boxing but lacked experience to go with their eagerness. John Woyat, 165, lost a unanimous decision to Karl Ray Steen, Eugene amateur, while Larry Rose, 185, pulled out a draw against 175-pound George McKnight.

The only regular wrestling match ended in a draw as Don Biehn and Don Dexter, a pair of 160-pound freshman wrestlers, fought to a standstill in three rounds. In other boxing matches Bob Williams, 152, decided John Coefield, 155, and Ron Clark, 140, decided Gary Crocker, 143.

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today with the first match in the bracket tournament. Thirty teams are entered in the tennis tournament with Alpha Tau Omega and Hale Kane drawing first round byes.

Three matches will be played each week with Sigma Alpha Mu and Sederstrom hall meeting Tuesday and Phi Kappa Sigma and Beta Theta Pi clashing Thursday. Matches will be played on courts four, five and six with two doubles and one singles match seeing action.

Each double and singles match will be decided by winning two out of three sets with the best two out of three winners deciding the match between the living groups. One played will not be allowed to play both singles and doubles.

In golf, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Kappa Psi are to play the first match this week with the

Sigma Alpha Epsilon-Straub Frosh and Chi Psi-Sigma Nu matches also due this week. The golf tourney is also a bracket affair in which 24 teams have been entered with eight drawing first-round byes.

Teams will consist of four players in four twosomes with all matches to be played at Oakway golf course, unless otherwise agreed between the teams. Match score cards are available at the intramural office and scoring will be by the Nassau system. All scores will be due on or before the scheduled date of play.

Teams will be out to win spring sports titles last year dominated by fraternities. Phi Delta Theta won both the golf and track trophies with Alpha Tau Omega taking the tennis title and Phi Kappa Sigma winning softball.

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