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Duck Tracks

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Oregon's "liquid sunshine" has so far prevented the Duckling baseball team from opening their season, but, on the strength of drills and intrasquad competition, Coach Bob Basich has been able to pick a 23-man squad and form some opinions on its strength and weaknesses. Running down the lineup, here is how the Duckling team shapes up.

Catcher—Can't see any problem here. Ron Dodge, a Washington all-stater from Olympia, looks sound defensively and is no slouch at the plate. Dodge stands 6' 1", weighs 170 and is one of five Ducklings who throw right and bat left. He'll probably get the nod to start when and if the Frosh get to open their season. Backing him up is Jerry McCabe, ex-Eugene high performer, and John Eskildsen, from Portland's Lincoln high, who is also a top-notch first base prospect.

Pitcher—Here's the big worry for Coach Masich. With only three first-class starters, he'll have to count on improvement from John McCall and Jim Sittser and may resort to drafting some of his overabundant infield talent for mound duty. Big three for the Frosh are southpaw Don Lane from San Lorenzo, Calif.; Don Delbon, another Californian, and Ron Whittaker, a Salem and Eugene product. McCall tossed for LaCenter, Wash., last year, and Sittser hails from Harrisburg. Don Back may see action both as a pitcher and an outfielder.

First Base Strong

First base—A little shallow, but by no means weak. Dave Wanaka's big bat helped Roosevelt last spring and should produce plenty of base hits for the Ducklings. His .411 average was one of the best in the city, and his hitting and glove work got him all-state honors at the Albany tournament. Eskildsen is right behind Wanaka for the first-sack spot, with a definite chance of earning a starting position.

Second base—Very strong here. Wimp Hastings currently has the edge over Terry (Turk) Burke and Dick Jarvis, but these two may find spots elsewhere on the squad. Hastings, the driving little basketball guard, is very quick, both on the field and at bat. Burke is another ex-Lincoln Card, and Jarvis was all-state at Auburn, Wash.

Shortstop—Battle still undecided between Baker's Jim Pifher and Grant's Jim White. Pifher, an all-around athlete for the Bulldogs, is barely ahead of White, who was picked all-city on his .368 average with the city champs. Both boys are good fielders, both dangerous at the plate.

Third Base Deep

Third base—Bob Cellers and Clark Miller are fighting it out, with Dale Dickey a good replacement. Cellers at 23 is the oldest player on the squad—he spent four years in the army after playing shortstop and outfield at Drain. He also throws right and bats left. Miller and Dickey are both Eugene high products.

Outfield—Five fly-chasers are looking good. Gerry Waldrop from Cascade Union high has the strongest arm of the bunch. Ron Creps from Banks is another throw-right-bat-left man, and LeRoy Phelp, a hard-running halfback for the Frosh gridders, is a switch-hitter. Red-headed George Simpson played all positions at Burlingame, Cal., but was chosen all-league for his .400-plus stick work as an outfielder. Jerry Urness, also looking good, played last year for The Dalles.

Drills this week will concentrate on infield work, and Basich will attempt to schedule games with Eugene high and the varsity "B's."

Phil McHugh Granted Memorial Scholarship

A scholarship awarded last week to Phil McHugh, sophomore basketball guard and football end, is the first of the annual Dean Walker Memorial scholarships established by members of Oregon's basketball team of 1919. It was created by the surviving members of that coast championship team in honor of the late Dean Walker, coach of the team. Walker later became active in alumni and political work before his death last year. The award was given to McHugh on the basis of his excellence in athletics and scholarship and is renewable. The ex-Central Catholic star was one of three letterman ends last fall as well as a regular on the basketball team and has maintained over a B average for five terms at Oregon.

Oregon Cindermen Winners Over Two in Portland Meet

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The Oregon Ducks lived up to their name Saturday at Griswold stadium in Portland as the Webfoot track squad paddled their way through cloudy weather and a wet field to an easy win over Lewis and Clark and Seattle Pacific.

Coach Bill Bowerman's strong team showed depth in every event as it took firsts in 13 out of the 15 events and third for another. The Ducks amassed 100½ points while Seattle Pacific finished far back with 31 1/3 and L-C trailed with 30 1/6.

Rain came down in torrents and virtually flooded the field on L-C's Palatine hill the morning of the meet and let up only shortly before the running events began. Water stood on the track in some places but the track itself stayed fairly solid.

The Ducks didn't let the water stop them, however, as they broke four stadium records in chalking up the victory. Nearly every entry won points for the defending Northern Division titlists.

The winning Oregon team had two double winners in Bill Sorsby and Bruce Springbett. The latter gave his best effort of the season to win the 100-yard dash in 10 seconds flat and then took the 220 in 22.3. The versatile Sorsby took the 440 in 51.3 and nabbed the low hurdles in 25.3 over the heavy track.

Bowerman's experiments in the distance events paid off as Jim Bailey, 880 ace, and Bill Dellinger, NCAA mile champ, broke two of the four records for the day in the mile and two mile, respectively.

Bailey used his long stride to good advantage as the Australian sophomore recorded a 4:24.8 mile to break the old stadium mark by half a second. Dellinger had an easy time as he lapped the field to win the two-mile in 9:21.7, 27½ seconds under the old standard.

The other stadium records were set by Gordon Dahlquist in the 880 and Walt Badorek in the discus. Dahlquist ran the half-mile in 1:58 to top the old mark of 1:59.4 while Badorek's top heave of the season, 142'11¼", was enough to beat the old record by eight inches.

The Webfoot's picked up plenty of help from sophomores as four first-year men took firsts for Oregon. Ed Bingham was first in the javelin, Jack Moad took the shot put, Doug Basham won the high hurdles with his best time of the season, 15.2, and Martin Pedigo took a first in the broad jump for the third week in a row.

The other first-place winner for Oregon was Russ Mannex in the pole vault. A tie for first came in the high jump where Ducks Ken Hickenbottom and Donn Sullivan tied with L-C's Dave Jeans at the 5½-foot mark.

Only event in which the Webfoots failed to finish in the money was the mile relay. Both Seattle Pacific and Lewis and Clark nosed out the Oregon team in a close race as SP's Chuck Byers overtook Oregon's Hank Loumena and L-C's Pete Hopkins on the last lap.

Ken Reiser, whose former stadium two-mile record was broken by Dellinger, was kept out of his scheduled 880-yard run by an attack of flu. He should be ready for next week's conference opener with Idaho, however.

Results:
100-yard dash—1. Jim Bailey (O), 2. Ron Ohler (SP), 3. Henry Kilmer (LC), 4. Dave Ishii (SP). Time: 4:24.8.
440-yard dash—1. Bill Sorsby (O), 2. Chuck Byers (SP), 3. Arden Christensen (O), 4. John Eagle (LC). Time: 51.3.

100-yard dash—1. Bruce Springbett (O). Time: 10.0.

120-yard high hurdles—1. Doug Basham (O), 2. Clarence Duke (LC), 3. Don Ward (LC), 4. Ray Miller (SP). Time: 15.2.

880-yard run—1. Gordon Dahlquist (O), 2. Denny Palmer (SP), 3. Doug Clement (O), 4. Don Ohler (SP). Time: 1:58.0.

Shot-put—1. Jack Moad (O), 2. Ben Lloyd (O), 3. John Martin (LC), 4. Walt Badorek (O). Distance: 47' 2".

220-yard dash—1. Bruce Springbett (O), 2. Walt Hill (SP), 3. Hank Loumena (O), 4. Roy Duncan (SP). Time: 22.3.

Javelin—1. Ed Bingham (O), 2. Russ Mannex (O), 3. Joe Boutin (LC), 4. Verly Iverson (SP). Distance: 187', 3¼".

Pole-vault—1. Russ Mannex (O), 2. (t) Dave Newland, Bob Reid and Ken Hickenbottom (O). Height: 12' 6".

Two-mile run—1. Bill Dellinger (O), 2. Ken Cooke (LC), 3. Darrow Johnson (SP), 4. Dave Ishii (SP). Time: 9:21.7.

High jump—1. (t) Dave Jeans (LC), Terry Sullivan (O) and Ken Hickenbottom (O), 4. (t) Bob Chiodo (LC), Don Whitehead (LC) and Bill Hiner (SP). Height: 5' 6".

Discus—1. Walt Badorek (O), 2. Ben Lloyd (O), 3. Loren Michelson (LC), 4. John Martin (LC). Distance: 142' 11¼".

220-yard low hurdles—1. Bill Sorsby (O), 2. Caley Cook (LC), 3. Doug Basham (O), 4. Gordon Fee (SP). Time: 25.3.

Broad jump—1. Martin Pedigo (O), 2. Caley Cook (LC), 3. Bob Chiodo (LC), 4. (t) Donn Sullivan (O) and Dave Jeans (LC). Distance: 22' 2".

Mile relay—1. Seattle Pacific (Walt Hill, Gordon Fee, Denton Palmer, Chuck Byers), 2. Lewis and Clark. Time: 3:30.2.

Minnie Minoso of the Chicago White Sox and Bill Bruton of the Milwaukee Braves tied for the major league in stolen bases in 1954, each getting 25.

Jimmy Foxx of the Philadelphia Athletics is the only player ever to win two consecutive Most Valuable Player awards, getting the honor in both 1932 and 1933.

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