

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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Saturday is arch-rival day for Oregon's tennis and golf teams when both Coach Hilbert Lee's net team and the golfers of Sid Milligan play their second consecutive matches in hosting Oregon State. Both matches figure to be real contests with every team having good balance. The golf match especially will likely produce some outstanding play.

Golf at Oregon, or any other college, is probably the most forgotten of the major sports. It's the only one that isn't played on the campus. The hundreds of acres necessary for the game usually are found quite a distance from most college campuses. Here in Eugene, the Ducks go across the river to play at the Eugene country club, a flat but beautiful 18-hole layout that is considered one of the very best in the state outside of Portland.

Oregon's golf team doesn't draw a crowd like basketball or football teams do, but it should. Milligan's teams have won the Northern Division dual meet championship six years in a row and haven't been defeated in a conference match since 1950. Last season the Ducks capped five straight dual victories by winning the team medal play title also.

Beavers Play Five

Both Oregon State, second in the medal tournament last year, and Oregon will go into Saturday's match with some stiff competition already under their belts. The Beavers have played five times this season while the Ducks won their only match and also played in a California tournament last week.

Oregon State, coached by Jovial Jim Barrett, the OSC athletic business manager, has a team made up of both veterans and newcomers to the Beaver team. OSC lost four seniors via the graduation route, but have three juniors and a senior this year that could rank as one of the finest four-somes anywhere.

Larry Trogen, ex-Portland state ace, is a senior and fourth man on the team that also includes Jerry Cloninger, Idaho and Montana open champ; Bob Donnelly, the long-hitting ex-Oregon junior titlist and medal play champion last year, and Ray Lindquist, Corvallis army veteran who wins money consistently from the Corvallis country club aces.

Donnelly, Cloninger Hot

Both Donnelly and Cloninger have turned in outstanding performances so far this season. Donnelly carded a 68 in a Beaver win over Portland state and Cloninger carded a 68 in a Beaver win over Portland State and Cloninger had a 71 and 72 in a win over Willamette university and a loss to Washington. But it was the difference in depth that enabled Washington to beat the Beavers while Oregon downed the Huskies with ease.

Oregon, meanwhile, has a deep squad loaded with potentially great sophomores. The Ducks lost Don Kreiger, one of the Ducks' all-time greats, plus sturdy veterans Al Mundle and Al Cross to graduation. Milligan has so far had to rely on his young players in Duck meets.

Captain Neil Dwyer, a two-year letterman, is playing the first spot on the team with letterman Bob Takano the only other letterman having shown much consistency.

Sophomores Lead Ducks

The rest of the team is made up of Sophomores Don Bick, state junior champ two years ago who shot a 68 against Washington's Barry Ott, highly-touted transfer from Portland State; Bob Norquist, another Portlander; Howard Zenger, letterman from last year and former teammate of Donnelly at Grant high in Portland, and Justin Smith, a red-haired 1954 squad member from Medford.

Both teams are fairly young with only Dwyer, Takano and Trogen being seniors out of about 15 men on the two squads. Oregon state's top men are more proven performers, but Oregon seems a sure bet to win on overall depth in match play. But golf is a strange game and much will depend on consistency.

Looking ahead to the team championship, to be played at Moscow with Idaho hosting the tournament on its campus course, a real battle shapes up. With only four men allowed, Oregon State will be a top contender with Washington also strong in its first few positions. Oregon is perhaps too well-balanced to have a four best men, but only time and more play will tell.

Huskies Beaten As WSC Takes Baseball Lead

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Oregon State	0	0	.000
Idaho	0	4	.000

SEATTLE (AP)—The Washington State Cougars rallied behind the four-hit pitching of Ron Webb Monday to hand the University of Washington Huskies their first loss in five Northern Division baseball starts, 5-3.

Webb pitched superb ball and got into trouble only in the sixth inning when the Huskies clubbed out three hits for two runs. The Huskies got one unearned run in the fifth.

Ron Everby wrapped up the game for the Cougars in the top of the ninth when he slapped out a two-run single.

It was the first conference game of the year for the Cougars. Six other games the Cougars had been scheduled to play were washed out.

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Webb and Rich; Geiger and Brady.

Rip Repulski Tops National League With .396 Mark

NEW YORK (AP)—Hitting behind Stan Musial must be an inspiration, at least it's doing wonders for Eldon (Rip) Repulski, the new cleanup batter for the St. Louis Cardinals.

For with the 1955 major league season two weeks old Monday, Repulski leads the National league in batting with a .396 average on 19 hits in 48 times at bat. In 10 games, the 26-year-old outfielder from Sauk Rapids, Minn., also has produced five doubles, two homers and nine runs batted in.

In his first 10 games last season, Repulski hit .258 with not a homer and only one run-batted-in. He finished with a .283 mark while hitting in the No. 1, No. 5 and No. 6 spots in the batting order.

Al Kaline, the speedy outfielder of the Detroit Tigers, has taken an early lead in the American league batting race. He's batting .452 with 19 safeties in 42 trips after 10 games.

Kaline also holds the distinction of being the only major leaguer to have hit three homers in one game this season. He has four circuit blows in all, and is right behind Bob Nieman of Chicago, who leads with five.

Nieman is second to Kaline in batting with a .423 percentage. The ex-Detroit Tiger, who was traded to the White Sox during the winter, has collected 11 hits in 26 at bats.

Bill Skowron of the New York Yankees, who is setting the runs batted in pace along with Nieman at 14 apiece, is third in the hitting competition with a .422 mark.

Behind Repulski in the National league come Johnny Logan of Milwaukee with .389, Granny Hamner of Philadelphia .367, Milwaukee's Billy Bruton with .364 and Roy Campanella of Brooklyn and Dee Fondy of Chicago with .362 each.

Carl Furillo of Brooklyn is the senior circuit's home run pacesetter with six. Ted Kluszewski of Cincinnati, the majors' home run king in 1954 with 49, is second with five.

Loscutoff Signs Celtic Contract

BOSTON (AP)—Jim Loscutoff, University of Oregon forward and No. 1 draft choice of the Boston Celtics, Monday signed his 1955-56 National Basketball Association contract for Boston President Walter Brown.

A 6' 5" aggressive corner man weighing 230 pounds, Loscutoff was selected on the all-Pacific Coast Conference Northern Division team last season. He scored 505 points for a 19.4 average.

Coast Teams Slate Series

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The "marathon" teams of the Pacific Coast league swap opponents Monday and settle down Tuesday for another series in the Northwest.

The San Diego Padres, who went 29 innings in a pair of tight games at Portland Sunday, moved up to Seattle after a postponed game with Portland was rained out Monday. Sacramento, loser on both ends of a 22-inning two-game duel with the Rainiers, trotted down to Portland for a shot at the Beavers.

Delayed opening day festivities were scheduled Tuesday at Portland with the slumping Solons, league-leaders for two weeks, but current owners of a five-game losing streak, as guests. Two games, afternoon and night, are on tap.

Seattle, which climbed to first place on the strength of the five wins over Sacramento, was billed for a single night contest against the Padres, tied for third place with San Francisco and two games off the pace.

"Sister city" series were on the menu in the rest of the league, with San Francisco facing Oakland and Hollywood at Los Angeles.

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Spring Football Drills Continue

Spring football practice for Coach Len Casanova's 1955 grid club sloshed into its second week Monday with more experiments in the lineup.

The Ducks completed their first week of practice Saturday with a full-length scrimmage for the benefit of high school visitors, and several new faces were seen in the lineups. The scrimmage was the fifth of the week, all held in the rain, for the Webfoots.

More than 60 players are still out for the team and have been going through the basic drills in order for the Ducks to learn many fundamentals of the Oregon T-formation system. Oregon will be relying heavily on inexperienced players next fall with only 12 lettermen back from the 1954 team.

In Saturday's scrimmage not a single letter-winner was a starter for either side's backfield with several sophomores and some transfers getting some valuable experience. Tom Crabtree was the quarterback on the team which also included Jack Brown, Jack Morris and Jim Shanley in the backfield. Wally Russell headed the other team and had LeRoy Phelps, Fred Osborn and Chuck Miklacic with him.

The Ducks still have 14 practice sessions in store for them before winding up spring practice on May 14.

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