

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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Oregon finally got its Northern Division baseball season started Tuesday, edging Idaho 2-0, and with any break in the weather will continue it this weekend against the University of Washington. So far the Ducks have had five home rainouts, two of which (against Oregon State) can be made up. But a pair against WSC and a single game with Idaho are cancelled permanently.

These rainouts call for a new interpretation of the ND baseball picture. The favorites role has now shifted to Washington State. The Cougars have had all four Willamette valley games—traditionally a stumbling block for invading teams—washed out. Coach Buck Bailey's crew has played two games, beating tough Washington twice, and has had the other pair with the Huskies cancelled by rain.

Cougars Fourth in 1954

This leaves Washington State with eight games to play, six at home—against Oregon, OSC, Idaho—and two at Moscow against the Vandals. The Cougars finished fourth last year with a 7-9 mark. But Bailey's club won four straight pennants from 1947-1950.

In 1950 they won the PCC title and finished second in the NCAA, the highest a coast team has finished since 1948 when Southern Cal came in first. Washington State also ranks second to Oregon in composite standings. In 22 years of ND play (not counting 1955) Cougar teams have won 198 and lost 140 for a percentage of .586.

Oregon is first with 207-130 for .614. Oregon State follows in third with 178-157 for .531. Washington has 177-159 for .527, and Idaho trails with 77-246 for .238. Oregon has won the most ND pennants—10, WSC has won six, OSC five, Washington four, and Idaho none. While Idaho has never won a championship, WSC and Oregon have never finished last.

Ducks Hold Lifetime Edges

A breakdown of Oregon's standing reveals the Ducks have a 49-34 record against OSC, 45-39 against Washington, 46-38 versus WSC, and 67-17 against Idaho. Oregon defeated OSC four games to none in both 1934 and 1937, Washington 4-0 in 1939, 1943, 1946, and 1953, WSC in 1941 and 1952, and Idaho in 1930, 1931, 1937, 1942, 1943, 1948, 1949, 1951, and 1954. The Ducks have only been shut out twice, both times by Washington, in 1932 and 1951.

No team has ever gone through the season undefeated. The best marks are those posted by Oregon in 1937 and WSC in 1950—12 wins, 2 losses. In 1930 and 1951 Idaho lost 14 games without a win.

Maddox Tops Staff

On the basis of his four-hit shutout win over Idaho, preceded by a one-hitter against Willamette, sophomore Terry Maddox figures as the top pitcher on Coach Don Kirsch's staff. Maddox, a solidly built righthander (5' 11", 187 pounds) has pitched in four games, winning two and losing none. In 26 innings he has allowed 17 hits, two earned runs, walked six and fanned 18. His earned run average is a brilliant 0.70. Opposing batters have hit for a .155 average against him. Maddox has good speed, excellent control, and a wicked sidearm pitch which is very effective but which he uses sparingly.

Oregon's mound staff now has a composite ERA of 3.37, which is quite good. Duck pitchers have allowed the opposition 43 runs while the Webfoot batting attack has produced 64. As further evidence of the pitchers' effectiveness, they have recorded 53 strikeouts while walking 33. Duck batters have drawn 41 free passes and fanned 44 times.

San Francisco Beats Oakland with Late Rally

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—The San Francisco Seals Thursday night knocked four Oakland pitchers from the mound in a ninth inning six-run rally which gave them a 9-6 victory and a two to one lead in their Pacific Coast league series with the Acorns.

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Ducks Meet Huskies In Baseball Games

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With an assist from the weather, Oregon and Washington's baseball teams will tangle somewhere in the vicinity of Howe field at 3 p.m. today. Rain and baseball haven't mixed this spring, but the game will be played if at all possible, probably on the makeshift diamond that was used for Tuesday's contest with Idaho.

The same teams will play again Saturday at 2 p.m. A complete rainout today will necessitate a Saturday twin bill, to start at 1:30 p.m.

Washington got off to a fast start in the Northern Division race but has cooled off to 4-2. Oregon's record stands at 1-0, with most of the conference schedule being rained out.

Garner to Start

Oregon Coach Don Kirsch has indicated that he will start left-hander Bill Garner in the Friday contest. Saturday's pitcher will be either Bill Blodgett or Terry Maddox. Washington Coach Bill Marx will call on his two mound aces, Bill Reams and Monte Geiger.

The Duck infield will include firstbaseman Dick Schlosstein, hitting .314, secondsacker Jim Johnson .333, thirdbaseman Pete

Williams .325, and shortstop John Keller .296.

The outfield will be George Shaw in center .368, Jerry Ross in left .240, and either Bernie Averill .250 or Bob Wagner .267 in right. Neal Marlett .156 will catch.

The Washington lineup has been switched around recently. Sophomore Jack Brady from Bremerton has won the regular catching job from Jerry Ballard, who was second in the league in batting in 1954 with .467. Oregon's Norm Forbes, who led the league with .476, is still out with bursitis.

To take advantage of Ballard's heavy sticking, Marx has moved him to third base. Jack Scott, the regular third baseman, has

switched to second, where regular Harvey Jarvis is on the shelf with a sprained ankle.

Free-swinging Larry Watson handles first and sophomore Norm Huletz operates at shortstop.

Outfielders are Rod Pressey, .361 last year as a soph, Lou Roselli and Geiger.

Shelton May Break Record

DALLAS (AP)—Ernie Shelton, the West Coast jumping jack, goes after the fabulous seven feet in the high jump here Saturday night as the feature of the second annual quadrangle track and field meet in which national collegiate champion Southern California is the headliner.

Shelton has made 6 feet 10 inches commonplace and Southern California's athletic department says if the takeoff is in top shape at Dallas Stadium Shelton may hit the hitherto mythical figure to wipe out the world's record of 6 feet 11½ inches held by Walter Davis of Texas A & M.

Southern California, 18 times NCAA champion in the 25 meets that have been held and now working on a string of six titles in a row, will be overwhelmingly favored to win the meet in which Texas, Texas A & M and Southern Methodist are the other participants. A crowd of 10,000 or more is expected.

Bowling Tourney To Begin Monday

A singles bowling tournament for both men and women will open at the SU alleys beginning Monday. Deadline for registering for the tournament is Sunday.

SU Recreation Director Louis Bellissimo has urged all interested bowlers, whether experienced or beginners, to sign up for the tournament. Nine games will be rolled by each player between Monday and May 15.

Three divisions will be open to the men—scratch, handicap and beginning. The women will bowl in handicap and beginning divisions.

Duck Golf Team To Face Staters

A long undefeated string of matches for Oregon's varsity golf team will be at stake Saturday when the Duck divoters host strong Oregon State in a conference match.

Coach Sid Milligan's defending Northern Division champs and the Beavers will clash on the Eugene country club layout in a 36-hole match beginning at 9 a.m. Each school will play six men in best-ball competition in the morning and another 18 holes of individual match play in the afternoon.

A probable day full of showers will likely hover over Eugene to plague the two teams but the rain is not likely to hamper performances to much extent. Two weeks ago the Ducks defeated Washington in their opener in the rain with team scores being very creditable for early-season play.

Oregon has not been defeated in a conference meet since 1950 and have been dual-match titlists six straight years under Milligan. Last season Oregon won the medal-play tournament for the first time since 1947 with Oregon State finishing second.

Milligan will use a lineup composed of three veterans along with several promising sophomores against the Beavers. Captain Neil Dwyer, Bob Takano, Bobby Norquist, Don Bick, Barry Ott and Justin Smith will all see action Saturday.

Coach Jim Barrett of the OSC team will probably go with his highly-rated four of Bob Donnelly, Jerry Cloninger, Ray Lindquist and Larry Trogen plus Neils Reimers and Allen Wood in the fifth and sixth spots.

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