

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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All it took was some good weather and Oregon today is in first place in the Northern Division baseball standings. The Ducks not only got to play their first full series of the 1955 season Friday and Saturday against Washington, but it was also the first time a lack of "Valley Dew" had permitted them to use Howe field since a doubleheader with Willamette on April 8—three weeks ago.

The rain finally quit Friday and Oregon and rival Washington ventured onto the Frosh field for the first game of the series, but only after groundskeeper Mike Steddom burned 24 old tires, four 50-gallon drums of waste rubber and 150 gallons of gasoline to dry out the field. The freshman diamond is all dirt in the infield and the ground was still very muddy until the grounds crew worked it over.

It was cold and the wind was strong enough to play havoc with fly balls and make many pitches rise. There was a fairly large crowd on hand to watch the Ducks and Huskies in action, however, even though a good percentage were either major league scouts or else baseball happy kids with nothing else to do on a spring afternoon.

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And no one can say that the fans didn't get their money's worth—especially since the game was free to all comers to the makeshift field. First Washington took the lead with five big runs in the first. Then Oregon took over with rallies in the second, fourth, seventh and eighth. Washington got it back with seven big runs in their half of the ninth but Oregon won it in their half, 13-12.

Remarkably enough, there were only two errors in the game on the rough field, both by Husky Shortstop Jack Scott, who actually tossed the game away for Washington when he blew a double-play grounder in the ninth. The hitting was far better than the pitching with nine extra-base blows out of 21 hits for both teams.

Actually both the Oregon and Washington teams were somewhat the same—goot hitting, not-so-hot pitching. But there was a real contrast in coaches. Husky Coach Bill Marx and Oregon Coach Don Kirsch were about as alike as Brer Bear and Brer Rabbit of Ucle Remus fame.

A Second Durocher

Marx continually was on and off the bench, shouting at his players and cussing the umpires, and on at least two occasions during the series really gave the poor Boys in Blue a few hot words face to face. Kirsch, meanwhile, was a picture of serenity on the Duck bench, and about the only times he got up were to wander out to the pitching mound—head-down and hands in hip pockets—to offer a few words of encouragement to troubled hurlers.

A big crowd showed up for Saturday's explosive game, which was played on a finely-groomed Howe field that hardly showed the effects of three weeks of drenching under Oregon's unreliable skies. And the athletic department got back in business again with adults shelling out \$1—twice as much as Eugene Emeralds fans will have to pay—to see the contest.

As far as Oregon was concerned, everything that showed up on the scoreboard happened in one inning. The Ducks scored eight runs in that frame and that was all that was needed. Washington got four in the third and one in the eighth but the game ended 8-5.

Huskies In Bad Shape

Washington has now lost four in a row and will probably have plenty of trouble with Oregon State today and tomorrow at Corvallis. Figured as a title contender this season, especially after four easy wins over Idaho, the Huskies now appear to be destined for some spot other than first, which they have not grabbed since 1932.

Oregon at least has kept up with the formula of winning all home games plus splitting on the road to win the pennant. If the Ducks can take at least one from Washington State this weekend and three out of four from Idaho and Washington next week, they will have a good chance to defend their conference crown.

But the Webfoots are short on pitchers and Washington State has a good chance to back into the title with six straight road games rained out.

Webfoot Golfers Smother Aggies To Win Second

Oregon golf team remained undefeated Friday as the improving Ducks came from behind a morning best-ball deficit to win a convincing 19-8 match over Oregon State at the Eugene country club.

The win was the second Northern Division victory for the Webfoot golfers in two starts and kept their win streak, now in its fifth year, intact with victory number 22. For the Beavers it was the second straight conference loss after an impressive pre-conference record.

Oregon took advantage of a better balanced lineup in singles play as Coach Sid Milligan's team lost only 3½ out of 18 points in the afternoon round to wrap up an easy victory. In the morning rounds, OSC had taken a 5½-3½ lead, mostly on the strength of the best-ball 67 turned in by Jerry Cloninger and Ray Lindquist.

Ducks Trail

Only victory in the morning for the Ducks was recorded by Howard Zenger and Chuck Huggins, who combined to shoot a 68 to take all three points from the Beaver duo of Al Wood and Neils Reimers. Neil Dwyer and Don Bick picked up half a point from Bob Donnelly and Larry Trogen in other best-ball action.

In the afternoon it was all Oregon, as the sharp-shooting of the Ducks was too much for the poorly-balanced OSC squad. Only Donnelly could as much as manage a tie as he and Webfoot Sophomore Barry Ott matched par 72's over the long Eugene layout.

Medalist honors for the day in the singles was shared by four men—all with 72's. Besides Donnelly and Ott, Dwyer and Cloninger also finished even with the board, although Dwyer took 2½ points from the OSC first man by his more consistent scoring.

Go on Road

The match was the last home action of the season for the Ducks. Next weekend they will travel to the inland empire for matches with Idaho and Washington State, neither rated title contenders this year.

The following Saturday Oregon has a return match with OSC scheduled for the Corvallis country club and both teams will then go to Moscow for the Northern Division tournament May 21. Oregon is defending champion.

Friday's results:

Best ball—Donnelly and Trogen, OSC, (71) 2½; Dwyer and Bick, Oregon, (72) ½; Cloninger and Lindquist, OSC, (67) 3; Ott and Starling, Oregon, (71) 0; Zenger and Huggins, Oregon, (68) 3; Wood and Reimers, OSC (81) 0.
Individual—Dwyer, Oregon, (72) 2½; Cloninger, OSC, (72) ½; Ott, Oregon, (72) 1½; Donnelly, OSC (72) 1½; Takano, Oregon, (74) 2½; Trogen, OSC, (78) ½; Smith, Oregon (74) 3; Lindquist, OSC, (76) 0; Bick, Oregon, (75) 3; Reimers, OSC, (81) 0; Norquist, Oregon, (79) 2; Wood, OSC, (81) 1.

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Cindermen Top Cougars, 72-59

Paced by double winners Bill Dellinger and Martin Pedigo, Coach Bill Bowerman's Webfoot trackmen swept easily to their third straight Northern Division dual meet win as they topped Washington State, 72-59, at Pullman Saturday.

The Ducks are now only one victory away from a repeat of their perfect 1954 season in dual competition. May 14 the Oregon powerhouse will host Oregon State as part of Spring Sports Day to wind up their ND schedule. The Beavers lost to Washington Saturday, 87-44.

Dellinger romped to victories in both the mile and two mile runs. He trimmed 1.6 seconds off the meet mile mark, turning in a 4:17.0, his best of the year.

Pedigo Wins Two

Also making his best effort of the year was the rapidly improving sophomore broad jumper Martin Pedigo. The Hermiston star leaped 24' 1" for the best mark in the Northwest this season. He also tied for first place in the high jump with teammate Donn Sullivan, going 5' 9½".

Half miler Jim Bailey continued to smash records in his specialty—the 880. Bailey turned in a 1:53.7 to eclipse the 1:54.1 set in 1953 by WSC's Bill Link, who finished second to Bailey Saturday. The Australian champ has broken the meet record in each of Oregon's three division meets this season.

The host Cougars had three double winners. Alan Torgerson, who tied the high hurdle mark of 14.8, also won the lows. Sprinter Bob Gray ran the 100 in 9.7 and took the 220 in 21.6, topping Oregon's Bruce Springbett in both events. Burl Grinols won both the shot put and discus for WSC.

Webfoots Disqualified

The Duck score would have been higher, had not Bailey been disqualified for cutting in on Link in the second lap of the mile relay. The Webfoots fin-

ished first, but Washington State was given the five points.

Bob Reid pole vaulted 13' 4", his best vault of the year, to tie with Jerry Kenaston of the Cougars. Gordon Dahlquist kicked from fourth to first in the stretch of the quarter mile to take home the 440 win, and Ed Bingham threw the javelin 198' 11½" for the other Oregon first place.

Results:

100-yard dash: Gary (WSC), Springbett (O), Campbell (O). Time, 9.7.
220-yard dash: Gary (WSC), Springbett (O), Campbell (O). Time, 21.6.
440-yard dash: Dahlquist (O), Christensen (O), Duncan (WSC). Time, 50.1.
88-yard run: Bailey (O), Link (WSC), Clement (O). Time 1:53.7. (New record, breaking old mark of 1:54.1 set by Link in 1953.)
Mile run: Dellinger, (O), N. Rader (WSC), Reiser (O). Time, 4:17.0. (New record, breaking old mark of 4:18.6 set by Parnell (WSC) in 1951.)
Two mile run: Dellinger (O), N. Rader (WSC), M. Rader (WSC). Time, 9:41.9.
High hurdles: Torgerson (WSC), Bingham (O), Brown (WSC). Time, 14.8. (Ties record set by Poltfoot (WSC) in 1948.)
Low hurdles: Torgerson (WSC), Bingham (O), Talbot (O). Time, 24.0.
Broad jump: Pedigo (O), Bannick (WSC). Distance, 24' 1".
High jump: Tie for first between Sullivan (O) and Pedigo (O), tie for third between Manicke (WSC) and Snowden (WSC). Height, 5' 9½".
Pole vault: Tie for first between Reid (O) and Kenaston (WSC), Tie for third between Mannex (O) and Hikenbottom (O). Height, 13' 4".
Shot put: Grinols (WSC), Moad (O), Turner (WSC). Distance 50' 3".
Discus: Grinols (WSC), Badorek (O), Brown (WSC). Distance 144' 4¼".
Javelin: Bingham (O), Paulson (WSC), Thurman (WSC). Distance, 198' 11½".
Relay: Washington State (Langdon, Ruehl, Duncan, Link). No time, Oregon won in 3:21.4, but was disqualified.

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