

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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The calendar says it is May, which is traditionally a time for April showers to end and allow the national pastime to continue being the national pastime. But as far as colleges in the Northern Division of the Pacific Coast baseball conference are concerned, there's not much that the month of May can do to make up for April's showers.

Rain in the Northwest has produced what will probably be the most disastrous spring sports season in history for the five ND schools.

Art Litchman, Oregon's athletic publicity director, has compiled some statistics that show just how disastrous the 1955 monsoon season has been to the University athletic department financially. Although the total is "not too big a chunk out of a fairly large spring sports budget," in the terms of a common man it's still money that can't be spent on Oregon athletics.

Rain Costs Money

The Webfoots have been able to run all their track meets and have been rained out of only three league baseball games, but the overall loss for the spring's work will run from \$2000 to \$2500 in modest figures.

Rain beat the Webfoots twice against Washington State and once with Idaho and two more times in non-conference play. Litchman rates the WSC pair as \$700 or \$800 quite literally down the drain and about \$250 to \$300 gone on the Idaho single.

The non-leaguers were worth about \$100 apiece, which makes a total of only \$1200 at the most, but there is more to figure in. Although both Washington games were squeezed in on makeshift fields, the handful that saw them got in free, since the regular diamond wasn't used, added a second \$800 to the amount.

OSC Admissions Cut

On top of all this, although the early Oregon State pair was rescheduled and will be played in two doubleheaders, only one admission can be charged for each pair. Thus \$500 each must be tacked onto the deficit for two games that will be played.

This takes care of baseball, with the exception of a few minor expenses which mounted up when the grounds crew tried to get Howe field in shape for the rained-out games. However, the crew would have been working anyway and the materials used cost very little in relation to the total.

Of course if the elements descend in force on one of the Beaver doubleheaders coming up, another \$500 must be added in red.

Track Crowds Down

Track is another contributor to the difficulties, since paying crowds have been appreciably cut down by the inclement weather. In addition, the revenue that usually comes from four or five hundred fans watching the Hayward relays at approximately a dollar a head was cut out when rain and cold moved the high school cinder carnival to the physical education track.

One expense that hasn't troubled the Webfoots too much is traveling expenses. Litchman estimates that Idaho and Washington State lost nearly \$1000 apiece on fruitless trips to the Willamette valley. Oregon lost about \$150 on its only trip rainout, a jaunt to McMinnville for a Linfield game.

These trips, though, are the sole hard luck of the traveling team, since no guarantees are in force in spring sports.

Duck Gridders Work Out In Third Week of Practice

Oregon's spring football practice entered its third week yesterday as rain let up temporarily to let the 60-man squad get in some practice.

Coach Len Casanova's youthful squad had to work out most of its first two weeks of practice

in late spring rains, but the dry skies the last few days has given the team a chance for more ball-handling and experimentation.

Casanova is still trying to find a good replacement at end to go with Phil McHugh, the only let-terman wingman.

Oregon Leads ND Standings In Spring Play

Northern Division Dual-Match Standings

Track	W	L	Pct.
Oregon	3	0	1.000
Washington State	2	1	.667
Washington	1	1	.500
Idaho	0	2	.000
Oregon State	0	2	.000

Tennis	W	L	Pct.
Washington	3	0	1.000
Washington State	1	0	1.000
Oregon	1	1	.500
Idaho	0	2	.000
Oregon State	0	2	.000

Golf	W	L	Pct.
Oregon	2	0	1.000
Washington	2	1	.667
Idaho	1	1	.500
Washington State	0	1	.000
Oregon State	0	2	.000

With about half the Northern Division spring sports season gone, Oregon is well on its way to defend its 1954 championships with a good chance for a run-up spot in tennis.

Besides leading the league in baseball, despite three cancelled games, Oregon teams have gone into the lead in track and golf with two matches played in each. The Duck tennis team currently stands behind perennial-champion Washington.

One Loss Suffered

A tennis loss to Washington has been the only defeat suffered in league competition by any of the Oregon individual-participation teams and both the golf and track teams are good bets to remain unbeaten, just as they were last season.

In track the Oregon squad has only a match with Oregon State in two weeks to wrap up an undefeated string. Both the golf and tennis teams play two matches this weekend as they go to the Inland Empire to tangle with Idaho and Washington State.

Beavers Fail Tests

Standings are virtually the same in all three dual-match sports with Washington State in second spots and Oregon State bringing up the rear in all three. The Beavers have not won a conference match in six tries.

Oregon will rule as the favorite in both the golf and track tournaments, even if they fail to win the dual-match titles. Washington is generally conceded the tennis championship again, but Oregon will be out for the Number Two spot.

Softball Reopens With Six Games

Intramural softball got in its first full schedule since April 7 Monday afternoon with two no-hitters being featured among the four games played. Two games ended in forfeits.

The games were the beginning of rescheduling that was necessary after 37 games—more than half of the original schedule was put off by the continuing April rains. Monday's contests were the games originally scheduled for April 13.

Meanwhile intramural tennis and golf continued with both bracket tournaments having nearly completed first-round play. Softball play will continue Wednesday after taking a day off because of the varsity baseball game. Both other sports have matches scheduled Tuesday.

In Monday's games no-hitters were pitched by Joyle Dahl of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Bob Hinman of Phi Kappa Sigma. It was the second straight no-no game for Dahl, who beat Lambda Chi Alpha 14-0 in his first start April 5.

The SAE's beat Pi Kappa Alpha 10-0 in their Monday start, which went only four innings. Howard Hedinger hit a home run with two men on base for the big blow for the winners.

In the Phi Kap game Hinman's mastery of Sigma Alpha Mu led to a 17-0 victory in four innings. The victors got 12 hits and Gordon Norbriga had a perfect four-for-four day at bat, including a home run.

In other action Monday Camp-

bell club remained undefeated in League IV with a 9-5 win over Kappa Sigma. It was the Kappa Sig's second straight loss. The Straub Frosh needed only four innings to crush Hunter hall 14-1 for their second straight win.

The two forfeit wins were picked up by French hall and Barrister Inn. French got its first win of the year when Cherney hall failed to field a team and Barrister won its second game the easy way from Gamma hall.

The rest of the schedule this week will see six games postponed from April 18 slated for Wednesday, six from April 19 scheduled for Thursday and six from April 22 planned for Friday. More games will be made up next week.

Intramural track will open next Monday after a schedule was recently drawn up. It will be run on the same plan as softball and the schedule will be released later.

Intramural teams this term are aiming for four team titles last season all won by fraternities. Phi Delta Theta won both the track and golf titles while Alpha Tau Omega won tennis and Phi Kappa Sigma topped softball.

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Tuesday

Tennis

4:00 Delta Tau Delta vs. Gamma hall, courts 4, 5, 6.

Golf

Legal Eagles vs. Sigma Chi, Oakway.

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