

# EMERALD Sports

## Duck Tracks

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Ever stop to think how many pitches a hurler makes in an average inning? Or in a nine-inning game? If he does a good job he probably won't make over 120. This averages out to 13-plus per inning. But he may make more than 150 pitches and hurl a shutout. And he may make 85 and lose.

Good control pitchers have it a lot easier than those noted for wildness. The batters will be swinging and not waiting him out. The pitcher will be able to save his strength and weather out the late (or extra) innings.

On the Oregon pitching staff sophomore John Lundell seems to get by with as few pitches as any. Against Portland Tuesday he made 33 pitches in three innings. Earlier against Washington he got by with a total of 25 pitches in four innings. The string was seven, six, six, six, for the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth innings.

### Can't Find Plate

But in the ninth he ran into trouble. He couldn't find the plate and dished up 35 pitches to seven batters. Terry Maddox came in and made 23 more—a total of 58 for the inning—as the Huskies scored seven runs. Incidentally in that long 13-12 contest the Ducks won, Washington pitchers made 159 pitches and Oregon pitchers made 164.

Pitching against Portland U. early in the season Bill Blodgett tossed a three-hit, seven-inning shutout and threw 119 times. This averages 153 for a nine-inning contest. Compare this with the 159-164 in the 13-12 game. Blodgett allowed six walks and made 20 pitches almost every inning, but for the fourth when he got by with five.

Maddox has done very well for himself as a sophomore. In 28 innings he has walked eight and has an earned run average of 1.29. In his seven-inning, one-hit shutout against Willamette, he made 83 pitches, which averages a little less than 107 for nine. In his nine-inning whitewashing of Idaho he made 106 pitches.

### Turnabout in Averages

Although Oregon has practically the same baseball personnel as in 1954, you can't tell much about this year's hitters from last year's averages. Norm Forbes was the top Northern Division hitter with .476. But his season's average is only .222 to date, although he is definitely coming out of his slump.

George Shaw hit .328 and is hitting .320 now but was up around .500 and is slumping terribly. And Neal Marlett hit .321 in 1954 play, but is limping along at .163 on the season so far. And he batted cleanup at times last year. Now he bats eighth (but is still the best defensive catcher in the league).

And who batted in the eighth slot in 1954? It was Jim Johnson, and he was down there because he hit .226. But he is only hitting a cool .388 now, and that average is going up with each game. Jerry Ross hit only .241 in 1954 but is smacking a robust .351 in 1955. And Pete Williams, who hit a far from rousing .254 last year, is currently sporting a .365 average.

### Five ND All-Stars

Other comparable averages: Dick Schlosstein hit .297 and is hitting .261. John Keller batted .246 and is now at .263. Williams, Keller, Shaw, Marlett, and Forbes all made the all-Northern Division team, Forbes as a pitcher. But it looks like Norm won't be doing any pitching in the ND this year, so he will have to make it as an outfielder, even if second baseman Johnson has to run out and take the ball from him on balls hit to right field.

With their 6-1 record, it looks like Southern Cal will take the Southern Division title. This year's playoff will be at the southern school, and that will make it doubly tough for the northern winner.

At Eugene last year Oregon won the Far West championship, beating Fresno State, which whipped USC twice in the double-elimination tourney. The Trojans thought they had it in the bag even before they went north, press releases from Los Angeles stating that the Trojans would have it easy at Omaha (scene of the national championships) because of their five starting pitchers! They were humiliated but will be resolved to make up for it.

# Webfoots Enter Squad In Vancouver Relays

Hoping to improve on their last year's second place finish, twenty-two members of Bill Bowerman's Oregon track squad left Thursday morning for the seventh annual Vancouver relays in Vancouver, B.C., scheduled to begin Saturday morning.

Several Webfoots are expected to figure heavily in an assault on records at this year's meet, with the Duck distance men especially favored.

Oregon's crack distance medley quartet of Bill Dellinger, Gordon Dahlquist, Jim Bailey and Ken Reiser will be eyeing the mark of 10:27.0 set by a University of British Columbia team. The same Quack foursome ran their specialty ten seconds faster at the Willamette relays earlier this year under unfavorable weather conditions.

With no two mile run slated for the meet, attention will focus on the mile event, where Dellinger and Bailey will vie with Denny Meyers, ex-University of Washington PCC

two-mile champ. Meyer, running unattached at Vancouver Saturday, has reportedly run a 4:15 mile this season. Dellinger's best effort for 1955 is 4:17, considerably under the record he set last year in beating favored Bill Parnell, former WSC ace, in 4:23.4.

Other records pegged to fall by the boards include Martin Pedigo's 23' broad jump leap of 1954 and the javelin standard of 188' 6 1/2" established by Bob Hall of Willamette in 1950.

Pedigo set his mark while competing for the Oregon Frosh last year and has a 24' 1" leap this season. Ed Bingham is almost certain to top the javelin standard. The ex-Medford ace owns a 204' 5" high mark to date.

Webfoot weight man Jack Moad has a chance to crack the existing shot put mark of 49' 10" set by Oregon State's Duane Eby, but it will take one of his top performances to do it. Moad hit 49' 10 1/2 against Washington two weeks ago.

The Duck thinclads will be without the services of both their top hurdlers. Bill Sorsby, who missed two previous meets because of an influenza condition, will remain sidelined for another week under doctor's orders. Sophomore high hurdler Doug Basham has suffered a leg injury but should be ready for the Northern Division dual meet

windup with Oregon State next week.

Also remaining at home is sprinter LeRoy Campbell, who is recovering from a cold.

The Relays will be a return home for pole vaulter Bob Reid, half-miler Doug Clement, sprinter Bruce Springbett and Don Steen—all natives of British Columbia. The only freshman making the trip, Steen is a high jumper, hurdler and javelin thrower from South Burnaby, B.C.

Springbett established the 100-yard dash mark of 9.8 last year and will be a threat in both the century and 220 sprints again this spring.

Only new face in the Oregon traveling squad list is Chuck Phillips, a senior high jumper who has been out of competition for several years.

### Olson-Moore Bout Slated for June

NEW YORK (AP)—Archie Moore, light-heavyweight champion of the world, will defend his title against Carl Bobo Olson of San Francisco, in the Polo Grounds on Wednesday night, June 22.

No terms were revealed. Should Olson, the middleweight king, win in the Moore bout he would be required to give up his 160-pound crown.

## Intramural Track Slated

Intramural track gets underway Monday afternoon with two dual meets scheduled at 4:55 for the intramural field.

Seven events will be on the agenda for each track meet and two meets a day are scheduled for the next two weeks. The bracket tournament is a single-elimination affair and 26 teams have been entered.

No letterman will be permitted to compete for any living organization team and no spikes should be worn by any competitor. Each entry will be limited to one running event, one field event and the relay.

Other events besides the 3/4 mile relay will include the high hurdles, 75-yard dash, high jump, broad jump, pole vault and shot put.

Sigma Nu and Gamma hall will clash in one meet Monday while Hale Kane and Phi Kappa Sigma will provide other competition. The first round will be nearly completed by the end of next week. The championship meet will be run May 26.

Phi Delta Theta, the defending IM track champion, draws a bye in the first round and will not race until May 16, against the winner of the Sigma Nu-Gamma hall meet. Others to draw byes include Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi and Theta Chi.

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