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UO Thinclads Leave For Seattle ND Test

A 20-man Oregon track squad left for Seattle at 8 o'clock this morning, favored to walk off with the Northern Division track meet Saturday for the second

straight time on strength in the middle and long distance runs and overall depth.

Last year the Webfoots staged a tight duel with Washington and finished on top by one point with a vital mile relay victory. This spring, however, the Ducks have overpowered all dual meet opponents and figure to walk away from the other four division entrants.

Coach Bill Bowerman still has not decided whether or not to run distance aces Bill Dellinger and Jim Bailey in more than one race apiece. "We'll wait and see how the field events are going, before the final decision," Bowerman said.

Dellinger is defending ND champion in the mile and Bailey broke the half mile record every time he ran it in a division dual meet this year. By entering Bailey in the 880 and mile and putting Dellinger in the two mile in addition to his specialty, Bowerman could pick up additional points.

Sprinter Bruce Springbett, who chased Washington State's Bob Gary in the 100 and 220 last year, will run the 440 for the

Ducks this year and cut out the century dash altogether.

Springbett raced to a 50.4 quarter mile win against Oregon State last weekend. Bowerman said that the senior speedster might run the 220 in addition to the 440 Saturday.

Seven individual winners from the 1954 meet will return to defend their titles. Gary leads the list with both 100 and 220 championships. Oregon has two miler Ken Reiser and Dellinger back, Washington also has two winners, Oregon State one and WSC one in addition to Gary.

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Duck Tracks

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The annual event is here—the last-of-the-season Oregon-Oregon State series to decide the Northern Division baseball championship. Once again the two rivals are meeting to see who will represent the northern half of the Pacific Coast conference in the annual playoffs, this year to be held in Los Angeles May 28-29, with the USC Trojans as hosts.

Oregon is the two-time defending Northern Division champion. Oregon State won in 1951-52 and is thirsting for a return to former glory. All other teams have been eliminated from the race, and the championship rests squarely on the games today and Saturday.

The Beavers, of course, must win three of the last four to satisfy their pennant hopes. Oregon needs only two wins. Last year it was just the reverse. Oregon needed three wins—and the Ducks got them, the last being a 4-0 shutout authored by lefty Trent Huls. Coach Don Kirsch's club then went on to annex their District 8 (Far West) title, but lost out in the NCAA finals at Omaha.

Ducks Floated to '53 Crown

In 1953 the early games were rained out. Oregon won the first of the final four game series and with it the championship. The last three games were washed away—not played. And ever since Oregon State has been saying they lost to the weather, not to Oregon.

1952 was one of the closest races on record. OSC finally came up with the title, although finishing in a 10-6 tie with Washington, Oregon placing third with 9-6. Since the Beavers won three of four from the Huskies, they were awarded the right to entertain USC in the PCC playoffs.

This is usually regarded as a dubious privilege, especially by Southern California baseball writers, who regard the Trojans as invincible. But the Beavers surprised to win two straight, and then knocked off Fresno State. They placed sixth in the national finals.

Oregon Needs Only Two

As for the series this weekend, OSC supposedly has the batting edge, with Oregon being the superior fielding team and with probably a little better pitching.

Each team will be looking for a sweep today. If Oregon State can win two, then the pressure is on Oregon tomorrow. The Ducks need to take both on Coleman field. Of course if Oregon takes today's pair, Saturday's games will be anticlimactic.

Both teams are loaded with veteran performers—players who want to wind up their final season with a championship. George Shaw, Norm Forbes and Pete Williams are four-year vets. Jim Johnson, Bill Blodgett, Bernie Averill, Neal Marlett and Bob Wagner are finishing out their third years.

Beaver Four-Strippers Eager

The Beavers have four-year lettermen in Jay Dean, Chuck Fisk, Bob Buob and Jim Ruggles. They won as freshmen (when freshmen were eligible) and would like nothing better than to win again.

Try comparing season's records. Oregon State has won 13, lost 8. Oregon stands at 16-5. Since returning from the early California tour, the Ducks have played 14-2 ball. OSC has done nearly as well—12 and three.

Or match the Oregon State hitting versus the Oregon defense. It still looks the same as last year. Our pitchers must stop their hitters. And if their infield should come apart again, we won't be unhappy. The Ducks only need two wins—they should get them.

Ducklings Topple Eugene High, 9-3

The Oregon Frosh broke loose for four runs in the fourth and five runs in the sixth to hand Eugene high school's Axemen a 9-3 decision in a seven-inning contest on the freshman diamond Thursday. John McCall was the winning pitcher, and Catcher Ron Dodge collected two-for-three.

The Ducklings travel to Salem Saturday for a tilt with the State Penitentiary team. The game is scheduled for 1 p.m.

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McCall, Beck (6) and Dodge.

Netters Vie For ND Title

All five Northern Division tennis teams will move into Pullman today and Saturday as they enter the annual ND tournament that will decide the 1955 team title.

Played on an individual basis, with each place earning a given number of points, the matches will begin today and conclude with the finals Saturday afternoon on the WSC courts.

Huskies Take Dual Meets

Washington came out on top in the dual meet standings, capturing four wins without a defeat. Oregon and OSC tied for the runner-up spot with 3-2 slates. Washington State and Idaho trailed in that order.

The Huskies are heavily favored to repeat their team title from many years back. Singles ace Bill Quillian, winner of the ND crown for three straight years, will be back for another try at it. Doyle Perkins of the Huskies, last year's singles runner-up and winning doubles partner of Quillian, is back for his junior year.

Winners Get 5 Points

In point ratings, the top man in each division earns five points for his team. The runner-up spot is worth three points and the semi-finalists will get one point apiece. A score of 20 points is the maximum possible.

Oregon's entry includes Ron Carlson, Bob Baker, Dick Gray and Dick Hamilton. All participated last year with the exception of Carlson.

Phi Psi's, Sigs, Move Into Final

Tightly pitched games, won by the offensive work of the pitchers themselves, Thursday advanced Phi Kappa Psi and Sigma Chi into the Monday IM softball final. The Phi Psi's nipped Phi Kappa Sigma 1-0 in a double no-hitter, and the Sig's squeezed by Legal Eagles 3-2.

Sophomore Larry Anderson tossed the no-no for Phi Psi, and scored the winning run in the second inning. After Anderson had walked, a wild heave into centerfield on a dribbler to the mound moved him clear around to the plate. Bob Hinman threw the losing no-hitter.

Rich Butler of the Sig's locked with Bob Altman in a pitching duel that went into the eighth inning a 2-2 tie. Then Butler broke it up by cranking out a single with a man on. Jack Sherman homered earlier for the winners.

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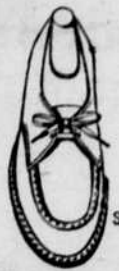
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