

Duck Tracks

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Now that they're starting to hang football coaches more literally than the comfortable effigy style so popular last fall, it might be a safe switch to change the subject from abnormal psychology to something like the weather—which isn't a safe subject in itself at all times—especially around Oregon athletes who are supposed to be working themselves into shape in the off season.

"I wake up in the morning and tell myself I'm lucky it's such a good day," griped John Raventos, varsity tackle by profession, California by residence. "And all the time I really don't believe myself — the sun may shine, but it's just too doggone cold. All I can do is play handball; you can't work outside.

"Do you realize," he continued with a pained expression, "that we played in weather from 17 to 97 degrees last fall?" And in between John forgot to mention the mud and driving rain of Hayward field during the Oregon State finale. Talent recruiting isn't the only advantage that the California schools have over the Northern Division.

Outside Work Necessary

"The trouble is you've got to go outside," says Jim Bailey, the distance man. Oregon track men have probably put as much mileage on the halls of Mac court as they have burned into the Hayward field cinders. "But that's not enough," speaks Bailey for the Webfoot thinclads: "you've got to get outside, even though it's cold—and that's the trouble now."

Bill Bowerman, the Oregon track boss, has mentioned that the Eugene climate is one of the best for training distance men, and points to the countries where the top long-range runners live—this ideal climate being the relatively mild, but not too hot variety. Right now the weather reports belie Bill's statement, however.

Bowerman, of course, is still in Pakistan on a State Department sponsored jaunt, helping to train Pakistani nationals for the coming Olympics. The big problem there, he reports in a letter to Bailey, is the heat, which limits most of the training to sprints up to the 440 only. The talent is pretty good, but the days are too hot to be out long enough to work on the longer distances. Nevertheless, the Pakistan delegation at Melbourne will probably have an Oregon flavor.

Back in the Mac court hallways, Bowerman's men are facing an opposite problem in climate, sharing the running boards with the pitchers and catchers of the Duck baseball crew, who are also taking early workouts.

Bill Sorsby, the do-everything man from last year's squad, has charge of the pre-season track training until Bowerman returns in March. Sorsby was most noted for his hurdling, but he went in almost any event the Ducks needed him and turned in good performances. He was the kind of a man that was handy to have around.

Grapplers Try Snow

Back at the weather front, Oregon's varsity wrestlers brought back some interesting stories from Pullman, where they went to meet Washington State last week. Seems the Webfoots weren't satisfied at having to put their cars back on the road several times after sliding over into drifts, they took to the snow of the sloping WSC campus after they got there.

Intrigued by the crowds of students sliding down the hills on dishpans, boxes and sheets of cardboard, the Oregon grapplers took to the slope themselves. They reported no broken records (nor limbs, Bill Hammer adds thankfully), but Roy Schlessner says the U.S. winter Olympic team missed a bet when it passed up Ken Kesey as the lead man on its bobsled team.

The WSC coach later told them that the student union cafeteria lost 100 trays in two days during the last snow spell because of the lure of the slopes. The Webfoots spent a night in the union—a three million dollar building constructed in 1952. In addition to the usual meeting and banquet rooms ad infinitum, the union has very nice private rooms and sleeping porches for visitors.



BILL SORSBY
Do-all man now head man

Ducks Take to Road For Weekend Games

The Oregon Webfoots, after a series split with USC on Dads' weekend, face another tough PCC opponent, the tall Washington Huskies at Seattle this Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. In the only previous meeting this season, a non-conference affair, the Ducks edged UW, 53-51, in overtime, Jan. 11 at Eugene.

The tough defensive work of forward Ray Bell nixed the effectiveness of 6'8" soph star Bruno Boin in that contest. Since then Boin has gained poise and is the PCC's third scorer with 133 points for a 16.6 average.

Huskies Have Depth

The Huskies have the home court advantage and an edge in height and bench strength. They were in the thick of the conference race until twice defeated last weekend by UCLA at Pan Pacific auditorium in Los Angeles.

Washington gave the undefeated Bruins their biggest scare Friday night before succumbing in the last seconds 61-60. Saturday, UCLA shook off the tough Washington defense and took the Huskies 82-75.

Ducks in Sixth

The Huskies were dropped from second to fifth at 5-3 behind the Bruins, Stanford, USC and California. Oregon is firmly wedged in sixth place with a 3-5 record. Two wins by the underdog Webfoots would tie them with Washington, while the Huskies need to take the series in order to remain in the title race.

Coach Tippy Dye may start Jim Coshaw, 6'6", and Ron Olsen, 6'4," at forwards; Boin at center; with Doyle Perkins and John Tuft or Ron Patroc at the guard spots.

Franklin Draws Praise

Bill Borchert said that he thought the Ducks handled themselves creditably in splitting with USC, a club with "the best personnel we've seen yet." The lanky coach praised sophomore Charlie Franklin for his fine work against the Trojans.

Borchert will probably go with Franklin and Bell at forwards; Max Anderson at center; with Jerry Ross and Phil McHugh at the guard slots.

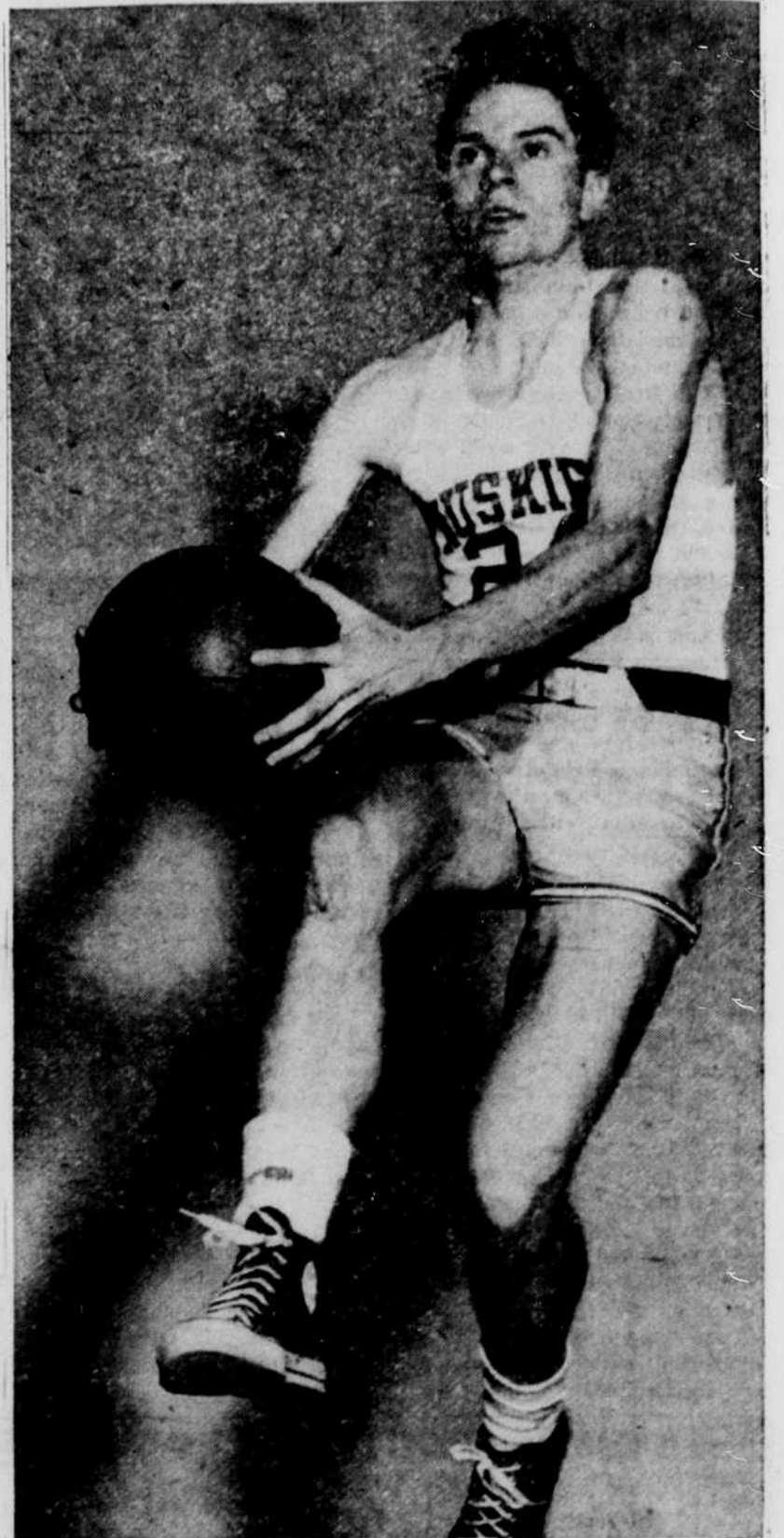
Earl Ralf Named New Oregon Tennis Mentor

Lt. Col. Earl W. Ralf, former tennis player and instructor at Knox College, Illinois, was named University of Oregon tennis coach Tuesday, according to Lee A. Harris, athletic director.

Ralf, an associate professor in Military Science at Oregon, has called an initial meeting of all varsity tennis prospects for Wednesday afternoon in the Lettermen's lounge at the athletic department. Meeting will start at 4 p.m. All members of last year's varsity and freshman teams and all others who desire to participate are invited.

The new Webfoot tennis coach played three years at Knox college and later instructed there. He played in summer tournaments from 1936 to 1940 and played on the U.S. Army tennis team in Istanbul, Turkey.

Along with the regular conference schedule and northern division tournament, Knox has scheduled several pre-season matches. The varsity tennis schedule starts April 6.



DOYLE PERKINS, 6'0" senior guard for Coach Tippy Dye's Washington hoop forces, will be a probable starter for the Huskies this weekend when they play host to Bill Borchert's Webfoots in a Pacific Coast conference series in Seattle. Perkins, a speedy ball hustler, is especially noted for his unique jump shot.

Monday IM Results

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, and Phi Delta Theta all took wins in Monday night Intramural basketball A games.

Greg Lininger, tall Phi Delta center and Cal Calloway each scored 8 points in leading the winners to their victory over the ATO's. Chuck Huggins was high point man for the losers.

In the second scheduled game

'Mays', 'Rigney' Purchase Ducats

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP) — The Dodgers opened public sale of tickets for their home games in Jersey City Tuesday and the first two purchasers were Bill Rigney and Willie Mays.

They weren't the manager and star centerfielder of the Giants. Mays is a Jersey City boy and Rigney comes from Irvington, N.J. The fathers of both boys were on hand, too, and so—by a coincidence—were a lot of photographers who had been alerted to the possibility of something unusual.

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of the afternoon, Phi Kappa Psi, in a tight ball game, edged Theta Chi 17-15. High scorers for the tiff were Dick Barnard of Phi Psi and Olson of Theta Chi, each with six.

In the final game of the afternoon, in another hotly contested scrimmage, Joyle Dahl garnered nine to lead the SAE's to a 27-24 win over Pi Kappa Alpha. Teub had eight for the losers.

The box scores:

Phi Deltas (31) ATO's (24)
Costi (4)F..... (6) Eblevans
Ryan (4)F..... (10) Huggins
Lininger (8)C..... Moad
Johnson (3)G..... (2) Pfeister
Hastings (4)G..... (2) Basham
Subs: Phi Deltas—Calloway (8), Schlosstein. ATO's — Morgan, Nance, Keller (4).

Phi Psi (17) Theta Chi's (15)
Woods (4)F..... Ott
Newton (5)F..... Titus
Barnard (6)C..... 4 Weatherford
StarlingG..... (5) Davis
ThomasG..... (6) Olson
Subs: Phi Psi—Bell (2).

SAE (27) PIKA's (24)
Harding (6)F..... (2) Larimore
Rapp (6)F..... (3) Fischer
Hedford (6)C..... (8) Teub
Dahl (9)G..... (6) Harkenon
BoehmG..... (5) Ripke
Subs: SAE—Stevens. PIKA—Bach.