

Duck Tracks

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The famous baseball name of Averill is destined to hit major league box scores this season after a 14-year lapse. It was in 1942 that Howard Earl "Rock" Averill quit the game after a great career as a Cleveland outfielder. And in 1956, his son, catcher Earl Douglas Averill, was signed to the Cleveland roster.

Young Averill resents being called "Earl, Jr." so to keep things clear we'll call him "Rock II." A fine broth of a lad he is too, weighing 200 pounds and standing 5'10".

Rock II was an outfielder at Oregon from 1951 to 1953 and the oldtimers on campus remember him as a power hitter even then. Upon graduation he signed a Cleveland contract, receiving \$4,000.

The 24-year-old native of Snohomish, Wash. was farmed out to Reading, Pa. In his first pro year, playing outfield and catching, he hit .314. In 1954 it was .295. Last year, at Nashville he averaged .298. His lack of speed handicapped him in the garden but he is quick and agile behind the plate.

The thing that delights Cleveland manager Al Lopez is Rock II's power and clutch hitting. The number eight spot in the Indian batting order has long been a quiet one and the long base hits Averill delivered in spring training put him in line as the number one choice to relieve aging Jim Hegan.

Catcher Spots Full

When Rock II joined the Indian training camp in Arizona he found plenty of competition for the catcher's spot. Hegan was still a good handler of pitchers, Hal Naragon had a fine 1955 season at the plate and Hank Foiles seemed to be Lopez' choice to succeed Hegan.

Rock II's slugging and general attitude brought this comment from Senor Lopez: "Earl Averill is 100 per cent improved this spring. His catching has improved to the point where, if he continues hitting, there's no limit to how high he can go with this team. I know he was regarded as a plumber behind the plate last year, that he couldn't throw too well and that he is slow."

"He has learned to move behind the plate," continued the Tribe chief, "which helps his receiving and also puts him in a position to throw much quicker. I don't care about his speed, as long as he trots around the bases often enough on home runs."

Weakness Could Be Fixed

It may be remembered that Lopez caught more games than any other receiver in major league history. A glaring weakness on the Cleveland club for the past few years seems to be corrected if Averill can acquire enough polish defensively to appear in many games this year. That weakness has been the bottom of the batting order. With Chico Carrasquel, a pesky hitter, taking over shortstop after the White Sox trade, and Averill in there, some punch will be added.

The solidly-built Averill has sturdy, muscular legs the size of a young oak tree. He has a pug nose, memento of a knee in the mush during a high school football game. A two-inch scar on the rear of his scalp is clearly visible through his brush haircut.

"Happened a year ago last winter," he reports, "when I was with the Willard Battery club in Barranquilla (Colombia). The batter hit a fly to right and the runner on third tried to score. He slid right into my lap and I took off after him. He ran into the dugout and I never did catch him. The hitter picked up my mask and cracked me from behind. I felt the blood but not the blow. They separated us before anything else happened."

No Comment on Chattanooga Fuss

"Oh yes, the runner was out. I still had the ball in my hand when it was all over." Averill was mixed up in quite a fracas in Chattanooga last summer which he refuses to talk about on the advice of his lawyer. A damage suit resulting from the melee is to be heard soon. Rumor has it that Rock II popped a Chattanooga player in the schnoz, coming to the defense of his pitcher. Oh yes, he broke it.

Otherwise, Rock II is a peaceful but determined young man. He intends to make the Cleveland team. "I'm tired of the minors," he announces, "even though I've only been there two full years. It's hard to play in the minors when you've got a wife and two kids to support. I'm trying to convince somebody I belong up here."

So far he has been very convincing.

Portland Blanks Oregon Netmen

The Oregon tennis squad became Portland University's 70th consecutive victim in a lopsided 7-0 match here Thursday. The defeat stopped an Oregon winning streak at three matches, as the Duck netmen grabbed but two singles sets from the onrushing and talented Pilots.

Oregon, coached by Lt. Col. Earl Ralf, face a busy weekend with a match set for Salem today against Willamette and another scheduled with Reed's Griffins at Portland on Saturday. Although the Ducks downed Reed in an earlier match, Col. Ralf expects them to be stronger on Saturday.

Results:
Singles—Rose (UP) def. Bob Gorman (O), 6-0, 6-0. Jerry Doyle (UP) def. Marv Woods (O), 6-1, 6-1. Curt Solheim (UP) def. Jim Larpenteur (O), 6-1, 8-6. Vince Altenhofen (UP) def. Bruce Bloomfield (O) 2-6, 8-6, 6-2. Eddie Grover (UP) def. Phil Lowthian (O), 7-5, 6-3.

Doubles—Rose and Doyle (UP) def. Gorman and Woods (O), 6-0, 6-0. Solheim and Grove (UP) def. Lowthian and Larpenteur (O), 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

Sigs, Lawyers Win IM Tilts

Two shut-outs, a high-scoring tie and three fairly tight contests marked intramural softball play for Thursday. No forfeits were recorded, a rare occurrence in spring team ball play thus far.

Alpha hall initiated the afternoon's action with a 14-10 shading of Omega. Hurler Stuart "Alpha" Seltzer paced his mates to their win. In an intra-Earl tilt, Sheldon downed Stafford by a 12-6 score.

McClure and Young ran neck-and-neck to a unique 11-11 deadlock, and Sigma Chi whitewashed Theta Chi, 7-0.

Jumping on Dudley Makahanaloa for numerous hits, Legal Eagles upset Hale Kane, 7-0. Dorm Counselors offset advanced age to edge Campbell Club by a 3-2 count.

In tennis, Tau Kappa Epsilon forfeited their match to Phi Delta Theta. Results of the golf match between Delta Tau Delta and Hunter were not available.

Frosh Encounter Linfield JV, OSC

The Frosh baseball team, hoping to better their two win-three loss record will travel to McMinnville today to take on the Linfield JV's. Saturday the Ducklings will play the Oregon State Rooks for the first time of the season at Howe field. Rollie Heath, ex-Grant high chucker, is expected to start today's game, and Jon Englund, formerly of Astoria is slated to start the Saturday game.

Danny Segel, who was injured in the Clark JC game of last Saturday, is expected to be back in the lineup for Saturday's game.

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Ducks Play OSC In First ND Battle

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Defending Northern division champions, the University of Oregon Ducks will begin defense of their title this afternoon when they meet the Oregon State college Beavers on Howe field at 3 o'clock.

The Beavers will be Oregon's first Northern division foe this year. In pre-conference competition, the Ducks won nine games while losing only three. The three Oregon losses were suffered at the hand of Linfield college, Willamette university and Portland university.

Oregon State brings an equally impressive record, having won 11 out of 14 starts. One of the OSC losses occurred against Portland U.

One note of interest is that Oregon has been the Northern

division champion for the last three years. Oregon State, on the other hand, finished right behind the Ducks in the runnerup spot each time.

Both squads were hurt badly by 1955 graduation and have large sophomore delegations this year. The Beavers lost the services via graduation of two-time All-American Jay Dean, outfielder Jim Ruggles, 1954 All-American Chuck Fisk and outfielder Phil Jantze.

Oregon was equally hurt, losing the talents of four seniors who made the all-Northern division squad last year: George Shaw, Neal Marlett, Jim Johnson and Pete Williams.

Oregon's pitching assignment will fall to either Terry Maddox on Stan Dmochowsky.

The two squads will meet again Saturday afternoon with the action slated for Corvallis.

11 Games Through April 17

Player	AB	H	R	Pct.	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Sac	SB	PO	A	E	Pct.	DP
Whittaker, p	6	3	0	.500	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	6	—	1.000	1
P. Bell, p	2	1	1	.500	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	1	.800	—
Lehl, p	2	1	0	.500	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	1	0	1.000	—
Pipher, 2b	24	8	10	.333	1	1	1	10	—	3	13	24	4	.903	6
Pingree, lf	24	8	6	.333	1	—	1	9	2	—	12	2	2	.876	—
Lane, c	6	2	5	.333	—	—	—	3	—	—	2	7	1	.900	1
Phelps, lf	7	2	3	.286	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	0	0	1.000	—
Henkel, p	7	2	0	.286	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	1	.857	—
Schlosser, lb	43	12	9	.279	2	—	2	16	1	1	95	14	2	.983	9
Eskildson, c	11	3	2	.273	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	2	1	.961	—
F. Bell, lf	8	2	1	.250	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	3	0	1.750	—
Ross, cf	43	10	7	.232	3	—	—	4	—	—	18	3	0	1.000	—
Bowen, c	31	7	6	.226	—	—	—	—	—	—	61	3	4	.941	—
Simpson, rf	9	2	1	.222	1	—	—	—	—	—	0	9	0	.000	—
Keller, ss	37	8	11	.216	1	—	—	—	—	3	23	29	0	1.000	7
Creps, rf	11	2	2	.182	—	1	1	3	1	—	7	2	0	1.000	1
Natos, 3b	12	2	2	.167	1	—	—	2	2	—	6	6	6	.667	1
Dickey, 2b	6	1	1	.167	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	0	1.000	—
Lundell, 2b	13	2	4	.154	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	0	1.000	1
Maddox, p-rf	34	5	5	.147	—	—	—	—	1	1	8	3	0	1.000	1
Bond, 3b	18	2	7	.111	1	—	—	—	—	—	11	13	2	.923	—
Urness, lf	9	1	2	.111	1	—	—	—	—	3	4	1	0	1.000	—
White, ss	5	0	2	.000	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	.750	—
Cellars, 2b	4	0	1	.000	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	0	2	.333	—
Leland, cf	4	0	1	.000	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0	2	.000	—
Dmochowsky, p	5	0	1	.000	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	1	.834	—
Nance, p	1	0	0	.000	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	2	0	1.000	—
Olsen, p	1	0	0	.000	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	0	1.000	—
McCall, p	1	0	0	.000	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	0	1.000	—
Totals	384	86	90	.223	12	3	7	76	13	9	306	143	31	.934	10
Maddox	2	0	10	.10	4	9	3	2	—	—	1.80	1.000	—	—	—
Lane	1	0	19	.9	6	12	4	3	1	—	1.32	1.000	—	—	—
Nance	1	0	2	1	2	5	1	1	—	—	4.50	1.000	—	—	—
Delbon	1	0	2	0	2	2	1	1	—	—	4.50	1.000	—	—	—
Dmochowsky	2	1	14	10	11	12	7	5	—	—	3.18	.667	—	—	—
Henkel	2	1	20	14	8	20	12	9	1	—	4.05	.667	—	—	—
Whittaker	0	0	15	13	8	7	8	5	1	—	1.80	.000	—	—	—
Lehl	0	0	4	2	2	2	1	1	—	—	2.25	.000	—	—	—
McCall	0	0	3	4	1	4	2	0	1	—	0.00	.000	—	—	—
Olsen	0	0	4	4	5	2	2	2	—	—	4.50	.000	—	—	—
Stiles	0	0	3	2	4	4	4	4	—	—	12.00	.000	—	—	—
Bell	0	1	5.3	6	9	3	11	6	2	—	10.35	.000	—	—	—
Totals	9	3	102	75	62	82	56	37	8	—	3.27	.750	—	—	—

Angels Down Beavers, 11-5

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Home runs by Steve Bilko and Harry Perkowski paced Los Angeles to an 11-5 victory over Portland Thursday at Wrigley field before the largest crowd of the three-game series, 709 fans.

Perkowski was the winning pitcher but Bob Anderson had to relieve him in the eighth. Starter LeRoy Han for Portland was charged with the loss. Four other Beaver pitchers saw service.

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