

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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With Northern Division baseball due to open on April 19, let's see what the opposition will look like for Don Kirsch's highly-rated Webfoots. First ND action on the schedule is a home-and-home series with Oregon State, weekend after next. The Beavers look less than strong this year although they have regulars like Shortstop Twink Pederson, Catcher Dan Lovejoy, Second Baseman Tom Bowen and some pitchers back from last year.

The Beavers, a team from which Oregon won two out of three last year, will be sorely hurting in the outfield with the graduation of All-ND choice Jerry Exley, whose big bat drove in six runs for Ralph Coleman's boys in the win over Oregon last year. But Pederson did some hitting in that game too, and OSC won't be without power at the plate this year.

Coleman has several two sport men on his team, including footballers (of Rose Bowl fame) Frank Negri, Joe Francis and Nub Beamer, and basketball ace Dave Gambee, a pitcher. Gambee, at 6' 6", must be the tallest college pitcher in the division, if not in the country.

Three for Buck

After the Oregon State series the Ducks take on Washington State's defending Northern Division champs, and the action is sure to be good in this pair. The Cougars ended the Oregon domination of Northwest baseball after three hearty years, and the Ducks will be out for a little old-fashioned revenge. Only three regulars are back to aid Cougar coach Buck Bailey in his defense of the ND crown: Pitcher Bruce Boldt, first sacker Mo Winters and Outfielder Joe Trembly.

Bailey calls his pitching "weak," but thinks that newcomers Jim Andrew, Joe Schomer and Don Nieland could come along fast. Last year the Cougars represented the Pacific coast in the National Intercollegiate Baseball Championships at Omaha, Nebraska, after beating Southern California twice for the "PCC championship."

Oregon, though a little weak at the plate, still looks like the odds-on choice for Northern Division honors. The pitching staff is probably the best in the league, with regulars like Terry Maddox, Don Lane, Stan Dmochofsky and Ron Whittaker teaming with newcomers Rollie Heath and Jon Englund to give the Ducks plenty of depth, an essential when rainouts bring too many games in too little time.

A sophomore (he laid out last year to play with an AAU world-jaunting team) who may fill Dick Schlosstein's shoes at first base is Ron Dodge. Dodge was the regular catcher for the 1955 freshman team, but an overabundance of experienced receivers has moved him to the infield. Jim Pifher's big bat should be booming this year. He's the only regular from last year who has played every game so far, and he should fatten the .327 he hit last year without much trouble. Maddox is the other leading hitter who's back for another try—he hit .423 last year, playing more outfield than he pitched.



RON DODGE
Moves up the baseline...

Softball Season Opens Today With Six Games

The curtain goes up on the twentieth intramural softball season this afternoon when 12 of the 32 competing entries swing into action.

In what figures to be the two headliners on the opening day agenda, defending champion Sigma Chi collides with Phi Kappa Psi and Sigma Phi Epsilon runs up against Theta Chi. Both tilts are scheduled to begin at 3:50 on the north and south fields respectively.

In other first round competition Beta Theta Pi meets Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Upsilon takes on Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Nu squares off with Lambda Chi Alpha and Kappa Sigma is pitted against Sigma Alpha Mu.

Hale Kane and Phi Delta Theta, one-two in the overall IM standings to date, do not launch their campaigns until Wednesday afternoon.

Six encounters are on tap for each day of the week except Friday. The regular season, which includes 70 games all told, is scheduled to run for three weeks with the playoffs beginning Monday, May 6.

Games consist of five full innings, or four full stanzas if one team is seven or more runs ahead. Official softball rules will govern play except for the above time limit and the fact that no player will be allowed to wear spiked shoes. Postponements are not permitted unless ordered by the Intramural Sports Department.

Nothing new in the way of results have been reported from tennis and golf competition. Alpha Tau Omega is the defending links titlist and the Dorm Counselors will be out for their third consecutive net championship.

A possible 150 points toward the 1956-57 IM crown can be picked up in the softball competition while a maximum of 75 holds true in both the golf and tennis action.

Padres Dim Stars In Exhibition Fray

ANAHEIM, Calif., April 7—(P)—The San Diego Padres got an efficient eight-inning pitching job from Pistol Pete Mesa today and set down the Hollywood Stars 5-1 in a Pacific Coast League exhibition game.

Mesa, going the longest distance of any San Diego pitcher so far this spring, was a little wild and grew weary near the end of his long stand. He gave up eight walks, but allowed the Stars only five hits and struck out eight.

Mesa got all the offensive support he needed from George Metkovich, who socked a two-run homer in the fourth inning, and Eddie Kazak, who subsequently belted a bases-empty homer.

The Padres got their five runs on only six hits.

A sacrifice fly by Dick Smith brought Eddie O'Brien home with Hollywood's only run after O'Brien tripled.

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Mesa, Grant (9) and Averill;

Raydon, O'Donnel (8) and Koback. W-Mesa. L-Raydon.

Home runs—San Diego: Metkovich, Kazak.

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ROOKIES DOMINATE...

UO Netters Open Against Portland

Oregon's varsity tennis team opens its 1957 season against the powerful University of Portland netters today at 3:00 in Portland.

The top five players making the trip were determined Saturday at the conclusion of a double elimination tournament Saturday with three sophomores, a junior and a senior making the team.

Coach Dick Williams' Duck netters slated to start against the Pilots are sophomores Larry Otis, Bruce Dingler and Wayne Henninger, and veterans Bob Gorman and Phil Lowthian.

The Pilots have won three straight this year with their latest victory over Oregon State College, 6-1, Saturday. Portland was riding an 80-game winning streak last year before losing their last match of the season.

In the double-elimination tournament finals Saturday, Otis grabbed the number one spot when he defeated a fellow sophomore, Dingler, 1-6, 6-4, and 6-3. Otis was

down 1-4 in the second set before rallying to take the final two matches. Dingler took second place.

Gorman won the number three spot from rookie Stan Page 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, while Lowthian nabbed fourth with a 6-3, 6-3 triumph over letterman Bruce Bloomfield. Fifth place went to Henninger as he tripped Bob Sylvester, 6-1, 6-2.

Oregon will play host to the Oregon Medical School this Saturday. Next week the Ducks face Sacramento State College at Eugene on April 16 and Oregon State at Corvallis on April 20.

The Webfoots climax their 11-meet schedule with the Northern Division tourney, May 24 and 25 at Washington State College.

IM Schedule

Monday, April 8

Softball

3:50 Sigma Chi vs. Phi Kappa Psi, North Field.

Theta Chi vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon, South Field.

Beta Theta Pi vs. Phi Gamma Delta, Upper Field.

4:50 Delta Upsilon vs. Delta Tau Delta, North Field.

Sigma Nu vs. Lambda Chi Alpha, South Field.

Kappa Sigma vs. Sigma Alpha Mu, Upper Field.

Tennis

4:00 Kappa Sigma vs. Tau Kappa Epsilon, Alder Street courts 1,5 and 6.

Golf

Sigma Phi Epsilon vs. Stafford Hall, Oakway golf course.

Ford's Final 66 Nets Masters Win

By Hugh Fullerton Jr.

AUGUSTA, Ga. (P)—Unassuming Doug Ford, who plays golf like a racehorse, stormed down the stretch like Nashua today and won the 21st Masters Tournament with a 72-hole score of 283.

Ford the swiftest and about the busiest player on the professional circuit, fashioned a final round of 66 at Augusta National, capped by an amazing explosion shot that came out of the sand and plunked into the 18th hole.

Ford threw his club high in the air as the ball dropped. "That was the greatest shot I ever played," he gasped as he came off the green with the victory in his grasp even though many of his most dangerous rivals still were out on the course.

Ford came from three strokes off Sam Snead's pace on the final hot day, caught Sam at the 11th hole and pulled away in a dazzling finish, as Snead faltered on the back nine and finished with a 72 for 286.

The 34-year-old pro from Yonkers, N.Y., who plays for a club at Mahopac, N.Y., had rounds of 72-73-72-66—283 over the 6,980 yard, par 36-36—72 Augusta National course. The round included six birdies and 12 pars and hardly a real bad stroke.

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