

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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The fourth lap of the mile-long track season begins next Saturday with the Northern Division meet at Pullman, Wash. As in the track event, the final lap of the track season is the most important with the ND, the Pacific Coast Conference and finally the NCAA championships giving the track and field performers their final and stiffest tests.

Oregon rolled to their fourth consecutive dual meet championship this year and are a heavy favorite to win the meet championship for the fourth straight time also. They've won the title since 1953 and have improved their victory margin each year. Last year they topped second-place Washington by 12 points.

Oregon has racked up their largest margin of victory in each of their fourth dual meet victories this season. On April 13 they defeated Washington State 94-37. This was better than the Ducks' previous best, 80 1/2 to 50 1/2 in 1943. On April 20 they toppled their biggest Northern Division threat Washington 84-47, better than their 76-55 triumph way back in 1916. On April 26 they spiked Idaho 113-18. This topped Oregon's 1955 performance by 15 points. Saturday, Bill Bowerman's thinclads humbled Oregon State 99 1/2 to 31 1/2. This also bettered their 1955 97-34 victory over the Beavers.

The Webfoots look mighty according to their 1957 dual meet record, but they also rule the record in an event-by-event rundown. They rank one-two-three in the 100-yard dash timings with Steve Anderson, Jack Morris and Jack Brown all running the distance in 9.5. Anderson and Brown also sho wthe top two 220-yard dash times — 21.7 seconds. Jim Bailey and Jim Grelle ran the fastest miles of the year at Oregon State with times of 4:13.3 in their near dead-heat run. Basham's 14.4 timing in the 120-high hurdles is the best ND performance in that event.

Bingham, Pedigo Top Field Events

In the field events Oregon's Ed Bingham holds the best javelin mark at 226-9 1/2, and Martin Pedigo's 23-3 1/2 broad jump is tops, giving the Ducks the favored position in six events. In other events Washington's Terry Tobacco leads the 440-yard times in 47.5; the Huskies' Dean McCulloch paces the 880 men with a 1:53 clocking; Dean Singer, another Washington trackster, paces the 220 low hurdles men with a 23.8 best time; Ray Hatton, Idaho, leads the two-milers with a 9:35 time.

Oregon State's Wayne Moss owns the best high jump performance with a 6-7 3/4 leap; while Washington's Larry Pulford looks like a winner in the shot put and discus with tosses of 53-11 1/2 and 161 feet respectively. Cliff Labounty, also of Washington will be favored in the pole vault on the strength of his best performance of 14 feet. The Huskies also have the best mile relay time in 3:17.5.

Washington, then, has the best performances in seven of the 15 events while Oregon has only six. But the difference between the two teams does not lie in the number of gold medals, but in the depth of material. Bowerman has a wealth of excellent material with the arrival of last year's excellent freshman team. Oregon has men with one of the three best performances in 14 events, while the Huskies rate places in only ten of the same events.

Frosh Thinclads Winning Also

While the Webfoot varsity rolls to victory after victory, the Duckling tracksters have been doing the same. This year's squad probably does not possess the depth of the 1956 freshman crew, but led by Dave Edstrom, ex-Sherwood all-purpose man, the Frosh have pushed aside all competition and should ably fill the shoes of missing seniors when the 1958 season rolls around.

Next year Edstrom and Anderson may take on the complete Idaho squad, but before that there's still the Northern Division, the PCC and the NCAA left this year.

Sigma Nu Nine Clinches 'Mural Tourney Berth

Sigma Nu became the first team to clinch a bid to the 1957 intramural softball playoffs Wednesday afternoon as they downed Kappa Sigma, 6-2, in one-half of an abbreviated two game schedule.

In the lone remaining contest, French Hall assured itself of at least a share of the League Seven pennant by tripping Alpha Hall, 6-3.

Hale Kane remained a game off the pace in the second spot in League Seven play behind French with a forfeit win over Cherney Hall.

The championship bracket will open next Monday, May 13, with the quarter finals followed on Tuesday by the semis and Wednesday by the finals. All games will be seven innings with no time limit prevailing.

SIGMA NU 6, KAPPA SIGMA 2

Sigma Nu became the first team to wrap up an intramural softball league crown Monday afternoon as it swept past previously unbeaten Kappa Sigma in surprisingly easy fashion, 6-2.

The triumph automatically gave the winners a bid to the championship playoffs, which get

underway next Monday, as the League Three representative.

Two right-handers, Joe Kaiser and Nick Markulis, teamed up to pitch a brilliant two-hitter with the former getting credit for his fourth straight victory of the season. Kaiser struck out four and walked two in the four innings he worked, allowing one run on a single hit.

Markulis, coming on in the final frame, got into a little bit of trouble before settling down to strike out the final batter after one man had crossed the plate.

Sigma Nu got all the runs it needed in the second inning third baseman Gary Capps slammed out a three run homer with Tom Moore and Markulis on base.

The victors added three more insurance markers in the fifth off Skip Hall, who went the distance and receipted for his first loss of the season.

In a previous meeting between the two teams, the game went five innings without a score necessitating Monday's playoff encounter.

Sigma Nu030 03—6 4 1
Kappa Sigma001 01—2 2 3

Kaiser, Markulis (5) and Hendrickson; Hall and Richter.

FRENCH 6, ALPHA 3

Led by the pitching of Ray Rhodes, French hall bested a game crew from Alpha hall by the score of 6 to 3.

Alpha scored in the final two canto's, but due to good fielding couldn't keep their scoring up-rising going and fell short of the necessary runs needed to tie or win.

French was led by the hitting of Carl Miller who had a double in the big fourth. French scored two runs in the second and four in the fourth. Two fielding errors, a walk, and two hits were responsible for the four runs in the fourth.

Rhodes gave up six hits, three walks and struck out three in gaining his third win of the season. The game gave French a share of the League seven title and necessitates a playoff game in the near future.

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Rhodes and Miller; Seltzer and McDermott.

Williams Tops League In Hitting, Home Runs

By BEN OLAN

of The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Ted Williams is the American League's leading batter. He'll probably be in contention for the championship for the remainder of the 1957 baseball season.

But will the slugging, 38-year-old Boston Red Sox outfielder be able to avoid further injury and illness and reach the necessary 477 times-at-bat total?

This 477 figure is a new one. It includes bases on balls, times hit by pitcher and all sacrifices. Until this year, 400 official at bats constituted the batting title requirement.

And there are those who believe the rulesmakers put the new regulation on the books with Williams in mind. In 1954, Ted finished with the highest batting average (.345) but lost the crown to Cleveland's Bobby Avila because he had only 386 official trips to the plate. A broken collarbone sustained in spring training and a mid-season virus infection kept him out of the lineup for more than two months.

Even without those setbacks Williams might have won his fifth league title that year if he had not drawn 136 bases on balls. In 1955, Ted had only 320 official at bats and last season he reached an even 400 trips, batting .345 and finishing second to Mickey Mantle's .353.

Williams' 1957 start has been right in keeping with those of previous seasons. He has cracked out 22 hits in 51 at bats for a .431 average. A cold sidelined him for two days last week. Yesterday, he was hit by a pitched ball and suffered a badly bruised forearm.

That's four games Ted has missed of Boston's 18 and later on in the year it's believed Manager Pinky Higgins will keep him out of second games of doubleheaders.

The Thumper's closest competitor in the batting race is Kansas City's Harry Simpson. The A's slugger is hitting .391 and

also shares the runs batted in lead with Roy Sievers of Washington. Each has knocked home 19 runners.

Nelson Fox of the Chicago White Sox is third with .361 followed by Reno Bertoia of Detroit with .352. The records include Sunday's games.

Hammering Hank Aaron of Milwaukee hit at a sizzling .517 pace in last week's game (15-for-29) and took over the National League batting lead with a .417 average. Aaron was the 1956 batting champ.

Stan Musial of St. Louis, a six-time titleholder, dropped to ten safeties in 33 at bats (.303) second place at .406. Stan had ten safeties in 33 at bats (.303) last week.

Don Hoak of Cincinnati is third with .397. Then comes Dick Groat of Pittsburgh with .362 and Frank Robinson of Cincinnati with .357.

Aaron also is the circuit's home run leader with six while Hank Sauer of the New York Giants drove in six runs last week to maintain his lead in this department with 19 RBIs.

IM Schedule

Tuesday, May 7

Softball

- 3:50 Philadelphia vs. Yeomen, north field.
- Cherney vs. Alpha, south field.
- Barrister Inn vs. French, upper field.
- 4:55 Dorm Counselors vs. Legal Eagles, north field.
- Phi Kappa Psi vs. Phi Delta Theta, south field.
- Phi Gamma Delta vs. Alpha Tau Omega, upper field.

Tennis

- 4:00 Hale Kane vs. Phi Gamma Delta, Emerald Street courts 4, 5 and 6.

Golf

- Phi Delta Theta vs. Theta Chi, Oakway Golf Course.

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