

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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Oregon's winning type baseball team must have a whole herd of rabbits or a real pile of horseshoes hidden away in the depths of Mac Court, because they sure have been pulling them out of the fire in many of their games.

The bad bouncer that won the Washington game, plus the come-from-behind win over Portland Monday, were certainly more than just plain skill or good playing. True, there is a lot of good baseball science included, but when you put a pinch hitter in with two out and two on in the last of the ninth and you need three runs to tie, and he pounds out a home-run, that's more than just ability.

There is the old saying, though, that good teams make their own breaks, and this sort of thing is becoming sort of old hat for Oregon anymore, so it seems to be the time to stop and take a look at whatever does the string pulling around here.

The team is no doubt largely responsible for the continued fight and hustle they show out on the field. Whether they are four runs ahead or four runs behind, it's still the old hustle off and on the field.

Hustle, Hustle, Hustle

This is particularly evident in two of the outstanding players on the team, Terry Maddox and Jim Pifer. Both boys really pound the ball, and although they occasionally pull some fielding boo-boos, they never stop hustling and talking it up, which is an infectious attitude on a high-quality ball team such as Oregon's.

The biggest item, though, seems to be quiet, conservative Don Kirsch, the unusually successful mentor of the Ducks who never says much, but usually knows the right thing to do.

Some sceptics might say, "With a loaded ball club like that, Grandma Moses could manage them to the crown." Anyone who saw the beautiful squeeze play by Tim Berg in the second Washington game could see, however, that Kirsch had everything figured out to the 'nth degree. With a fast man on third, and the third baseman playing relatively deep, the runner was practically standing on the plate waiting for Berg to bunt.

The runner, Jim Galasso, gets a good deal of credit for the tremendous steal, but it would never have come off if Kirsch had not taken advantage of the situation. His quiet demeanor makes his occasional comments to the umpires even more scathing, and the difference between him and Buck Bailey is greater than just about any other comparison one could draw.

Kirsch: Quiet and Conservative

The strongest comment ever heard from Kirsch by this writer was a moderately loud "Let's be consistent out there," when he thought that his pitcher was being cheated on some of the corners.

This quiet attitude and his close personal contact with the players seems to pay off for him too, as everyone of them seems about ready to go out and do his best every game.

The emergence of soccer on the campus was mentioned in this column a few weeks ago, but once again there will be a game on the intramural field, this time between some American students and some of the foreign students on campus.

A First Glimpse at Soccer

Everyone has been invited to come and attend to see what a real game looks like. From the tentative lineup, it looks like the Americans will go down to a rousing defeat, but it should nevertheless be interesting to watch.

Game time is scheduled for 9:30 Saturday morning, and the game will last about an hour and a half, depending upon how long the players can hold out.

French Wins IM Berth; Crucial Tilts Slated

French Hall became the undisputed League Seven champion and three other teams, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta, and the Legal Eagles, moved another step closer to their respective league crowns in intramural softball play Tuesday afternoon.

ATO's fate will be decided when it meets Delta Upsilon in a playoff game Thursday while the Phi Delt hopes hinge on the outcome of the Theta Chi-Sigma Chi contest this afternoon. Should Theta Chi, currently tied for second place, surprise the defending champs and present league leaders, the League One race would end up in a three way tie for first place.

ATO 8, FIJI 0

Alpha Tau Omega, behind the two hit pitching of Bob Snyder, wrapped up at least a share of the League Two championship and simultaneously kept its hopes for a playoff berth alive by whitewashing Phi Gamma Delta, 8-0.

Snyder had the winless Fiji's eating out of his hand all the way down the line even though he had brief spurts of control trouble. All told, Snyder issued six free passes and struck out three in the four complete innings he worked.

The winners collected all the runs they needed in the first inning when they coupled five walks and three hits for six runs.

Alpha Tau Omega 611-0—8-5-0
Phi Gamma Delta 000-0—0-2-1

Snyder and Moore; Flaxel and Baumgardner.

PHILLY 25, YEOMEN 2

The Philadelphia House went looking for its first win Wednesday afternoon and the fourth attempt proved to be a charm as it lambasted the Yeomen, 25-2. It was the second highest tally run up by any team this season with the Dorm Counselors 33 run barrage against the same Yeomen still tops.

The Phillies exploded for 16 runs in the first inning on four runs, nine bases on balls and three errors, and then added six

more insurance markers in the second frame.

Philadelphia 16-9—25-7-1
Yeomen 0-2—2-1-5
Williams and Timmons; Landons and Sorenson.

EAGLES 11, COUNSELORS 4

The Legal Eagles, after drawing a blank in their first turn at bat, found the range but good in the second and third innings as they turned back the Dorm Counselors, 11-4.

It was the Eagle nine's third win in as many outings so far this season and kept it very much in the running for the League Six laurels. The loss evened the Dorm Counselor record at two wins and two losses apiece.

Dorm Counselor chucker Herb Weinberg set the winners down in order in the first inning but couldn't seem to turn the trick in the second and third stanzas when the Eagles pushed across six and five runs, respectively. The key blow in the third was a home run by Dave Krieger.

Counselors 220-0—4-6-3
Legal Eagles 065-x—11-10-1
Weinberg and McCubbin; Dahl and Edison.

PHI DELTS 16, PHI PSI 0

Jerry Laing pitched a one-hit ball game as he and his Phi Delta Theta mates rocked Phi Kappa Psi by the overwhelming score of 16-0.

The only hit of the ballgame for the Phi Psi's was a line single through the box in the fourth by Jim Stafford.

Laing led his teammates with a two-run scoring triple in the second inning. They collected only eight hits off Larry Collins, but ten walks and four errors did the damage for the free-swinging Phi Delt.

Phi Psi 000-0—0-1-6
Phi Delt 167-2—16-8-1

FRENCH 10, BARRISTER 1

Ray Rhodes pitched his second win in as many days and his French Hall teammates backed him up with nine runs as French Hall defeated Barrister Inn 10 to 1 in yesterday's action. John Evans, Bill Dawkins and Gene Olson hit triples

as they led the batting attack for French.

French scored runs in all four innings and their big inning was the second. Byron Arthur got the big blow as he hit a double to drive in two runs. Barrister pitcher Don Gwinner gave up seven walks to help the French cause.

French Hall 252-1—10-8-2
Barrister Inn 000-1—1-3-5
Rhodes and Miller; Gwinner and Takitani.

ALPHA 11, CHERNEY 10

In a free-hitting, free-scoring affair Alpha Hall bested a game team from Cherney, 11-10. Cecil Wilder led Alpha with two home runs and a game-winning single in the fourth.

The five man Cherney team scored the bulk of their runs in the second inning with a six run outburst. Hits were plentiful on both sides throughout the game. Steen, McDermott and Kemptry also had homeruns for Alpha. This was their first win of the season. Cherney finished the season with a dismal 0 and 4 record.

Cherney Hall 261-1—10-11-4
Alpha Hall 325-1—11-14-3
Raulston and Scott; Marshall and McDermott.

IM Schedule

Wednesday, May 8
Softball

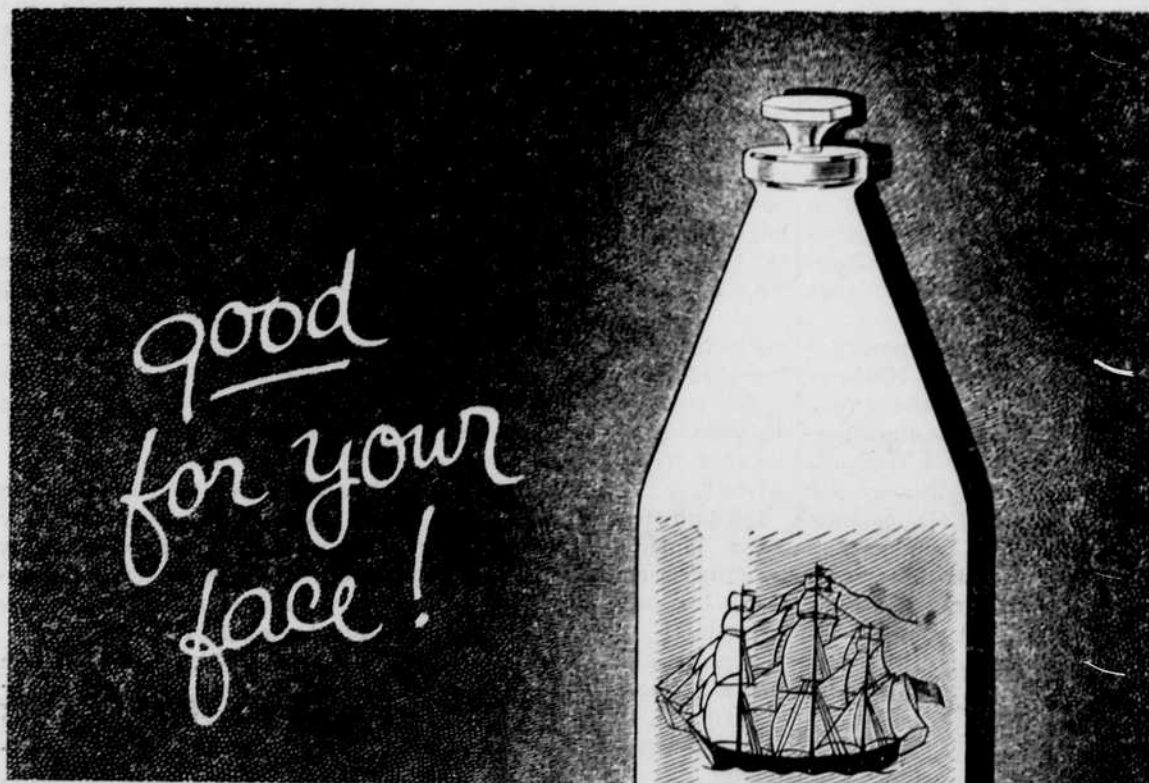
3:50 Lambda Chi Alpha vs. Tau Kappa Epsilon, North field
Stafford Hall vs. McClure Hall, South field.
Hale Kane vs. Alpha Hall, Upper field.
4:55 Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Phi Kappa Sigma, North field.
Pogo Pups vs. Legal Eagles South field.
Theta Chi vs. Sigma Chi, Upper field.

Tennis

4:00 Delta Upsilon vs. Legal Eagles, Alder Street Courts 1, 5, and 6.

Golf

Sigma Chi vs. Beta Theta Pi, Oakway Golf course.



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