

# Duck Tracks

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Last week in this column we talked about what fine chances Oregon's distance runners had to bring down the Ducks' second national championship by winning the NCAA cross country meet, held in East Lansing, Michigan later this month.

What a difference a week makes! Now the Ducks have no chance to win this title for they will not even send a team to the meet. This decision was reached after Mark Robbins was declared ineligible, robbing Bowerman of one of his top boys.

Robbins' ineligibility, which puts him in a class with Jon Arnett and other famous PCC problem boys, came about in a strange way. The PCC recognizes no freshman cross country, since most teams can only get together five men by using their freshmen. Therefore Robbins had to run varsity his first year at Oregon, and the NCAA allows only three varsity seasons, which, technically, senior Robbins has had.

Bowerman and the team have not completely given up hope of competing in the East Lansing meet, and are appealing the ineligibility decision to the NCAA rules committee, but chances of a favorable ruling from this body are very slim.

So it appears that a conflict in PCC and NCAA rules has cost Oregon any chance it had for a national cross country championship.

## Ducks Bill NW Meet

However, Bowerman still plans to capitalize as much as possible on his good team. This weekend he'll send it to Vancouver, B.C. to compete in one of the tougher tests, the Pacific Northwest cross country meet. Several other fine teams will be there, including Idaho, Washington State, and the mighty Vancouver Olympic club.

Three years ago Bowerman sent his freshmen, now seniors, to this meet, and they walked off with top honors in the junior (19 and under) division.

In thinking back on that meet, it appears likely that this year's team will take plenty of warm clothing with them this trip.

The temperature three years ago for the meet was a very cold 12 degrees, and the Ducks competed in sweat shirts, long underwear, ear muffs, and socks tied over their hands. The ground was all icy so all the runners wore flats instead of spiked shoes.

One runner's long underwear was a little short for him, and he became completely numb from his ankles on down. He couldn't tell when his feet were hitting the ground, and thus didn't know when to lift one leg and put the other one down. His stride was very uncoordinated, until he finally was able to smooth it out somewhat by watching his feet and listening for the sound of them hitting on the ground.

## Grelle, Kyle to Duel

All of the distance Ducks hope for warmer weather this year, but hot or cold, they'll be all business on this trip because this will be the stiffest competition they have faced this year, possibly even as tough as that they will meet in the PCC meet.

However, it probably means just a little bit more to Jim Grelle than any other members of the Webfoot squad, for an outstanding performance in this meet and the PCC may win Jim a trip to East Lansing to try for individual honors in the NCAA cross country test.

Grelle's arrival as a long distance runner occurred only a year ago. Always tough in the 880 and mile Jim finished only sixth in the state high school meet four years ago and was only the number three man on the Frosh cc team.

But last year he became strong enough to compete extremely well over three and four miles and became Oregon's number one long distance man, the third best on the coast.

He'll have a lot of competition in Vancouver especially from Doug Kyle, Canadian 5000-meter champ, but a victory over Kyle will set the stage for what should be a great duel between Oregon's ace and defending champion Max Truex of USC in the PCC meet.

# Indians seek victory

Benchless but eager.

That's the tag that could be attached to the 1958 Stanford University football team, which meets the University of Oregon at Hayward Field Saturday in the Webfoots' final home encounter of the season.

Cactus Jack Curtice, in his initial year of coaching the Indians, has a young, eager, and potentially explosive outfit, but with only four regulars from last year's strong outfit still playing, has not had too much success.

All told, the Cardinals have won only two of their seven games, and have suffered several lopsided defeats, something that Palo Alto fans are not used to. They have been surprisingly tough on occasion, however, dumping Washington 21-12, and UCLA 21-19.

The only holdover regulars from the '57 squad are all in the line. They include 185-pound center-turned-guard Russ Steele, and a pair of the coast's outstanding tackles of last season, Eric Protiva and Troy Barbee. This looks real good, but elsewhere, things are almost as bare as the Webfoots' side of the scoreboard in recent games.

In the backfield, most of the starters are lettermen, but very few of the reserves have earned a varsity monogram. Bob Nicolet and Sid Garber handle the quarterbacking chores, splitting much of the playing time. Half-back spots are held down by Rick McMillen and Jim Bryer, with Doug Dick at fullback.

McMillen, a two-year veteran, ruined Washington with his shifty running and a repeat performance could cause Oregon a lot of trouble. Dick, also a steady performer, has shown well on occasion, too.

At the end positions, Irv Nikolai and Chris Burford are

a couple of good ones who played second-string last year and provide capable targets for Nicolet's passes. A good, solid first team, but that's about as far as it goes.

There are only seven other lettermen on the second and third teams, and none of them, with the possible exception of ends Joel Freis and Ben Robinson, saw a great deal of front-line action last season.

But, regardless of their lack of depth, Stanford always provides the Ducks with a tough contest, and this year will probably be no exception. Both teams are definitely win-hungry and will be shooting the works in an attempt to break losing streaks.

Stanford is not used to having a losing season, as they are experiencing this season, and the Ducks, after dropping four out of six, are sure to be after this one.

Both squads look to be in pretty good shape for the Hayward encounter, although the playing condition of Oregon end Ron Stover, along with back Charlie Tourville and guard Joe Schaf-feld, is still in doubt. Maybe none, one, two, or all three will be ready. It remains to be seen.

## IM schedule

Wednesday, Nov. 5

Volleyball

- 3:50 Campbell B vs. Legal Eagles B, Court 40; Fizzeds B vs. Hale Kane B, Court 36.
- 4:35 Alpha Tau Omega B vs. Phi Delta Theta B, Court 40; Theta Chi B vs. Sigma Nu B, Court 36.
- 5:15 Sigma Alpha Epsilon B vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon B, Court 40; Delta Tau Delta B vs. Phi Gamma Delta B, Court 36.

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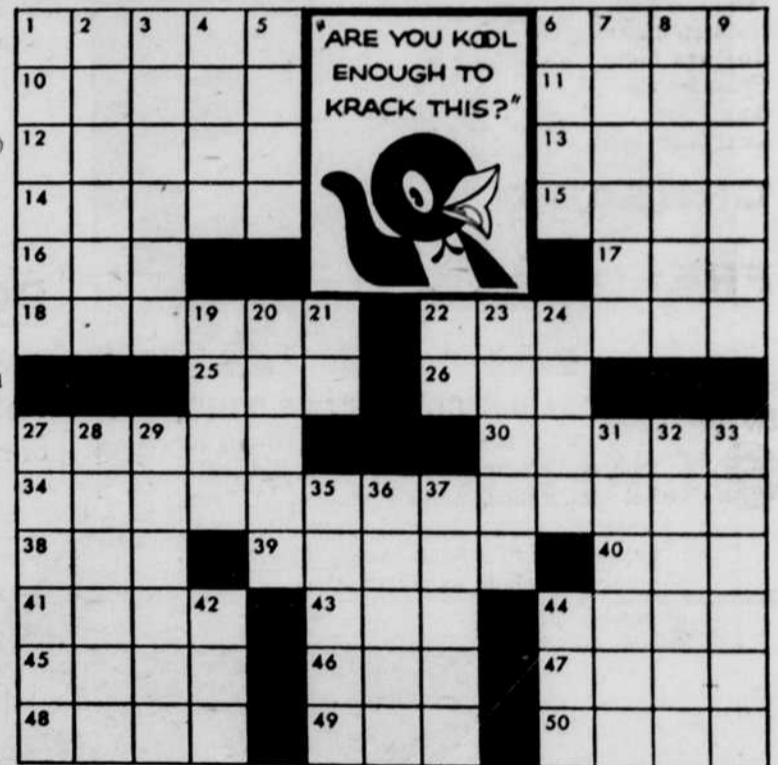
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### ACROSS

1. Sum
6. Get into the—
10. Harden
11. Evergreen
12. Native of second largest state
13. Palo —
14. Helps
15. Cabbage dish
16. Nest (Fr.)
17. The Pres.
18. Impassive
22. Said "yes"
25. There's a filter on the — of King-Size Kool
26. Period of time
27. Squabble
30. Just takes one bad one
34. Cultural subjects (2 words)
38. Type of light
39. Kind of wave
40. Caesar's language (abbr.)
41. See Kool backwards
43. King-Size Kool has a filter —
44. Seaweed
45. Give out
46. Potential fish
47. Comme il —
48. Units of reluctance
49. Squiggly letter
50. Ash, for instance

### DOWN

1. Big men from ancient state
2. Half of a quarter (2 words)
3. Penguin's costume
4. I smell — (2 words)
5. They make spectacles of them
6. In Germany, they're bad
7. Kools' penguin
8. Volume absorbed
9. Talked cat
19. Girl's name
20. Opposite of output
21. Clerical degree
22. Poet Housman
23. King Arthur's men sought it
24. Absorbed
27. Triter
28. Car "jewelry"
29. Draw back
31. From — to post
32. American, National or Women Voters'
33. The Press is the Fourth
35. Box for cutting angles
36. Good-by to amigos
37. Parts of necks
42. Knights (abbr.)
44. Back there



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