

Duck Tracks

By PETE DOWNS
... of the Triumvirate ...

Last weekend, skiers from the University of Oregon competed at the Pacific Northwest Ski Association Class "C" slalom championships at Hoodoo Ski Bowl. John Beer and Dick Brown tied for first place in the men's division and Carla Lawson won the women's championship.

OREGON SKIERS probably will not enter any more meets this year—the only ones remaining are in Eastern Oregon and are just too far away. In some respects, this has been an excellent season for the skiers. They have placed well in just about all the meets they have entered.

But lack of cooperation on the part of the Athletic Department and the ASUO Senate have been bitter disappointments. At present, the skiers pay their own expenses.

Commissar Refuses

ATHLETIC COMMISSAR Leo Harris has consistently refused to recognize the existence of the ski team, which now represents the University only informally.

Besides getting the runaround from the Athletic Department, the skiers have also had some unhappy experiences with the ASUO Senate. This sterling body promised the ski team a certain amount of money for the Winter Carnival. When the University pulled out of the Carnival, the Senate said the skiers could have the money anyway and could use it for other meets. But UO's Tammany Hall reneged and never did come forth with its promised offering.

BUT THE SKIERS, battered but not beaten, have not yet given up on the ASUO Senate. They realize how reluctantly politicians spend money and are still hopeful that the august group of potential Boss Tweeds will come through with a reasonable contribution for next year.

Oregon has potentially the strongest ski team in the Northwest for next season. Brown, Beer, Jim King, Miss Lawson, and Mary Kay Norman form the nucleus for a capable squad. Unless there is a change in University policy, the skiers won't represent the University next year—not even unofficially.

THE WAY THINGS stand now, the team will bill itself as the "Ski Quacks" and will compete as such. Some other schools, which don't get recognition from their respective athletic departments, race as club teams with money given by the student body.

Prodding by school officials got Oregon State skiers special rates at some lodges—something UO skiers have had to do without.

Need Only \$500

How much money would the ski team need? John Beer, spokesman for the team estimates that \$500 a year would be sufficient. He says, "\$500 would pay for part of our expenses. With this money, we could compete at many of the big meets held at places like Squaw Valley, Whitefish, and Sun Valley."

COMPARED to the subsidies some other sports receive, \$500 is not a large amount. Right now, the skiers do not get any help at all. The individuals must pay all expenses out of their own pockets.

Skiing is probably the fastest-growing sport in the country, but the University takes no note of it. The fine results obtained by UO skiers justify their being helped out, if not completely subsidized, by the University.

Golfers, Netmen To Meet OSU

Oregon's golf and tennis teams each have a non-conference match set for Friday before meeting Oregon State Saturday in the first of the annual home and home series.

Coach Sid Milligan's golfers play Portland University and OSU. Both matches will be played in Eugene.

Coach Dick Williams' tennis squad hosts Willamette on Friday and then travels to Corvallis for varsity and freshman matches with the Beavers.

Giants Trip Bucs; LA Scores Win; AL Games Called

Both American League games scheduled for Wednesday were rained out, but both National League contests went off as planned.

San Francisco, held in check by Pittsburgh's Vern Law for six innings, scored single runs in the seventh and eighth to nip the defending world champions, 2-1 at Candlestick Park.

Rookie Tom Haller's home run highlighted the Giant rally. Billy Loes got the mound victory, and Law took the loss.

THE Los Angeles Dodgers rallied for three runs in the 8th inning last night to defeat the Philadelphia Phils, 3-2. It was the second straight win of the Dodgers in the 1961 campaign, and their second straight over Philadelphia.

Johnny Podres got the win for the Bums; Frank Sullivan took the loss for the Phillies.

At Howe Field

Ducks Host PSC; Meet Pilots Friday

The weather hasn't been too good in Eugene this week, and perhaps the law of averages will catch up with the Webfoot baseball team. The Ducks haven't had a game postponed yet this year, and barring cloudbursts, Don Kirsch's team will meet Portland State this afternoon at Howe Field.

GAME time is 3 p.m. and Kirsch plans to start Bill Simmons on the mound. Simmons has been used only in relief so far this year, but will get a chance to go the distance against the Vikings.

Oregon is 10-4 for the season, and undoubtedly will have one of the best won-lost marks when the Northern Division season opens April 21.

THE WEBFOOTS play Portland University at Howe Field tomorrow, and then travel to the Pilots' home field for a Saturday game.

Denny Peterson will pitch the Friday game, but the Saturday starter is still in doubt. First baseman Jim Hollister probably won't play against the Vikings.

Kirsch has been using Walt Baranski in his place, and the long-ball hitting senior will most likely hold down first again today.

OUTFIELDERS Ed Davidson, with .375, and Jim Cloutier, with .348, pace the Ducks at the plate. Catcher Ray Haroldson, .341, infielder Trev Swangard, .333; Hollister, .326, are also among Kirsch's top hitters. Dick Occhiuto, at .304, rounds out Oregon's .300 hitters.

Varsity Batting Stats

	H-AB	Ave.
Canessa	4-10	.400
Davidson	12-32	.375
Cloutier	8-23	.348
Haroldson	14-41	.341
Swangard	9-27	.333
Hollister	14-43	.326
Occhiuto	7-23	.304
Livingston	5-21	.238
Baranski	11-47	.234
Hardin	6-30	.200
Hayes	6-33	.182
Luhrs	1-7	.143
Nyssen	4-32	.125
Gumina	1-11	.091
McClain	1-12	.083

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