

Emerald SPORTS

Sporting i Spring Football Time

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Oregon's football team swings into spring practice next week when Len Casanova, et al, welcomes some 70 candidates, including 25 lettermen. Of course Cas will be missing a number of top performers who have forsaken spring ball for the lures of other springtime varsity sports.

Missing from the drills will be Steve Bunker, who's pitching and playing first base for Don Kirsch's baseball team. Bill O'Toole is also playing baseball and will miss Cas' workouts.

The football team is also contributing a pair of hurdlers to Bill Bowerman's track squad. John Buchanan and John Buller will remain with the track team.

In addition, Mike Brundage will undoubtedly miss a few practices, as he is one of the mainstays of the Oregon tennis team. Coach Dick Williams would undoubtedly miss his Roseburg star. Apparently, Brundage has succeeded in working it so he can play tennis, and workout with the gridiron squad.

Brundage is the apparent heir to Bob Berry's quarterback position. Few will quickly forget his performance against Washington State, when he was called on to fill the Oregon All-American's shoes.

Brundage's chief competition will be from junior Tom Trovato, a transfer from Monterey JC. Travato was with the club last season, but spent most of the season learning the Casanova system.

Additional competition for Brundage should come from Dick Jones and Mike Barnes. Both are off last season's Frosh squad. Jones, however, will be held out of spring drills as a result of a knee injury.

A Letterman at Every Position . . .

Casanova is fortunate this season in that he'll be able to mold a squad around a fine letterman nucleus. Cas will be able to fill each position with a letterman if he so desires.

Oregon's top candidates for regional and national grid honors appear to be senior end Ray Palm, and center Dave Tobey. Tobey was all PAC last fall.

Did You Know That . . .

Oregon varsity football staff has a combined total of 65 years of service at Oregon. Casanova and assistant Jack Roche lead the total with 15 years each. Line coach Jerry Frei follows with 11 years, while defensive back Phil McHugh has been here for eight seasons. Max Coley is in his seventh season, and John Robinson will begin his sixth campaign with the Webfoots. The "youngster" of the staff is Ed Johns, who will be in his third year as Frosh coach and scout.

Casanova is the dean of the Pacific Athletic Conference grid mentors. One of the league's head coaches, namely Johnny McKay of Southern California, spent eight seasons as Casanova's backfield coach before moving to the Trojan campus.

And Around The PAC . . .

The various schools of the PAC open spring football practice either this week or next. Stanford got things underway, opening drills last Saturday. Oregon opens spring drills April 19.

The climax of all this action takes place in May, when the Alumni games, or in some cases, the Intra-squad affairs take place. Stanford stages both events, holding an Alumni game on May 15, then holding an Intra-squad contest on May 22.

Oregon concludes its spring practice with the Varsity-Alumni game May 22.

According to the PAC press release, Washington drew 27,000 fans to its Alumni game at Seattle last spring. That's better than some of the schools draw during the regular gridiron campaign.

Who Is Going To Be Right . . .

You may remember in this column a couple of weeks ago, we published the pre-season analysis of the PAC race as interpreted by Stanford. Well, now we have in our hands a pre-season analysis from the Conference offices, and it certainly reads differently.

"This season, USC, Oregon, and Stanford appear to have a chance to be outstanding off pre-season forecasts, with the other clubs well-supplied with players good enough to offer them an opportunity to put together a good season." That's how the PAC press release reads. Oh well, we're not going to try to predict the winner of the PAC football title at this early date.

The conference offices are obviously proud of its returning football performers for next fall. The list reads like a "Who's Who of West Coast Football," and includes names like Mike Garrett of USC, Dave Lewis and Ray Handley of Stanford, Jack O'Billovich of Oregon State, Ray Palm and Dave Tobey of Oregon, and Ron Medved of Washington. Yes, it looks like an interesting PAC football campaign in 1965.

Power Remains Kirsch's Major Asset . . .

Power at the plate remains the major asset of the Oregon baseball team this season. After 13 games, during which the Ducks have lost one and tied one while winning 11, Oregon has slammed 20 homers.

One must remember, however, that the competition has not been as tough as it will get. Except for occasional good afternoons, teams like Lewis and Clark, Pacific, and Portland State are no match for the Webfoots.

Of course Kirsch is readying the Ducks for the opening of Northern Division play this weekend against Oregon State.

Look Who Lost To Pacific . . .

We're not trying to jibe OSU, but one of the biggest surprises of the spring campaign was Oregon State's 14-4 loss to Pacific last weekend. The Beavers, though not expected to be the best team in the ND certainly were not expected to be easily manhandled by the Badgers.

Who's Who in the Northern Division . . .

Kirsch expects his club to be right in the thick of the Northern Division pennant race. The team to beat is undoubtedly Washington State. Apparently, the Cougars are a real good team.

Washington should be tougher than in past seasons. It seems the acquisition of Ken Lehman as head baseball coach has lifted the Huskies from the diamond doldrums. Lehman is an ex-major leaguer, having played several seasons with the old Brooklyn Dodgers and their Triple-A farm clubs.

Oregon State, a team badly hurt by graduation last year, should be fairly strong. But much of their expectations hinge on second baseman Jim Jarvis, who is currently nursing a broken bone in his foot. Reports indicate, however, that Jarvis will be ready for action this weekend. It figures, though. He's always ready to play when he hears the call of the "wild duck."

In University Invitational

Oregon Ski Team Second

The first annual University of Oregon Alpine and Nordic Skiing Championship was held at Mt. Bachelor, April 10 and 11.

Eleven schools participated in the two day meet, with Sierra College winning the meet and Oregon finishing second.

The meet consisted of slalom, cross country and downhill events, and an awards presentation Sunday afternoon.

In the slalom event, Sierra took the first three individual places, and skied away with the

top team honors in that event.

Clark Gruening, Buck Seeger, and Kip Kemple combined to take fourth, fifth and ninth places in the slalom to place Oregon second in the team competition in that event.

Gruening combined times of :57.5, and :59.7 in the slalom to finish with a total of 1:17.2 seconds in his fourth place effort.

Forty-seven competitors entered the slalom, and twenty-three finished.

In the cross country race, Mike

Schoelz of the Ducks turned in an outstanding performance, as he was edged out by Knut Olberg of Sierra by seven seconds. Olberg is considered one of the top cross country men in the southern California circuit.

Schoelz' time was 55:14 minutes. He was followed by Gruening who placed fifth. Cliff Jennings finished eighth, and Steve Millet took twelfth place for the Ducks in that event.

Sierra took first place in the team results in the cross country, and Oregon again took second, with College of Siskiyous third, and Oregon State fourth.

Sierra Places Top Three

In the downhill event, powerful Sierra again took top honors as they placed individuals in the top three spots.

Gruening again placed fourth behind three Sierra men, and Seeger and Jennings finished eighth and fourteenth for Oregon, as the Ducks placed second in team totals in the downhill race.

Sierra Wins Meet

Sierra took top team honors in the meet with a total of 297.70 points, while Oregon placed second with 268.03.

College of Siskiyous placed third, followed by Eastern Oregon, Lewis and Clark, Oregon State and Linfield.

Tore Steen, the Oregon skiing coach said that he was pleased with the results of the meet and was happy with his team's performance.

The meet was to be the first of what the Oregon ski team hopes to be an annual event.

Oregon's ski team has had a good season this year, highlighted by the men's team third place finish at the University of Nevada Winter Carnival.

Oregon women's team placed first at the Nevada Winter Carnival.

Lampard Hitting .350

Keith Lampard, who pitches, plays outfield and first base, is also the leading hitter on the Oregon team.

Lampard is pounding the ball at a .350 pace, including 14 hits and 13 runs batted in. Don Banderas, the fleet senior center-fielder is close behind Lampard with a .340 batting average.

Three other Ducks are hitting over .300.

Dennis Baldrige is hitting .333, along with senior Bob Porter, and Steve Bunker is hitting .318.

Jerry Gjesvold and Ken Hadden lead the pitching staff, with earned run averages of 0.90, and 0.99 respectively.

UO Frosh Set Cinder Marks

Oregon's future track hopes took a turn for the better Saturday when two Frosh cinder records were broken at a developmental meet at Hayward Field.

Freshman John Pahlke tossed the javelin 226-8 to better by six inches the freshman mark set by Ron Gomez in 1962.

Hurdler Bob Blum was timed in 38.8 for the 330-yard intermediate hurdles to better by three tenths of a second the mark set by John Buchanan last year.

Blum was also clocked in 14.5 for the 120-yard high hurdles. Blum, who admitted he had hoped he could do better in the event, has been clocked in 14.0 in practice sessions.

Frosh sprinter Mike Deibele took a double when he ran the 100 in 9.7 and the 220 in 22.1.

Oregon's freshman took 12 of 21 first places in the meet which attracted performers from Oregon State, Clark JC and the Oregon Track Club in addition to Oregon.

Dave Wilborn ran the mile in 4:21.1 to win that event for the Ducklings.

Oregon's John Franz, best known for his varsity basketball prowess, captured the high jump at 6-5. That mark was better than Webfoot varsity competitors recorded against Washington State at Pullman, Saturday. Franz is eligible for varsity competition, but wasn't able to work out until after basketball season.

Alan Richards tossed the shot 51-6 to capture another first for the Luckling squad of coach Chuck Bowles.

IM Schedule

Golf

Young vs. A.T.O.
Theta Chi vs. Burgess

Tennis

Ganoe vs. Delts

Softball

3:50 North Field, Adams vs. Clark
South Field, Douglas vs. DeCou
Upper Field, DeBusk vs. Ganoe
4:55 North Field, Sigma Chi vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon
South Field, Phi Kappa Psi vs. Phi Gamma Delta
Upper Field, Phi Delta Theta vs. Alpha Tau Omega

Wally Palmberg and Hadden lead in the won-lost department, as both have unblemished 3-0 marks.

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Duck Diamond Data (13 Games)

Hitting	ab	h	avg	rbi
Lampard, p-of-1b	40	14	.350	13
Banderas, of	47	16	.340	5
Baldrige, of	48	16	.333	13
Porter, ss	24	8	.333	7
Bunker, of-p	22	7	.318	4
Moore, c	17	5	.294	3
Delplanche, of	48	14	.292	11
Armstrong, of	7	2	.286	2
Ehler, c	29	8	.276	7
Smith, 3b	17	4	.235	3
Leininger, if-of	27	6	.222	2
Allen, 2b	39	8	.205	7
Ogan, if	20	4	.200	1
O'Toole, of	11	2	.182	0
Bogner, of	6	1	.167	0
Nicholas, c-1b	17	2	.118	0

Pitching	W	L	IP	ERA
Gjesvold	0	0	10	0.90
Hadden	3	0	19	0.99
Palmberg	3	0	25	1.44
Rose	1	1	18	1.53
Conrad	2	0	12	1.53
Lampard	1	0	13	2.07
Bunker	1	0	13	2.79
Grief	0	0	5-2	6.03
Sovereign	0	0	2-2	6.03

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