

MAT PROSPECTS APPEAR BRIGHT

Oregon Finishes Season By Tying for Third Place in Northwest Conference

CARTWRIGHT TO BE LOST

Five Grapplers Get Letters in Wrestling; Frosh Lose to Rooks and Corvallis

By Pete Laurs

Prospects for a winning team in wrestling next year are very bright, declared Coach Earl Widmer in looking over his matmen in spring training. Oregon finished the past season by tying for third place in the Northwest conference.

The varsity started the season with only one veteran and defeated Idaho in the initial meet by a score of 26 to 6. Ford, a letterman, Wingard, Davis and Cartwright won their matches, while Leavitt was defeated after three strenuous periods of wrestling.

Ford, who won his letter last year, was the only varsity matman to win his match against O. A. C. He defeated Nixon, the Aggie captain, in two seven minute periods. However, the Aggies were victorious by a score of 32 to 8. This was the lowest score that the Beavers have ever scored against the varsity during the past five years of wrestling.

In the final meet of the season W. S. C. won by a 45-35 score. Wingard and Leavitt won their matches while Stumpton, Woods and Wells were tipped. The bouts were closely contested and very few falls were registered. The final score was not determined until the last bout was terminated.

Ford, 125 pounds, Wingard, 135 pounds, Davis, 140 pounds, Leavitt, 158 pounds, and Cartwright at 175 pounds, won a conference match which entitled them to an Oregon letter in wrestling. This is the largest number of men that have received letters since the sport has been introduced in the University. Coach

Widmer is not worried over the prospects for next year as Cartwright will be the only grappler that will not be back on the mat. His place will be ably filled by Shull of the frosh team, who made a very good showing during the past season.

Advancing from the frosh team will be Jarrett, 125 pounds, Betzer, 135 pounds, Oxford, 145 pounds, Potter, 145 pounds, and Shull 175 pound. The 145 pound berth was Oregon's weak position. Pete Laurs, who wrestled for the frosh last year, will be back in harness for the varsity next year.

Ford, the outstanding grappler, only participated in two meets and was forced to retire with a cauliflower ear. He will be back next year to win the conference title at 125 pounds. Wingard, 135 pounds, lost only one match during the past season and with his experience gained during the year he should make a strong bid for the title in his weight. Davis won his letter while wrestling at 145 pounds. He is a lightweight and will probably be back next season in the 135 pound division.

Leavitt, although winning only one match, gave his opponents a close race. During the O. A. C. meet he was winning over Bryan, Aggie captain-elect, but was thrown in the last 50 seconds. Cartwright's position will probably be filled by Shull, a frosh, who won the only match against the O. A. C. Rooks. He is husky and is taking the game seriously.

During the past season the frosh team lost to the O. A. C. Rooks and to Corvallis high school, the state champions. Coach Widmer has been putting his squad through spring training so when fall training starts the men will have more knowledge of various holds, and the fundamentals.

HORSEWOMEN NOW PART OF REGULAR CAMPUS LIFE

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OREGON'S GRIDIRON PROSPECTS APPEAR ROSY FOR NEXT SEASON

Backfield Looks Strong With Terjeson Only Regular to be Missing; New Talent Coming Up

(By D. O.)

When school opens next fall, football will be high in the minds of everyone when athletics are thought of. No one need be skeptical about the quality or quantity of Oregon's material for football, for from all indications Dick Smith is going to have seasoned material and plenty of it.

On paper, the backfield looks better than anything else on the coast. With the exception of Terjeson, last year's backfield will be intact, with the addition of some exceptionally good men including Fred Harrison of the 1927 frosh team, Vic Wetzel of last year's frosh team and possibly Rex Adolph, who was injured early in the season last year, and Ward Johnson who may return to school. Smith's backfield squad, with some possible additions, will probably look something like this: Jones, Vitis, Anderson, Mimnaugh, Wetzel, Stoddard, Adolph, and Harrison.

Of course the squad will be somewhat larger, but at present these look like the probable candidates.

From these men there is no reason why a backfield as strong if not stronger than anything on the coast should not be developed. For some years a great weakness of Oregon's has been the lack of kickers, but what an array of them Smith will have next year. Harrison, Adolph, Wetzel and Mimnaugh are each and all competent of handling the booting for the team and through constant practice, Jones and Anderson have greatly improved since last year. Smith spent over two weeks of valuable spring training time for the sole purpose of developing a kicker, which he certainly did.

What a terrific offensive can be formed from these men! Jones will be relieved of some of the "battering" work by Wetzel, who is exceptionally fast and a hard hitter. Vitis is also big and powerful enough to damage an opposing line himself. Then with Anderson or Harrison to steer things and to pass, and with the help of the speedy Wetzel to clip the ends, a most perfect scoring machine is formed.

On the defensive Mimnaugh looks good because he is fast and shifty,

thus a good man for stopping any kind of an aerial game which might come. Jones is absolutely priceless as a defensive full. He is one of those men who have that uncanny sense of knowing where the play is coming, and being in the way when it comes. Either Anderson or Harrison are good at safety, true it is Anderson had his bad moments a few times last year, but on the whole, he is steady. Harrison has never been in varsity competition, hence too much cannot be predicted of him, but his work on the freshman team two years ago showed that he had more than just a working knowledge of the game. The same can be said of Wetzel. With such sure defensive material as this, Smith will without doubt develop a defense in the backfield which will be about as good as their offense.

Although "Fat" Wilson will be

lost at center, "Tiny" Johnson, and probably Sinclair will hand Smith applications for his job. Last year Johnson was substituting for Wilson, and did it very well, but Wilson's experience gave him the pick over Johnson. However, Johnson got lots of experience last year and should do good work at center. George Craig and Paul Peek, transfers from O. A. C., should give Kearns, Gooding and Bailey of last year's varsity a good run for guard and tackle positions. Neither has had varsity experience, but they played frosh football for O. A. C. two years ago. Both of these boys are big, Craig weighing over 200 pounds. A Portland sport writer remarked last fall that the Aggies lost their best bet at tackle when Craig transferred to Oregon. However Kearns, Gooding and Bailey are all good men, game and willing to mix it, so Smith will have good guard and tackle material. There is talk around that Gene Shields will be back. If this is true more of a scrap than ever will take place for guard positions. The end positions are rather doubtful. Of course Bob Mantz will more than uphold his side, but who will take the other end is far from decided. There

seems to be an opening for a good man here. Jack Bliss played a fair game at end but his best work was at tackle. However, it may be he who is chosen. Bill Dills and Sherm Smith also played fair games at end, but unless they have improved since last year, they will not be of the same calibre as the rest of the team. "Skin" Reynolds, a football player from Whitman and the Multnomah club, is looking for a berth at end and may turn out to be the man who will save Dick a lot of worry. He is fast and tall, and if he does turn out well will give the backs a good target to pass to.

Oregon needs a good team, an exceptionally good team to face the schedule it has. California, Stanford, Washington, O. A. C.—they are all strong teams. In fact the strongest teams on the coast. California should have as good a team this coming year as she has ever had. If White and Rau are back, the only man Cal will have lost is Horrell, and they have found an exceptionally good man to take his place. Cal will probably be the biggest block in Oregon's path to a championship, but not looking at it from too optimistic standpoint,

it is very possible that the haughty Beavers will find themselves beaten for the first time in five years, after the game in Portland next fall.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS TO PRESENT COMEDY

The senior class of the University high school will present "Seventeen," a light comedy by Booth Tarkington, on the nights of May 28 and 29.

The cast which is under the direction of Mrs. Edna Assenheimer, Darrell Larsen assisting, has been doing very good work and it is expected that the presentation will be commendable.

Leads will be taken by Gordon Stearns and Lyndall Elliott, with Lova Buchanan taking the role of the little sister.

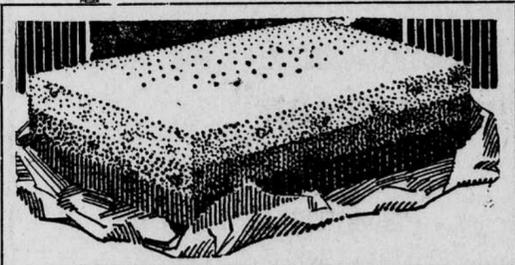
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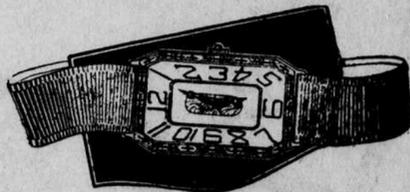
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