

Sports Tabooed By Officials in Early History

Campbell, Bezdek, Earl, Hayward Did Much To Further Sports

Oregon's First Football Team Organized 1892

Athletic development in the University has run almost parallel with the growth of the educational side of the institution. Lack of finances in the early years made it almost impossible to maintain athletics as part of the institution. The University officials favored the abolishing of athletics altogether. It was only through the strong demand for sports on the part of the new students who attended the University in the first years and their willingness to finance athletic contests themselves, that sports were maintained at all.

Under these conditions and with the almost total lack of facilities, athletics from 1876 to 1903 were in a very bad condition. Only the spirit of the student body kept athletics alive. Every man in the University, whether he was physically fitted for athletic competition or not, turned out for sports. Several are the football games that Oregon played with nine or ten men, for at times there were no able substitutes.

Football first came to the front in 1892. This was the first year that Oregon succeeded in organizing a real football team. The first game was played with Albany College on November 24, 1892. Oregon won with a score of 3 to 0. The field used at that time ran north and south, the south end of the field being where the Oregon building now stands. The ground on which the game was played was not entirely smooth and several injuries resulted from the players stepping into gopher holes.

From 1896 on Oregon had a team every year and played games with other colleges of the conference which included Newberg, Willamette, Albany College, Linfield, Portland Academy and several other schools not now in existence. A semi-annual game was held with the University of Washington when enough tickets could be sold to insure the expenses of bringing the Washington team to Eugene.

Basketball and track did not develop in the University until after 1900.

President Campbell came to Oregon in 1902. He was greatly interested in athletics and did some excellent work in aiding sports to gain a real foothold within the institution. He was largely responsible for bringing Bill Hayward, Oregon's veteran track coach and trainer, to Oregon. He also helped to bring Virgil Earl, Oregon's present director of athletics. His influence in furthering sports made possible the development of an athletics department which in turn has been responsible for systematizing all phases of sports including the financing, building of suitable fields, scheduling of games, purchasing of equipment, etc.

Oregon has turned out some of the greatest track and field stars developed on the coast. This was possible only by the efforts of Bill Hayward. Bill is beginning his twenty-fifth year as track coach at Oregon. In addition to being track coach, he has been an invaluable asset to the athletic department as a trainer. He has accompanied four track teams to the Olympic games and usually with one or two of his own developed men, such as Dan Kelly and others. He went to London in 1908, Stockholm in 1912, Antwerp in 1920 and Paris in 1924. Bill Hayward came to Oregon after coaching Pacific University, Albany College, and the University of California—after a brilliant career as a sprinter. His first Northwest Conference Championship came in 1905, and from 1910 to 1915 his teams won conference victories without a break and individuals scored high in national intercollegiate meets. Bill has developed track performers whose names are engraved in Oregon's hall of fame.

Dan Kelly was one of the most remarkable track men in the country. Dan could sprint, hurdle, high jump, and throw the javelin. In a meet in Spokane in 1906, Dan Kelly took five first places and made a remarkable performance in each event. He ran the 100 yard dash in 9 and 3-5 seconds, the 220 in 22 flat, the low hurdles in 25 seconds, high jumped 5 feet 10 inches and broad jumped 24 feet 8 inches. Such performances as those of Kelly have never been equalled by Oregon athletes and seldom by any athletes in the country.

Martin Hawkins, who is now a judge in Portland, was a great track man under the tutelage of Bill Hay-

ward who developed him from a scrawny lad to a powerful runner. Frank Frisell is another star developed by Bill. His most outstanding feat was the winning of the decathlon at the Lewis and Clark Fair in 1906. Vere Windagle became one of the greatest half milers or his time under Hayward and succeeded in winning several national honors and breaking two national records before he dropped out of competition and began to coach track. He is now coaching at Washington high school in Portland. Bill has conditioned men for varsity football teams for the last quarter of a century and has done it exceptionally well—the great 1916 team, Pacific Coast champions—as a noteworthy example. So much has Bill contributed to Oregon that Hayward field was named after him.

The most outstanding football coach Oregon has had was Hugo Bezdek who coached the 1916 team, which beat Pennsylvania at Pasadena. Oregon's football history has been as colorful as her track history. Bezdek turned out more stars than the other coaches who held sway over Oregon football prodigies. Among them were the great Dudley Clarke, one of the best halfbacks ever developed at Oregon. Dud was also a good punter and a baseball player. Johnny Parsons was another half-back brought out by Bezdek. Others were Lloyd Tegart, Brick Mitchell, Jake Risley, Shy and Hollis Huntington, Virgil Earl and Dick Smith, who coached the 1924 and 1925 football teams. Among the great punters developed at Oregon, the four Templeton brothers and Fred Moulten were the best. The Templeton brothers could punt between 65 and 75 yards consistently. Many games were won by the ability of these brothers. Fred Moulten was the most colorful drop and place-kicker developed at Oregon. In 1910 O. A. C. was scheduled to beat Oregon. Oregon did not score a touchdown but Moulten succeeded in kicking four place kicks—Oregon won 12 to 0. Jack Latourette, although not exceptional, was one of the best kickers Oregon has had.

Virgil Earl, director of athletics, has brought to a realization the dreams of the athletic enthusiasts, building up the athletic department to its present state of efficiency. When in college Earl was a football and baseball star. He was all-north-west guard in 1904 and one of the best catchers and outfielders ever produced at the University. Mr. Earl had been closely connected with athletics before entering the University and after graduation he coached baseball and football at Washington, where one of his football teams won the national championship. He was a student manager in 1902, 1903, and 1904—during which time he managed football, baseball, and track. It was in this capacity that Earl obtained a thorough knowledge of the problems concerned in directing athletics. He claims the greatest difficulty the University athletic department has had since 1901 was the securing of funds to construct fields, equipment, and purchase uniforms and services of coaches. In 1901 the total receipts for the games amounted to only \$1800. On this paltry sum the athletics of the University had to be maintained. Until 1906 there was no grandstand on Kincaid field.

During the past year, through the efforts of Virgil Earl and others, a new era in University athletics has dawned at Oregon. The new grandstand on Hayward has been completed, a new baseball field has been constructed and a much needed 220 yard straight-away has been finished. During the summer the new basketball pavilion, which the Associated Students are constructing, was partially completed. The building will be finished before the basketball season starts. It will be one of the finest on the coast. This contribution shows that the Associated Students are still behind athletics as strong as ever.

Last year Virgil Earl succeeded in bringing to Oregon Capt. John J. McEwan and his two assistants, Harry Ellinger and Gene Vidal, to coach football. Capt. McEwan was a former army player, coach and member of the national rules committee. He has brought to Oregon with him, an enviable record and a wealth of prestige. He played under Doc Williams at Minnesota in 1911 and 1912. He played center on the Army team from 1913-1916 and captained the team his last year. In 1914 he was named All-American center on Walter Camp's team. He coached the cadet team for three years, during which time he won 18 games, lost five, and played six tie contests.

Oregon athletics have evolved like the University itself by a hard struggle for existence. Let us forget the past and look ahead into the future years of athletic achievement.

Friday Program Will Be Largely Work of Alumni

Dedication of Deady, Unveiling of Johnson Memorial Slated

Speakers on the Semi-Centennial program for Friday are alumni of the University of Oregon with the exception of Dr. Luella Clay Carson, first dean of women and former professor of rhetoric here, and Dean John Straub, a member of the faculty since 1878.

Friday will see the dedication of Old Deady hall and the unveiling of a memorial to John W. Johnson, first president of the University.

Reverend Herbert S. Johnson, son of the first president and a member of the class of 1887, will deliver the invocation at the ceremonies Friday morning and will also give the benediction. Melba Williams ('19) will sing and will be accompanied by Frances Pierce ('26).

Dr. Claiborne M. Hill (1881) will speak on "The Spirit of Old Oregon." Dr. Hill is now president of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity school in Berkeley, Cal. Dr. John Straub, emeritus dean of men, will speak on "Archaic Reminiscences."

Judge Lawrence T. Harris ('93) will deliver an address on "John W. Johnson, the Founder," Friday afternoon. Judge Harris is now living in Eugene and is a member of the law firm of Harris, Smith and Bryson. He was for a number of years justice of the Oregon supreme court.

Rev. Frank B. Matthews of Seattle will deliver the invocation and benediction Friday afternoon. He is a member of the class of 1895 and is now minister at the University Baptist church in Seattle. While at the University, Frank Matthews was editor of the monthly paper and in 1895 was captain of the football team.

Dr. Benjamin J. Hawthorne, a member of the first faculty and emeritus professor of psychology, will unveil the memorial tablet to President Johnson.

During the morning session Ben-

jamin B. Beekman of Portland will preside. Mr. Beekman was a member of the class of 1884 and was president of the first alumni association organization.

Judge Robert S. Bean (1878) will preside in the afternoon. Judge Bean was a member of the University board of regents for a number of years and president of the board from 1898 to 1920.

President Arnold Bennett Hall will also be a speaker in the afternoon.

Ex-Students Are Doing Post-Graduate Work

Margaret Inabit, graduate of the school of sociology in 1924, is taking post-graduate work in the Portland extension course under the supervision of the University. Miss Inabit was a charter member of Alpha Kappa Delta, national sociology honorary.

Margaret Cleveland is also taking work in the school in Portland. She attended the University three years, and will obtain her degree in Portland on completion of her fourth year. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Delta.

Year's First Poison Oak Victims Treated

Several cases of poison oak have developed on the campus this week. Grace Caldwell, Hendricks hall, is at the infirmary with a very bad attack, and Frank Riggs, Beta, has been seen wandering around the campus with his countenance hidden behind the white ointment. Several others have been having treatment for it at the dispensary but are not ill enough to be in the infirmary.

Seven patients are residing at the infirmary now, most of them suffering with various stages of colds.

Noted Men Entertained At Phi Kappa Psi House

The Oregon chapter of Phi Kappa Psi entertained guests last night at dinner. Among those present were included Dr. Suzzallo, ex-president of the University of Washington, Bishop Sumner of Portland,

Mr. Baker of Tacoma, and Professor W. F. G. Thacher.

After dinner Bishop Sumner proved his skill in sleight of hand performance, and furnished entertainment for the evening.

Post Handball Score, Is Cry at Gymnasium

Posting the score in the donut handball doubles matches is essen-

tial, according to information given at the men's gymnasium today.

If the contestants fail to record the outcome of the play the contests cannot be held as official.

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