

Oregon Nine Wins League Title For 1928

Play-off Victory May Mean Orient Trip For 1929 Team

Heavy Hitters to Return For Next Season; But Three to Graduate

Final Western Conference Standing table with columns for team, Won, Lost, Pct.

By Harry Dutton
The University of Oregon baseball conference season has come to a close and for the first time in many years the Lemon-Yellow nine finds themselves at the top of the heap.



Coach Reinhart

The opponents for Reinhart's diamond stars will be settled today, up north, when Washington State College and the University of Idaho cross bats to break the tie that exists between those two schools of the eastern conference division.

Varsity Gets Short Rest
After putting the clamps on the divisional leadership in their first game with Washington on the northern trip, the varsity eased up and, displaying a listless brand of ball, let Washington and the Aggies both topple them in the remaining two games of the conference schedule.

Since Tuesday's game the Oregon boys have been enjoying a brief respite from diamond practice. Coach Reinhart granted the short vacation that the squad members might have a chance to hit the books, term papers, and so forth, before they go into training for their championship series next week.

Monday practice will be resumed. The squad will take another hitch in their belts, and go to work in earnest to annex the collegiate baseball crown of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Baseball Future Bright
Next year, believe it or not, the Oregon ball team will have a good chance of making a trip to the Orient or to the Islands. If Reinhart's men take the conference title next week it will increase the likelihood of this tour.

Oregon has a good ball team, regardless of the fact that at times it has played an erratic brand of ball. Next year with added experience, and with the addition of Bill Baker to the pitching staff, it should wipe up the conference in one-two order.

There is some likely looking ball material on this year's frosh nine that Coach Reinhart may find valuable in building up his diamond crew.

Four Pitchers Back
In 1929 Reinhart will find practically his entire squad intact. He will have four pitchers, Bill Baker, peer of the mound crew, who was forced out of competition this season through an injury to his back, will be on hand. When Bill finishes his collegiate pitching it looks as though he has a future in professional ball.

Reynold McDonald, the Big Train and mainstay of this season's staff, will second Baker in pitching honors. The Big Train is admittedly one of the most colorful chuckers to perform on the Oregon mound for a long time. He has "it" with the fans.

Reinhart will have two porters, Curly Fuller and Art Schoeni. Fuller has had trouble with a sore arm this season and has not come through as expected. He is an able left-hander and when he is going right has plenty of stuff. Curly should prove a valuable cog in next year's slab staff.

Two Catchers on Deck
Schoeni is also a southpaw. On the super-varsity last year he showed quite an improvement this season and has credit for two Aggie defeats. Art has potentialities of developing into an even better hurler for the 1929 team.

Oregon will have two veteran catchers for windup duty. Ira Woodie and Cecil Gabriel. It has been nip and tuck between the two

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Managers' Prexy



Jack W. Benefiel, Oregon graduate manager and the president of the Pacific Coast conference graduate managers, who will preside over the meeting at Missoula next Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2. Among the important business to be decided is that of radio broadcasting of football games.

Bill Makes Ready For Olympics

Wetzel and Demers Asked To Attend Tryouts

William Hayward, Oregon's veteran track coach, will soon make his fifth trip to the Olympics as track advisor. He received a letter this week from Lawson Robertson, track coach of the University of Pennsylvania, asking him to bring "Vic" Wetzel and Jim Demers, high school javelin thrower, to Philadelphia for June 3 and 4.

"Vic" Wetzel will enter the decathlon tryouts and "Bill" says he has a good chance of going to Amsterdam, the site of the Olympics. Demers is sure of representing the United States in the javelin throw.

From Philadelphia, "Bill" will take his two men to Boston for the finals, then to New York. On June 11 he will start his journey across the Atlantic, accompanied by Wetzel and Demers, if they come through with the goods. The Olympics will start July 27 and will end August 6.

This will be the fifth time that Hayward and Robertson have crossed the Atlantic together and trained the athletes of the United States. "Bill" tells of a trip in 1912, following the sinking of the Titanic, when they went several hundred miles out of their way to the south to avoid the flow of icebergs.

Southern Cal Finishes Good Tennis Season

U. S. C., Los Angeles, May 24—(P.L.P.)—Having competed in six intercollegiate matches and three tournaments, the Southern California tennis squad closed a fairly successful season when Bob Gates and Francis Hardy entered the Pacific Coast tournament at Seattle last Friday.

Of the intercollegiate matches in which they participated, Coach Godshall's men defeated the Whittier tennis club by a 5-1 score, lost to Occidental College, 4-2, went down to defeat before the Lincoln Park tennis club 6-1, lost to Stanford 4-2, tied California 3-3, and vanquished the Lincoln Park tennis club in a return match by a 5-1 score.

The S. C. net men won second place in the all-minor sports tournament in which they competed with California, Stanford, and U. C. L. A. In the Ojai tournament Francis Hardy of the Trojans reached the semi-finals, winning four of his matches.

Oregon Loses Track Men By Injury Route

Varsity Blanked; Frosh Take Five-Handed Portland Meet

Tangle This A. M. With Aggies May Not Swing As Dope Indicates

By Chal Noce

Two paths that lead away from winning track teams, scholastic difficulties and injury, have been kept worn smooth by departing Webfoots.

Two months ago, "Bill" Hayward, Oregon's veteran track coach, had a track team. He admitted it himself. Today's meet ends the season and he has no team to send against Oregon State, at least not the one he had earlier in the season.

Yearling Tennis Team Unbeaten

Rooks, Babes Fall Before Frosh Racquetees

Like the varsity, the 1928 freshman tennis team may lay fair claim to championship honors of the Northwest, in their class. Of the eight matches on their schedule, the green-cappers have lost but one, and that to the Aggie Rooks who were taken into camp by a 5-1 score.

Stanley Almquist and Sherman Loekwood, freshman stars, showed their worth in the Washington Babe matches, which they easily won, handicapped as they were, by lack of practice conditions here on the campus. These two also won their first Rook matches by one-sided scores. They should make a very valuable pair to go up for next year's varsity.

Burdick, Buel, Kneeland, and Anderson are other freshman players who broke in against the rooks in the past season. All have tennis possibilities, according to Coach Abernethy, and will be on hand to make their bid for the varsity when the 1929 season rolls around.

Fourteen fraternities at Washington State College will enter teams in the annual intramural track meet to be held June 1 and 2.

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Cougars, Idaho Vie For Championship Today on Diamond

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, May 24—(P.L.P.)—As a result of Washington State's double victory over the University of Montana Monday and Tuesday, the championship of the eastern section of the northern division of the Pacific Coast conference will be at stake next Saturday at Moscow when Coach Buck Bailey's crew of baseballers tangle with the University of Idaho nine in the final game of the league schedule. The Cougars overwhelmed the Grizzlies 15 to 6 Monday afternoon and came back to wallop the Montana club again Tuesday by a 13 to 4 score.

Washington State and Idaho are each chalked up with five wins and two losses in the title race, with the deciding tilt Saturday. To date Idaho holds two victories over the Cougars while W. S. C. has defeated the Vandals but once. Montana bowed four times without taking a game in its series with the Bailey tribe, while Idaho was able to gather but three victories in its four games with Montana.

Frosh Team Closes Good Ball Season

Even Split on Eight Games Shows Well For Yearlings

Olinger and Barnes Among Big List of Stars on Squad

By Warren Tinker

The 1928 freshman baseball season, far from being a failure, has developed several men who look like varsity material. Four games won and four lost gives the frosh team a .500 win average which is not so bad, considering various things, according to Spike Leslie, frosh coach.

The Oregon varsity will return next year practically intact and it is doubtful whether many of this year's frosh will be able to place on the varsity next season.

Among those considered as first rate varsity material are Harold Olinger and Robert Barnes, freshman outfielders. Both are fast men and able to get under the most difficult of flies from opposition batters. Besides this the two have the best batting averages on the frosh list. Olinger has batted consistently over .500 through the season, while Barnes failed to get started until the frosh-rook tilts and has hit .600 in the four games with the Aggie yearlings. He has a batting average of .485 for the season.

Park Promising Catcher

A hitting catcher is in prospect for next year's varsity squad. Ted Fark, while kept out of some games because of lack of experience, has done some good bat work for the freshmen. Maurice Sussman has caught several of the frosh games but his batting must improve considerably before he can be considered as varsity material.

The freshman season started out with a rush, two wins by large scores being tabulated in a like number of games. Ashland normal was defeated in the first, 10-1, and the Salem high school was crushed for the next one, 17-4.

From that time on, however, it was hard sledding for the green lid boys, and disastrous too, as four out of six games were lost during the rest of the playing season.

The first out of town game was the sign for the initial defeat administered the frosh. Oregon not (Continued on page four)

Harden and Dixon Will Have Positions, Oberteuffer Says

Harold Harden and Homer Dixon, ex-Oregon grid stars who will graduate in June, have been elected directors of physical education at Endicott, Washington, and Independence, Oregon, respectively, was the announcement of Delbert Oberteuffer, acting director of physical education.

Both men are from this department. Harden will also serve as principal. Dixon held down a tackle berth for three years on the varsity. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and his home town is Elk City.

Harden won his letter at guard two years ago. He is also a Sigma Nu. Clifford Kuhn, assistant in the physical education office, graduating this spring, will forsake his career in that department to enroll in the Portland Medical School. Cliff is a member of Phi Sigma Kappa.

Herman Gauer, student assistant, will accept an assistantship in the department here, next year.

Do-Nut Tennis Attracts Many

Phi Psi's, Phi Deltas Win Way to Finals

For the second successive year, Phi Delta Theta walked off with the intramural tennis championship, though the tournament this spring was a walk-away for no one.

Phi Kappa Psi reached the finals after winning its way through such teams as the Kappa Sigs, Phi Sigma Kappa, and the Sigma Nu's. McCook and H. Miller were the Phi Psi players who were defeated by Fletcher and Earl Miller, the Phi Delta champions.

The S. A. E.'s, Deltas, and the A. T. O. team dotted the Phi Delta half of the draw when the curtain for the beginning of the do-nut net season was raised. The Sigma Nu and A. T. O. pairs were the semi-finalists.

Interest in do-nut tennis, as evidenced by the number of entries, and the enthusiasm of the players, is growing every year, and though no cup was offered this year, it is the hope of Coach Abernethy that next year's tourney will find an award for the winning team, and every fraternity on the campus will enter the competition.

Prospect for Football Team Is Excellent

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Heavy Line and Backfield Will Feature Oregon Varsity Lineup

By Chan Brown

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McEwan bases his hopes for success upon the heavy line and backfield which he will be able to form. In the past the Lemen-Yellow gridsters have often been badly outweighed by opposing teams and this has often been a large contributing factor in the defeat of the Webfoots, but next year new candidates from the present freshman class alone are capable of forming a line that would average close to 200 pounds, while their backfield average would be about 185 pounds. In addition to this promising group of incoming sophomores, at least 13 varsity lettermen are expected to answer the first roll-call.

Long Spring Practice
Preliminary football practice was begun about the 18th of January, and from then until spring vacation "Cap" McEwan drilled his linemen principally upon fundamentals, with frequent hard scrimmage sessions. After the beginning of the spring term, there was some more intensive drilling for the line, and later a good deal of forward pass practice for the backfield.

The freshman squad will contribute greatly to the strength of the backfield in the person of Johnny Kitzmiller, 173-pound full-back, who was the most outstanding player produced by Spike Leslie last fall. "Cec" Gabriel, varsity catcher, was ineligible for the pigskin game last fall, but he is expected to be on hand this year and will be one of the fastest half-backs on the squad. Gabriel combines a gross weight of 190 pounds with his unusual speed and the battering-ram effect should prove very satisfactory to the Oregon cause.

"Speed" Burnell to be Back
"Speed" Burnell, two year varsity letterman at half-back, is another certain yard-gainer in most any fracas. He will return for his last year of football, and will endeavor to excel even his former stellar performance. One of the hardest-hitting ball carriers in the game last year was "Chuck" Williams, and this game little fighter is sure to break into the lineup next fall.

Fully recovered from the injury to his arm, Bobby Robinson will probably continue to be the best broken-field runner of the outfit. Two able men are eligible for the position at quarter-back. Ira Woodie and Dave Mason have both made letters as team pilots, Ira earning two stripes and Dave being one of the sophomores of the 1927 eleven.

Freshmen Will Help
John Donahue and "Choppy" Parke of Billy Reinhart's crew last year are regarded as good possibilities by McEwan. Both boys were stars with the yearlings and tip the scales at 180 and 170 pounds respectively.

Freshman contributions to the varsity line are of an exceptionally high caliber this year, and these men added to returning lettermen, will give the Oregon mentor a truly formidable forward wall combining both strength and speed.

Three stellar tackles were produced by the yearlings, and with the two lettermen who will return, it seems that McEwan will not have to worry about that position. Austin Colbert is a fighting 195 pounder whose specialty is smearing the plays of the opposition before they can get started. His performance with the freshmen last season left little to be desired. Marion "Tiny" Hall, present weight man with the Duckling track team, stands well over six feet in height

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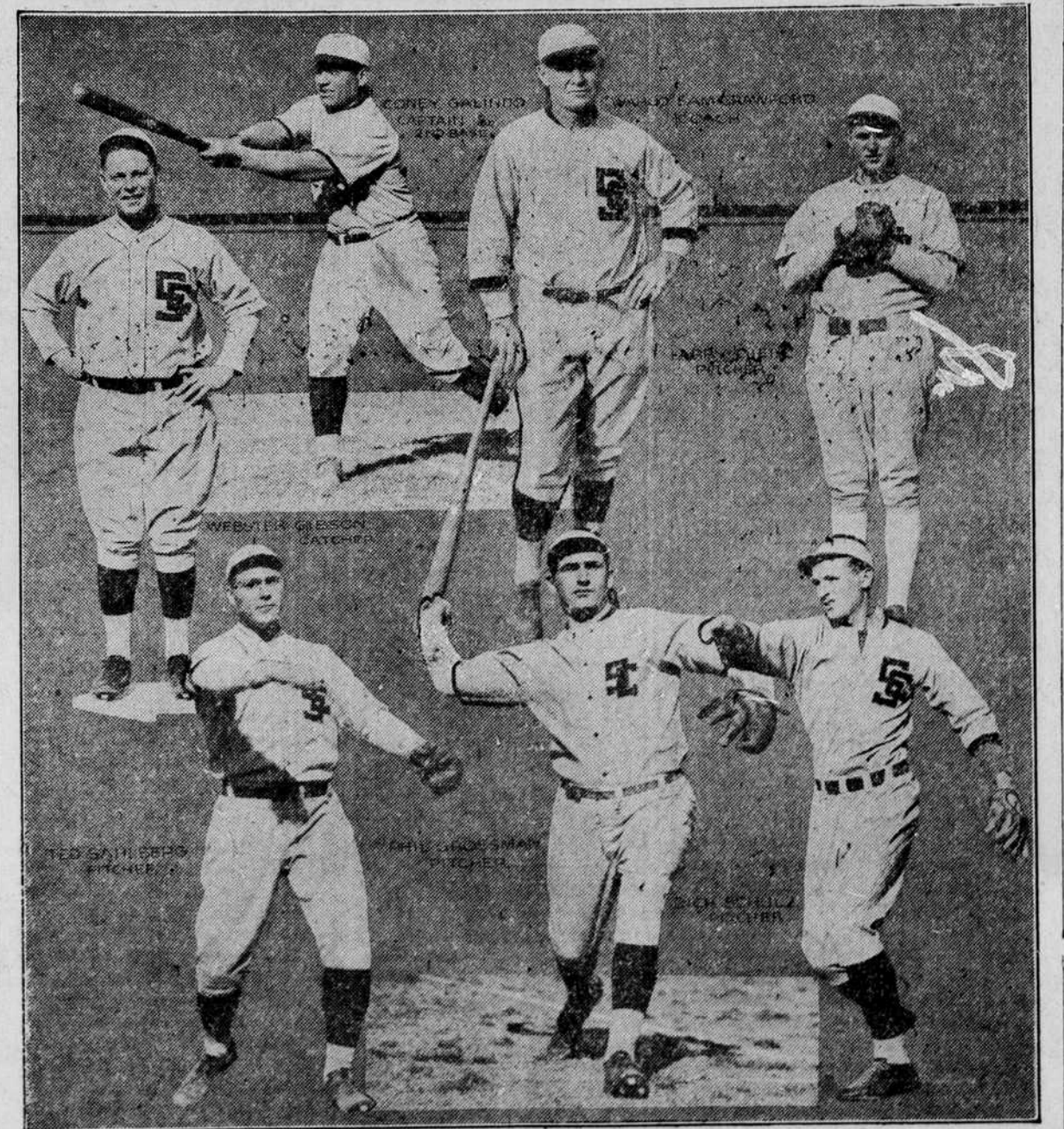
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Trojan Bat Slingers Now Touring Orient



Seven of the University of Southern California willow-slingers who are playing on the varsity team which landed in Japan yesterday on its tour of the Orient. Team in Hawaii, Japan, Korea, and Manchuria will tangle with the team before its return in August. The team is being coached by Sam "Wahoo" Crawford, Trojan varsity coach.