

# THE Firing Line



Oregon's ball club has brand new uniforms this season, but apparently they aren't quite complete. Also necessary for any diopium aqua is a full set of hip boots and good rain coats to go around.

Of course, it wouldn't be entirely amiss to suggest a fleet of canoes for the lads to navigate the bases in, but perhaps such would be a bit awkward. Another day or two of the kind of rain that deluged Howe field and all the practice fields about two o'clock yesterday afternoon, and someone will suggest a fleet of submarines.

Frankly, it's flabbergasting. Last year both the non-conference and the conference openers were rained out. That much is expected. There's no use trying to get by without plenty of postponements. But yesterday marked the third straight washout of the same doubleheader in four days. And more washouts are apparently on the way for the rest of the week and the rest of the season.

It might be wise to officially substitute water polo for baseball. Or possibly Mike Hoyman could call out his swimming team for a game or two.

Yesterday's scheduled twin bill was wiped off before the rain started, for that matter. Spec Keene, Willamette's extremely capable and successful coach, is sick, and it was decided yesterday morning to postpone the conflict. Which saved the Bearcats a 70-mile trip for nothing.

Oregon's pre-season slate has been shifted around a bit. Oregon Normal will be rained out here this afternoon, unless something cataclysmic occurs. Then tomorrow there's a game at Monmouth for Jude Pluvius to pester. That's the old skeed, and it still goes. But the two double bills with Portland university have been now booked for a pair on Thursday and two more in the metropolitan Friday. Which makes Saturday the rest day instead of Thursday, though they'll all be rest days if a halt isn't called on the liquid refreshment.

Reason, incidentally, for moving up the Portland games is that the Oregon coaches must be in the big town for an alumni banquet Friday night, which thus means the death of two feathered friends at the expense of a single missile.

This was to be one of the biggest weeks of the year in sports here. Eight ball games, five of 'em at home; three varsity tennis matches, all at home; a tennis golf match with Washington here; two frosh ball games, also here, and intramural softball, tennis, and golf, every day—that was the lineup.

But if it didn't stop pouring, the racquets, clubs, and bats will all be traded in for lumber and hammers and nails and the lads will start construction work on the ark.

One thing the weather can't stop is football. Prink Callison's half-hundred hearties strut their stuff every afternoon, rain, shine, or (Please turn to page four)

# Oregon Baseball Nine to Play Normal Team Here Today

## Hayward Has Eight Veterans On Track Role

### Inclement Weather Has Effect on Workouts; Vaultor Varoff Heads Colonel's Squads

Continued rains, a soggy track and illness of Colonel Bill Hayward, combined with the general un-spring like weather since the opening of the term have greatly hindered the pre-season training grind of the Webfoot varsity track squad.

In spite of the weather, Hayward has been making every effort to condition his men. Distance runners have been working out most regularly with almost daily endurance runs.

This year's squad will be built around eight returning lettermen. Heading the list is George Varoff, holder of both the indoor and outdoor world records in the pole vault. Varoff was a freshman last year, but received a letter this winter for his record breaking performance in several indoor meets.

He is considered the top vaulter of the country, and gave notice of his condition this spring when he cleared the bar at 14 feet 3 inches at the Hill relays two weeks ago. He has two years of varsity competition left.

Webfoot stock rose last week with the arrival on the campus of Leonard Holland, letterman discus thrower, who is capable of a consistent 145 feet with the plate. Holland was fourth best man on the coast last year in his event, and his return greatly enhances Webfoot chances in the weight division.

Another sure point-getter in the weights is Bill Foskett, one-year veteran shot-putter. Foskett's heaves approach the fifty-foot mark, and if he hits his stride he should go over that mark this year.

In the distance events Hayward has Captain Sam McGaughey, veteran two-miler. This year McGaughey will probably compete in the mile. In his only test this year in the mile, he placed fifth in a field of the country's best milers at the Hill relays.

Ken Miller, senior and one-year letterman, is the returning standby in the half mile. In the coast conference meet last year Miller placed fourth, and is looked upon as one of the best half milers in the northern division.

Frank "Squeek" Lloyd is the only hope in the sprints. In addition to being one of the fastest men on the coast, Lloyd is a very capable broad jumper, placing second last year. In a pinch he also can be counted on to turn in a creditable performance in the high jump.

In the 440, the only veteran is Gilbert Shultz. Shultz made a let in his sophomore year, but failed to do so last year. He is a senior.

Completing Hayward's octet of veteran letter winners is Elmer Koskello, javelin thrower. The slim Astorian consistently threw the spear near the 190 foot mark last season with an ailing shoulder. Koskello is a junior and has another year of competition left.

In addition to this nucleus of eight, there are several other good prospects up from last year's freshman squad, and several men who did not compete last year. In the mile Crawford Lyle and John Davidson are excellent prospects. Both were members of Oregon's cross country squad last fall.

Harold Draper is another distance prospect. In the shorter events, Jim Schriver has been working out regularly.

Oregon opens its season on April 24 at Corvallis in the annual Oregon State relays. Oregon's only home meet will be on May 15 with Oregon State. Dual meets away from home are scheduled with Washington and Washington State. In addition to these, the Webfoots will also champion at Seattle; and send several outstanding performers to the coast conference meet at Los Angeles and the N. C. A. A. championships at Berkeley.

## Star Webfoot Netter



Bill Zimmerman, experienced tennis candidate, is shown polishing his backhand drive in a recent practice. Bill will play doubles for Oregon this afternoon in the season's first match against Oregon Normal.

## Oregon Netmen Open Against Normal Team

### Coach Washke's Tennis Team Will Face First Test On Home Courts; May Play Indoors

Barring adverse weather conditions, the opening of the 1937 varsity tennis season will be today, when Paul Washke's netmen clash with Oregon Normal at 2:45 on the University courts.

In case current weather conditions persist, Coach Washke cited the possibility of playing the match in the basketball courts at the Igloo and the new physical education gyms.

The tentative lineup for this afternoon's contest includes the four lettermen—John Economus, Larry Crane, Charles Eaton, and Al Zimmerman—and one new-comer, Al Finke. These men will play in the five singles matches, and the combinations of Zimmerman and Finke, and Economus and Eaton will probably represent Oregon in the doubles competition.

The status of Oregon Normal is not known at present, and the match today will be a test for the teams of both institutions.

Today's match is only the tip-off for the varsity netmen, who have two other matches scheduled for the remainder of the week. On Thursday afternoon, the varsity squad will play host to the Willamette university team, and will conclude the week's activities with another seven-point match against Reed on Saturday, April 10, at 2 o'clock. Both matches will be played in the local courts.

In an endeavor to be with his team at every match, Coach Washke is negotiating with Linfield and Reed colleges to effect a change in schedule. If negotiations are completed, the match with

## Duck Mermen Establish Long Record String

### Hoyman's Swimmers Set Twenty-five Marks in Four-year Win Streak Since 1934 Season

Oregon's varsity swimmers have established a total of 25 world, national, Pacific coast, and north-west records during their four-year victory streak which began in 1934.

Fourteen of the 25 marks exist at present. The Webfoots hold records in six of the nine events included in northern division conference competition. Oregon holds one national, six northwest, six coast, and two state records.

Reed Sets Backstroke Records. Jim Reed, backstroke star from 1934 to 1936, set the world mark when he churned the 1320 backstroke event, recognized in record books but not listed for competition, in 18 minutes 35 seconds in 1934. Reed also established a new national and coast mark in the 300-yard individual medley in 1936, when he turned in a 3:44.5 performance. His 1:42.9 time in the 150-yard backstroke still stands as a coast and northern division mark.

Three matches have been definitely listed for the Duckling netmen this year. Washke is negotiating for more competition with Oregon prep teams. Definitely scheduled are two matches with the O.S.C. on May 15 at Corvallis, and May 22 at Eugene, and a match with Oregon Normal on May 13, at Monmouth.

150-yard backstroke (20-yard tank)—1:42.9, set by Jim Reed at Eugene, 1936.  
300-yard individual medley (20-yard tank)—3:44.5, set by Jim Reed, at Eugene, 1936. (Also national intercollegiate record).  
300-yard medley relay (20-yard tank)—3:13.3, set by team of Jim Reed, Chuck Reed, Jim Hurd, Eugene, 1936.

State records: 100-yard free style mark, 55 seconds flat, set in Portland. Hurd also holds the state record in the 220-yard free style, 2:22.2.

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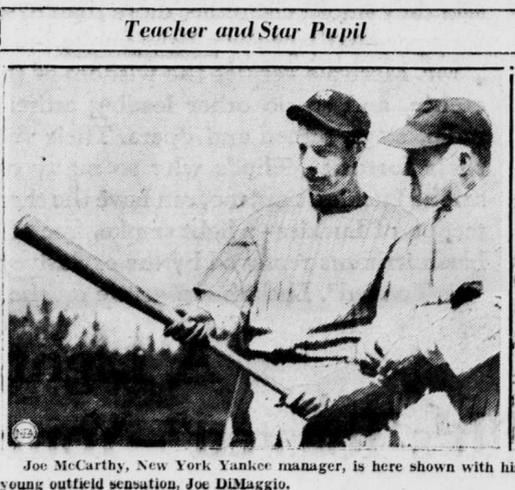
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100-yard relay (25-yard tanks)—3:47.7, set by team of Jim Hurd, Harold Sexton, Jim Smith, Leonard Scroggins, at Eugene, 1937.  
400-yard relay (25-yard tanks)—3:48.1, set by team of Hurd, Sexton, Smith, Scroggins, at Seattle, 1937.

Diving—All-time record of 417.50 points, set by Bob Chilton at Pullman, 1937.  
Oregon's Pacific coast intercollegiate records follow:  
40-yard free style (20-yard tank)—1:19.1 seconds, set by Jim Hurd, 1936.  
100-yard free style (20-yard tank)—5:44 seconds, set by Jim Hurd at Seattle, 1937.  
100-yard free style (25-yard tank)—5:33 seconds, set by Jim Hurd at Seattle, 1937.

Next Friday the Webfoots meet the Washington Huskies, in a 36-northern division champs, in a 36-hole match on the Eugene country club course.

Teacher and Star Pupil. Joe McCarthy, New York Yankee manager, is here shown with his young outfield sensation, Joe DiMaggio.



## Duck Mentor Undaunted by Pouring Rain

### Return of Ford Mullen Helps Coach Hobson's Infield Problem; May Switch Cliff McLean

Coach Howard Hobson's Webfoot baseball team, twice rained out of the season's opening doubleheader against Willamette, will make another vain attempt to play this afternoon against Oregon Normal.

If the sun blisters forth today, and if the practice field dries sufficiently, Oregon's baseball nine at 3 o'clock will cross bats with the Wolves. Indications last night pointed to another postponement.

Schedule Revised. Continued assaults of rain caused Coach Hobson to slightly revise his pre-season schedule. The Willamette twin bill has been delayed indefinitely, but may be played at a later date. The teams are definitely slated to meet in Salem for another doubleheader.

Portland university is slated to come to Eugene on Thursday afternoon instead of Friday as previously announced, unless present arrangements are changed. Oregon also moves to Portland for a return engagement against the Pilots on Friday instead of Saturday.

Move to Monmouth. The Wolves are also slated to travel to Monmouth tomorrow for a contest against the Wolves. That will still make six games in four days for Hobson's crew provided today's opening contest is given a break by the weather man.

Webfoot baseball stock took another boost yesterday when Ford Mullen showed up in uniform for the first time. Mullen, peppy infield prospect, has been out of the (Please turn to page four)

W. D. SMITH SPEAKS. Warren D. Smith, head of the geology department of the University, addressed housemothers at their regular meeting held yesterday in Geringer. Dr. Smith used as his title, "Minerals and Their Relation to War."

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