

# THE Firing Line

By PAT FRIZZELL.

Spring has come to the Willamette valley, we hope, and the crocuses are budding and the lambs are frolicking on the hillsides, even if it is raining.

All of which leads logically to that one about the crack of the bat being heard on every vacant lot as the horsehide soars through the blue spring sky.

Apparently, however, such is no longer the case. Instead of the crack of a heavy bat on whizzing horsehide we hear the futile "plop" of a slim stick on a big outseam ball, the size of those balls babies roll around on the floor.

It's softball, and it seems to be crowding real baseball, the kind Frank Merriwell played, off the back lots. Every year more sturdy lads who a decade or two ago would have been toiling with fielder's gloves and spiked shoes are turning to a game which once was known as "sissy ball." It was all right for old men and for women and children. But for real men in their athletic prime, it was hardly appropriate.

Softball was cheaper. You needed little or no equipment to play it. You also needed little ability. No great amount of science was in the game. You weren't even allowed to "lead off." So the lads who weren't "good enough" for baseball took it up.

Then, suddenly, it became respectable. It started encroaching on baseball's territory. They called it kittenball, playground ball, puff ball, mush ball, sissy ball. Then they standardized on softball. When the grocers challenged the butchers to a ball game, they meant softball, not real honest-to-godness baseball, the kind the Silver Stars and the Little Giants played when they traveled from one town to another on hay racks and worshipped Matty and Honus Wagner.

You could play softball in flannels. You didn't have to slide. No one was ever "beamed" by a pitched ball. A batter didn't even get to "take his base" when the ball hit him.

In five or six years, softball made baseball on the sandlots almost a memory. It made baseball a game played only by those who had exceptional ability or phenomenal interest. And there we stand at present.

Gloves and catcher's mitts are scarce around fraternity houses today. The boys would rather step out on the lawn and toss a deflated basketball called a softball.

Softball is all right, but it compares with baseball as ping pong compares with tennis. It's acceptable on occasion. There's no harm in it.

Why, though, must we have softball ONLY? On this campus the only persons who play real baseball are those who turn out for varsity and freshman teams. Otherwise hard baseball is dormant—let's hope not dead.

So let's swing into line. Let's have some intramural baseball played with a real horsehide ball, with gloves and Louisville Slugger bats. We can have softball too, and, lord knows, we will. But we

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# Oregon Golfers Defeat Washington Divotmen, 18 to 9

## Webfoots May Face Portland Pilots Today

## Six Games Rained Out During Week; Battles Today Scheduled for Portland

By ELBERT HAWKINS

It stopped raining long enough this week to allow Coach Hobson's varsity baseball team a two-game diet, but Old Jue cut loose again yesterday and caused postponement of the Portland twin bill which was to have been played on the Pilots' home field.

If it stops raining, the team will travel to Portland this morning for a pair against the Pilot outfit. Coach Hobson yesterday stated that pitchers Bill Marshall and John Lewis, who were untested on Wednesday and Thursday, would probably get the opening call.

### Two Weeks Remain

Two short weeks remain now until Oregon opens its 1937 north division campaign. A week from Friday, the Ducks travel to Corvallis for the conference opener against Slat's Gill's Beavers. Oregon and Oregon State are slated to open festivities on Howe field the next day.

At the start of this week Oregon faced eight games, including three doubleheaders for five days—a tough job for any pitching staff. Six of the games were postponed, and at least four will be played during the next two weeks.

### Linfield Here Thursday

Linfield college comes to Eugene next Tuesday afternoon for a single game, and Oregon on Wednesday moves to Salem for a doubleheader against Willamette. Oregon plays a return game at McMinnville April 20.

Hobby's baseball team got off to a successful start in the matter of victories, defeating Oregon Normal, 8 to 6, in a 10-inning affair on Wednesday, and then posted a 2-to-0 shutout over Portland university here Thursday behind three-hit pitching by Sophomore Bill Sayles.

### Sayles Dominates

Against Portland, chucker Sayles completely dominated play, allowing but one man to reach third. Hurler Jim Carlin laced a triple to deep centerfield off Sayles in the fifth inning.

Carlin, ace Portland moundsman, also pitched flawless ball, yielding Oregon hitters but four scattered hits. Bill Courtney, Duck leftfielder, and Jack Gordon, shortstop, each collected two blows off Carlin.

### Not Yet in Stride

Outfielder Hurney and Catcher McLean, heavy hitters of last year's squad, have failed to find their stride as yet. McLean, however, put Oregon out ahead in the tenth inning of Wednesday's game, by bunting perfectly to score Ralph Amato on a squeeze play.

Playing on a dry field at Monmouth in the season's first game, Oregon chalked up five errors, but against Portland played errorless ball. Gale "Busher" Smith, Webfoot first baseman, tightened his hold on the first sack by turning in a beautiful game. Hurney and Nicholson in the outfield took care of five chances without a miscue.

## Time Trials for Track Men Today

Varsity, Fresh Runners Will Compete at 2 p.m.; 6 Events Listed

Time trials for varsity and freshman track men will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

All track candidates, varsity and freshman, including those taking track for credit, are expected to compete.

Events to be run include the 75 and 150-yard dashes for sprinters; 70-yard high hurdles for hurdlers; 300-yard run for quarter milers; 660-yard run for half-milers, and three-quarter mile run for milers. George Scharf, last year's captain and star miler, is in charge of the squad during the illness of Colonel Bill Hayward. Hayward will probably be back in harness next week.

First scheduled meet for the Webfoot cindermen is two weeks from today, April 24. On that day the annual Oregon-Oregon State relay will be held at Corvallis.

## Sigma Nus Shade Zeta Hall Nine, 7-5

## Two Runs in Extra Frame Win Postponed Tilt for Millrace Team

Sigma Nu's softball team took advantage of the crumbling of Zeta hall's infield to put over two runs in the first half of an eighth and extra inning to win, 7 to 5, in the makeup of a postponed donut game yesterday.

Lanky John Dick, second man up for the Sigma Nus in the eighth, was safe at first when Joe Amato, Zeta first baseman, dropped the throw from shortstop. Wally Johansen hit one to Jerry Cameron, at shortstop, who first juggled the ball and then threw wild to first. All hands were safe. Ed Healy popped out to Cameron for the second out, but Merle Peters saved the day with a single to center field. Bob Fairfield's wild throw-in enabled both runners to score. Ken Battleson popped out to Shelby Golden to end the inning.

Fairfield, first man up in the Zeta half of the eighth, singled, but was out at second on a fielder's choice. George Jones then flied out to Bill Van Dusen and Amato to Dick.

Zeta hall's big inning came in the third when successive singles by Golden, Dalrymple, and Jonsrud, a long fly by Lance and another single by Fairfield scored three runs.

The Sigma Nus pushed four runs across in a hectic fourth. Van Dusen singled, Hank Nielsen tripled, scoring Van Dusen, Dick singled and Johansen and Healy hit doubles.

Johansen, Dick, and Jonsrud, Zeta third baseman, led the hitters with two bingles apiece. Phil Jonsrud handled six putouts and two assists to lead the fielders. John Dick was the best outfielder, ranging far and wide to play errorless ball.

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## Varsity Netmen Will Meet Reed This Afternoon

## Economus, Eaton, Finke, Zimmerman, Crane Compose Squad for Third Time

Oregon's varsity tennismen, victorious in 14 consecutive individual matches with Oregon Normal school and Willamette university, this afternoon takes Reed college's racketeers either on the University courts or in the gyms, according to the dictates of J. Pluvius.

John Economus will probably start at number one position. Playing there the last two matches, he has taken three love sets out of four played. Larry Crane, number two, has also taken three love sets out of four in the two matches played so far.

At number three position will probably be Chuck Eaton, who has taken only two love sets. However, he has dropped only two games in the two matches played. This is a better record than any other member of the tennis team has made to date.

Bill Zimmerman, the only Duck to drop a set so far, will probably start again at number four, while Al Finke, transfer from Oregon State, will again play number five.

Economus and Eaton will probably make up the number one doubles team, while Zimmerman and Finke will probably make up the number two doubles team as they have in the last two matches.

| SOFTBALL STANDINGS           |    |    |       |
|------------------------------|----|----|-------|
| League A                     |    |    |       |
|                              | W. | L. | Pct.  |
| Alpha hall                   | 1  | 0  | 1.000 |
| Yeomen                       | 1  | 0  | 1.000 |
| Betas                        | 1  | 1  | .500  |
| SPEs                         | 1  | 1  | .500  |
| Phi Psis                     | 0  | 2  | .000  |
| This Week's Games            |    |    |       |
| Betas 9, SPEs 2.             |    |    |       |
| Yeomen 10, Phi Psis 5.       |    |    |       |
| League B                     |    |    |       |
|                              | W. | L. | Pct.  |
| ATOs                         | 2  | 0  | 1.000 |
| Phi Sigs                     | 1  | 0  | 1.000 |
| Sigma Chis                   | 1  | 1  | .500  |
| Canard club                  | 0  | 1  | .500  |
| Pi Kaps                      | 0  | 2  | .000  |
| This Week's Games            |    |    |       |
| ATOs 5, Pi Kaps 2.           |    |    |       |
| Phi Sigs 6, Sigma Chis 4.    |    |    |       |
| League C                     |    |    |       |
|                              | W. | L. | Pct.  |
| Phi Deltis                   | 3  | 0  | 1.000 |
| Sigma Nus                    | 1  | 1  | .500  |
| Deltis                       | 1  | 1  | .500  |
| Zeta hall                    | 0  | 1  | .000  |
| Omega hall                   | 0  | 2  | .000  |
| This Week's Games            |    |    |       |
| Phi Deltis 13, Deltis 4.     |    |    |       |
| Phi Deltis 4, Omega 2.       |    |    |       |
| Sigma Nus 7, Zeta 5.         |    |    |       |
| League D                     |    |    |       |
|                              | W. | L. | Pct.  |
| Gamma hall                   | 1  | 0  | 1.000 |
| Kappa Sigs                   | 1  | 0  | 1.000 |
| Sammies                      | 0  | 1  | .000  |
| DUS                          | 0  | 1  | .000  |
| Fijis                        | 0  | 0  | .000  |
| No games played during week. |    |    |       |
| League E                     |    |    |       |
|                              | W. | L. | Pct.  |
| Comets                       | 1  | 0  | 1.000 |
| Theta Chis                   | 1  | 0  | 1.000 |
| Sigma hall                   | 0  | 1  | .000  |
| Chi Psis                     | 0  | 1  | .000  |
| SAEs                         | 0  | 0  | .000  |
| No games played during week. |    |    |       |



A Rest for San Francisco's Seals. These Seals, who are entertaining Portland's champion Beavers in a coast league series this week, were taking it easy after a workout late in the training camp season when the above picture was taken. Reading clockwise, starting at 1 o'clock, the Seals are Brooks, Holder, Ted Norbert, Ashley, Joerndt, Ken Sheehan, Jim Graves, and Johnny Gice.

## Spring Grid Game Slated This Afternoon

## Varsity Footballists Set For Long Scrimmage; Callison Plans to Use All Candidates

A full-length, intra-squad football game will be played on the practice field here this afternoon for the purpose of trying out new prospects for the varsity and to see how different combinations will work.

Four different backfield groups and a wide range of prospects for line positions make picking a lineup a difficult task for Head Coach Prink Callison and his assistants. Everyone out will get a chance to play, the game being mainly for the purpose of testing the men.

No definite starting time has been listed. Stops will be made occasionally for individual instruction.

Lettermen Back Eighteen returning lettermen form the largest nucleus that an Oregon football team has had since 1933. This squad of lettermen is considerably augmented by 29 men, mostly sophomores, many of whom are already showing great promise.

Four backfield units, two com-

## John Economus Named Captain Of Tennis Team

John Economus, two-year letterman and No. 1 man for two seasons, was elected captain of Oregon's varsity tennis team at a meeting yesterday. Larry Crane is the retiring captain.

Melvin Johnson will serve as senior tennis manager, with George Humphrey junior manager, according to announcement of Coach Paul Washke.

posed of veterans, provide plenty of material for Mike Mikulak, backfield mentor, to whip into shape next fall. The line, with many veterans and more reserves and sophomores, provides plenty of material for Gene Shields. The formidable array of beef, mixed with real talent, looms as strong, potentially, as the famous Webfoot lines of the past.

### Moore at Center

Vern Moore, two year letterman, heads the list for the center post, with Denny Breid and Erling Jacobsen, fresh pivot man, furnishing his chief competition. Lloyd Beggs and Bill Stein, former prep centers who played guard positions with the freshmen last season, provide plenty of reserve strength.

Five experienced lettermen and five sophomores are turning out for guard berths, and Gene Shields is faced with the pleasant task of choosing three sets from among

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## Sid Milligan's Golfers Post Division Win

## Ducks Outscore Huskies, In Morning Best Ball Play 8 to 1; Singles Matches Close

Oregon's varsity golf team defeated the University of Washington Huskies in a match played over the Eugene country club course yesterday, 18 to 9.

The Webfoot divot diggers took an 8-to-1 lead after the morning's round of best-ball foursomes matches. In the afternoon's singles matches Sid Milligan's golfers were held on almost even terms by the Huskies and led only 10 to 8.

### Cline Shoots 73-76

Walt Cline shot the best golf in the singles as he carded a 73 and a 76 for a total of 149 to defeat Don Simpson of the visitors, 2 1/2 to 1/2. Simpson's scores were 82-79—161. Carl Johnson of the Huskies shot 76-73—149 as he took all three points from Sid Milligan, even though the Webfoot captain registered 72-78—150. Don Picht of Washington carded a pair of 80's to defeat Doug Ramsey, who shot 76-82, 2 1/2 to 1/2.

Bill Watson and Dave Hamley came through with three points apiece to pull Oregon ahead in the singles. Watson scored a 77-77—154 to defeat W. A. Vaughn of the Huskies who had 79-83—162, and Hamley carded 79-79—158 to win from Jimmy Longmuir, whose scores were 82-87—169.

Dave Norton, Washington, carded 79-83—162 to take two points from Oregon's Bill Stockton, whose scores were 77-84—161.

### Milligan, Hamley Win

In the best-ball foursomes, Sid Milligan and Hamley shot 73 and 79 respectively to trounce Johnson and Simpson, who carded 76 and 83. Walt Cline and Bill Watson shot 73 and 79 respectively to beat Vaughn and Picht, whose respective scores were 79 and 80.

Washington's single point in the best-ball play came in the third team match, in which Stockton and Ramsey of Oregon carded 76 and

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**STUFF**

The University of California is rated as having the strongest dual meet track team in the country this year. Today will tell the tale when the Golden Bears meet Southern California, last year's NCAA champions. . . . Sammy Baugh, All-American quarterback last year, winds up his college career this spring as captain of the Texas Christian baseball team. . . . Rutgers, Yale, and Dartmouth will all be aiming at the third leg of the national intercollegiate outdoor championship to be held June 26 and 27 at Saratoga lake in New York. Each has won twice before, with Dartmouth the winner last year.

**Baylor university in Texas** boasts of an All-American battery on its baseball team. . . . Both Eddie Waap, pitcher, and Dan Tilden, catcher, are full blooded Indians.

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## Gashouse Rookie Swings, Misses

Mickey Owens of the St. Louis Cardinals, considered by many the most promising first year man in the National League, showed nothing but promise on this training camp swing.