

Ford Mullen Lands Backstop Position; Beard, Quinn Moved

Webfoots to Tangle With Willamette Outfit Here Friday, Salem Game on Saturday; Outfield Positions Still Unsettled

By BILL NORENE

Coach Howard Hobson took his baseballers outside for their first practice since his return from the East yesterday, following a lengthy talk in the locker room.

Coach Hobson met the team in Salem Saturday. With games on Monday and Tuesday, he had no chance to work with his boys in preparation for the two games.

Friday, however, will be an important day in the life of the Ducks with the third game in their extended series with Willamette university scheduled for that day. In addition to this they play Willamette again on Saturday in Salem.

Yesterday Coach Hobson said that the lineup for the Willamette games will probably remain the same as the one used in the last few games. This lineup is considerably changed from the one used at the start of the season, or any one that sideline observers had predicted he would use in order to work Wimpy Quinn in at the best spot.

The new starting nine lists Cap-

tain Ford Mullen as a catcher, where he has had some experience. Last year he was all-star third baseman but there will be no vacancy at third with Wimpy Quinn moved in from the outfield to his natural position.

Quinn is an old hand at holding down third base, and prefers that position to right field where Hobby had him stationed before the shakeup.

Bob Beard, who caught before the new deal, was shifted to right field, Quinn's former hangout, and seemed to find himself in the new

Alpha Phi Win, 13-8 In Softball Opener

Alpha Phi defeated Chi Omega in the first game of the coed baseball tournament played this year, 13 to 8.

The Alpha Phis were behind for the first two innings, but suddenly gained a lead and kept it throughout the game. The Chi Omega infield was very good. However, both teams showed need of practice.

Lineup:
Chi Omega Alpha Phi
Ashc..... Berni
Youngp..... Howard
Root1b..... Baker
Jeness2b..... Peil
Kurtz3b..... Miller
Palmerss..... Wolfenden
Farrelllf..... Shepard
Hutchinsrf..... Theobald
Kanecf.....

Delta Gamma will play Sigma Kappa at 4 o'clock today. Pi Beta Phi will play Kappa Gamma at 5.

position with some nifty stickwork. Against ONS' Wolves he hit three for four.

Two Jobs Uncertain

The other two outfield positions are still largely the question marks. Matt Pavalunas, Ken Battleson, and Masa Kato are the three outfielders out for starting jobs, while John Linde, heavy-hitting southpaw pitcher, has been used in the outer garden frequently. To date no partiality has been shown any of the quartet, although Linde has seen considerable service as he adds batting strength to the portside of the plate.

Yesterday the squad brushed up on the finer points of infield defensive play under the watchful eye of Coach Hobson, a former second baseman himself.

At the same time he gave the lads some pointers on base running and offensive maneuvers.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN

Coed softball has started. Walk out to Gerlinger field and watch.

Frosh Cinder Squad Shows Improvement

Broadjump is Strong; Morey in 4:36 Mile; Plan Meets With High Schools

Ken Miller's 1938 Duckling track squad is slowly rounding in shape with several good times turned in in recent trials. Galloping Galen Morley turned in the best time for the mile so far this year with a 4 minute and 36 second run, along with Ward Wilson's 2 minute and 2.4 second half.

The broadjump is exceptionally strong with Leland Lewis, Dwight Nott, and Ehle Reber going well over 22 feet.

Ken is planning on the idea of having tryouts every day in certain events, in that way keeping the boys interested and also giving them good training in competition.

Andrews Turns Out

The most recent addition to the track squad is George Andrews, Warren's basketball protege, who throws the javelin. Andrews threw the javelin 175 feet recently.

Miller has a quartet of good sprinters in Bob Diez, Bob Keen, Dwight Nott and Leland Lewis. Each man runs the 100-yard dash in a little over ten seconds. The outlook for a good 440-yard relay team is good.

The frosh cinder sweepers meet the Oregon State Rooks in a relay meet May 7. They will meet such outstanding stars as Andrew Landforce and Henry Hoffman, javelin throwers; Jim Hayes, shot; Norman King, broad jumper; and Roy Rahala, an ace pole vaulter from Portland. Norman King is also Coach Grant Swan's hopes in the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

DUCK TRACKS

By ELBERT HAWKINS

Coach Hobby Hobson has apparently solved the perplexing problem of where to use his five impressive infielders, and he's doing it without following the alternative of using Wimpy Quinn in the outfield as everyone guessed.

The answer? Versatile Ford Mullen solves it. Ford took over catching duties in a recent game against Willamette at Salem, and has stuck.

That leaves slugger Quinn at his third base position — where rail-birds claim Wimp's professional baseball future lies—and where his ground-covering ability and slingshot arm come in so handy.

Jack Gordon at short, Jack Coleman, second, and Gale "Busher" Smith, at first, complete one of the best infields in college baseball. All three got seasoning in the state league last summer, Gordon playing with Reedsport, and Coleman aiding Woodburn. Smith and Mullen played with the Toledo Lions.

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Although a couple of the boys didn't hit too well for Oregon last spring, all were in the top five with .400 averages or better at some time during the season. They all dropped some near the end.

Hobby's switch of Mullen from third to catcher was apparently jake with the Duck captain who seems to like any position.

Ford looked like a million at third last spring where he rated all-conference honors, but it's said he showed even more talent in several games at second base for Toledo during the summer. Now he turns up as a very capable receiver.

Larry Crane's 6-1, 6-3 win over Willamette's Talbot Bennett here Tuesday afternoon in a varsity tennis match was truly worthy of praise.

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Captain Larry, Oregon's number one, either ignored or didn't know the record of Mr. Bennett, who has beaten practically every college player of note in Oregon and the northwest.

Crane beat out a man who for two consecutive years held the little northwest conference singles crown, lost but two or three matches a season, and split in two scraps with Oregon's Tom Mountain, '35, who captured the northern division singles title.

Like Dave Silver, Bennett is a law student, and was out of circulation last spring to devote his time to studies. Possibly Captain Crane hit him on a terribly poor day, but it takes real tennis to turn the trick against a man of Bennett's caliber, even then with the loss of only four games in two sets.

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Tuesday's Duck Tracks, referring to Oregon's minor sports program said, "ice hockey is at present out of sight (here) though, and conditions aren't favorable (Oregon State is ahead of us on that) blah, blah . . ."

Of course Oregon State doesn't have an ice hockey team, . . . just chalk it up as a typographical error . . . it was intended to read, "and conditions aren't favorable for CREW" . . . a University of Oregon crew is about as far out of sight as an ice hockey team on the Oregon State campus.

Coach Hobson took five of his players to Portland Tuesday night following the Oregon Normal baseball game at Monmouth . . . they looked over uniforms, balls, gloves, etc. . . if experience counts, John Warren's still ragged frosh nine will soon be seasoned . . . they're playing a game a day this week.

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Theta Chi, Phi Delt's Enter Semi-Finals in Waterpolo; Delt's Eke Win from SPEs

Semi-final matches in intramural waterpolo this afternoon will pit Theta Chi against SAE, and Phi Delta Theta against Delta Tau Delta. These teams stayed in the race by winning games yesterday, when Theta Chi defeated Phi Gamma Delta 5-0; Phi Delta Theta stopped Beta Theta Pi, 5-3; and Delta Tau Delta edged out Sigma Phi Epsilon, 3-2.

The Delt-SPE match, the closest and roughest of the day, with the personal foul rule invoked many times, saw two or three players out of the game at a time. The rules provide that in event of a foul, the player must leave the game until a score is made, the team thus playing with one less man. For the Delt's, Larsen, Regnart, and Tomasi each scored one, while Sinclair and Harris tallied the SPE's two points.

The Theta Chis held the Fijis in check throughout their encounter, running up five points. Pease hit the net twice, Bryant once, and Cooley twice.

In an overtime period, the Phi Delt's took the Betas in a speedy, stormy game. Tied at 3-3 at the

end of the second half, they went into a three-minute overtime, the barn boys netting two. All five of the Phi Delt's points were made by Holmes. Dallas made two and Mc-Neeley one for Beta.

Another Iowan



Don Gufler . . . he's with the Cleveland Indians, a native from the corn state, Iowa.

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