

DUCK TRACKS

By ELBERT HAWKINS

John Warren, Oregon's frosh coach, who wishes to gosh he wasn't so fat, issues a challenge to the world.

Detective-like appearing Mr. Warren thinks he's the best hand-ball player this side of the . . . well . . . this side of Willamette street, and he wants to prove it.

Here's the way he would say it, "I'm undefeated in three years of competition. Of course I lose a point now and then, but would like to meet any and all comers."

Whether Honest John is very honest about his claim of any unblemished record is known only by his opponents. But surely he's got a little careless against some one since 1935 and lost a match.

Probably just a whisper about this challenge will put the whole coaching staff on John's neck. Maybe the fat one doesn't include such performers as Russ Cutler, Mike Mikulak, and Tex Oliver in his challenge.

We (the press) have cruelly used such monickers as "Honest John," "John the Horse," "We can't win" Warren, but TIME MARCHES ON and now he'll have to be called John "I'm unbeatable" Warren.

A year ago he would have said "lousy!" about the present frosh baseball team, but today it's "plenty good"—so good in fact that Eddie Thomas and the athletic managers have nailed John to his work and challenged the skipper, and his merry lads to a grudge ball game.

Time: Saturday morning.
Who: Frosh vs. Managers.
Where: Warren mud-flats.
Pitchers: "Zipper" Warren and (say of the nine men who think they can out-last him).

Gordy Williamson, the smooth little infielder who cavorted for Willamette last season, was released from Yakima of the Western International the other day.

His papers were waiting in the dugout during the final game, but Gordy meanwhile laid out a homer, triple, double, and a single while ignorant of the situation. Said Gordy when he got his release after the game, "What do you have to do to stay in this league?"

It's like the basketball player who invariably shoots a howitzer field goal just as his substitute reports at the scorer's bench.

What a set-up Coach Hobby Hobson would have had in baseball for 1939 if Gene Spiker and Bill Sayles had stayed in school. Sayles, you know, as a sophomore last year pitched Oregon to a northern division championship.

He signed with the Boston Red Sox, but developed a sore arm this spring and was farmed out at Little Rock.

Spiker, who played right field, first base, and pitched for Toledo in the state league last summer, was one of the circuit's leading hitters. He would have played with the freshmen this spring, and the varsity in '39.

But Spiker only lasted a few weeks in Eugene and heeded the call of nature—to play ball—quitting school. So Hobby's dream team of '39 will have to struggle along without Sophomore Gene Spiker and Senior Bill Sayles.

Colonel Bill Hayward is attempting to schedule a track meet with Portland university for Friday . . . Oregon's varsity baseballers play Oregon normal here today . . . Bill Spaulding will drop

Rowe to Be On Sidelines Seven Days

Leg Injury May Keep Fullback Out for Month; F. Emmons Steps Up

By DOUG PARKER

Fullback Paul Rowe is on the casualty list for at least a week. The barrel-chested line plunger sprained his ankle in Monday night's practice session when he tripped over a teammate.

According to Trainer Bob Officer, the sprained ligaments may heal within a week, but if they fail to respond to treatment, the injury may keep Rowe out for a month.

Absence of Rowe in the gird line-up will keep Oliver's first team line-up in the dark indefinitely. Rowe, regular fullback on last fall's eleven, was battling out the first string position with Frank Emmons, letterman, Duke Hankinson and Marshall Stenstrom, the latter two frosh.

With Rowe out of the picture temporarily Frank Emmons will be in line for the first team berth with Hankinson alternating between half and full.

No Veterans

Lack of veterans in line posts have been Oliver's chief worries. Jim Cadenasso looks the best bet at center, while Cece Walden, Nello Giovanini and Ron Husk aided by Ernie Robertson, Gordon Olsen and Gene Schultz will handle the guard positions with ease.

Many End Men

It is lack of tackles that bothers Coach Oliver most. Ellroy Jensen, Merle Peters and Russ Inskeep are competent players who may develop. Promise has been shown by Jim Stuart, freshman, and Jim Eacutt, transfer.

Wing positions seem well filled with five lettermen in line for the two posts. Len Robertson, Vic Reginato, John Yerby, Rod Speetzen, and Larry Lance are all lettermen. Promising frosh prospects include Norm Connoway, Bill Hawke, and Don Mabee.

Although Coach Oliver has not picked a starting backfield, he has intimated what he expects in his running crew. His outstanding backfield combination at present consists of Frank Emmons, full, Ted Gebhardt and Steve Anderson, halves, and Hank Nilsen, quarter.

Gebhardt is the most consistent punter of the squad and will be sure to see action next fall. Nilsen, a two-year letterman, filled the blocking back position last fall and is expected to maintain the position during the 1938 football campaign.

Anderson is a slippery triple-threat man, while Frank Emmons seems to have regained the "punch" that made him outstanding along with Rowe on the freshman team a year ago last autumn. Emmons was sick during the early part of last season and didn't get started until near the end.

Heavy scrimmage is billed later in the week. Better weather brings promise of an "air-circus" sponsored by Oliver for the entertainment of spectator-critics.

coaching duties at UCLA in 1938 where he has coached football for over a decade . . . Joe Gordon played errorless ball in his American league debut with the New York Yankees Monday, but went hitless in four trips up.

Send the Emerald to the folks. They want the campus news.

Willamette Defeats Oregon Baseballers At Salem Park, 9-5

Willamette's Bearcats gained a small measure of revenge yesterday when they jumped on three Duck pitchers for eight hits and nine runs to win 9 to 5.

The defeat was the second administered to the Ducks during their pre-season campaign which they wind up this afternoon on Howe field against Oregon Normal.

The Bearcats made the most of a walk, stolen base, and an error by Jack Gordon to score in the opening inning on starting Pitcher LeRoy Mattingly. They added another tally in the second and were never headed.

Ducks Threaten

The Ducks threatened in the eighth when they shelled Walt Weaver, Willamette's starting hurler, from the mound when they scored three of their five runs. Bob White, EONS transfer, was called in by Coach Spec Keene, and he effectively quelled the Duck uprising.

Eleven bases on balls issued by the three Oregon pitchers, Mattingly, John Linde, and Bob Hardy aided the Willamette cause. Four miscues in the infield by the Ducks also contributed materially to the Bearcat run makers.

Mattingly started on the mound for the Ducks and allowed two runs in the three innings he pitched. In the second inning Watts led off with a single, went to second on a walk, stole third, and with Buzzy Hagedorn worked a squeeze play to score.

Three Walked

A streak of wildness hit John Linde, second Oregon hurler, in the fourth inning when he walked three of the first five men. An error by Coleman, Oregon second baseman and a long double to right field by Shinn accounted for four more of Willamette's runs.

Willamette tallied two more runs in the sixth when Kolb cleared the bases with another rousing double. Their lone tally in the seventh ended the Bearcat scoring.

Wimpy Quinn singled in the fourth as leadoff man, stole second and third, and scored when Jimmy Nicholson doubled the center field. Oregon's other run was scored in the seventh when Nicholson led off with a single over third, went to third on Linde's double

NOT SO GOOD							
Oregon	B	R	H	O	A	E	
Mullen, c	4	0	0	9	2	0	
Coleman, 2	4	0	0	3	0	2	
Gordon, s	2	0	1	2	2	2	
Quinn, 3	3	2	1	0	2	0	
G. Smith, 1	3	1	0	7	1	0	
R. Smith, 1	4	0	0	1	2	0	
Yerby, r	3	1	1	0	0	0	
Nicholson, c	4	1	3	1	0	0	
Mattingly, p	1	0	0	1	1	0	
Linde, p	2	0	1	0	1	0	
Hardy, p	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	31	5	7	24	10	4	

Willamette							
Hagedorne, r	3	0	0	3	0	0	
Ragsdale, l	4	1	0	0	0	0	
Oravec, m	4	3	0	2	0	0	
Shinn, s	3	0	3	2	3	0	
Kolb, 3	4	0	3	1	1	0	
Pierce, 1	4	0	1	8	0	0	
Watts, 2	5	1	1	2	2	0	
Moe, c	0	2	0	6	2	0	
Weaver, p	2	1	0	2	1	0	
White, p	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Catherwood, r	2	1	1	1	0	0	
Totals	32	9	7	27	11	0	

Winning pitcher, Weaver. Losing pitcher, Mattingly. Innings pitched, Mattingly 3, Linde 3, Hardy 2, Weaver 7 2-3, White 1 1-3. Hits off Mattingly 2, Linde 6, Hardy 1, Weaver 5. Struck out by Linde 4, Hardy 3, Weaver 5, White 1. Bases on balls off Mattingly 4, Linde 5, Hardy 2, Weaver 6, White 1. Doubles, Gordon, Yerby, Nicholson, Linde, Shinn, Kolb. Double play, White to Watts to Pierce.

into the right field stands, and scored on Mullen's fly to Oravec in middle. Jimmy Nicholson in center field for the Ducks garnered three of Oregon's seven hits. Gordon, Quinn, John Yerby, and Linde got the other hits.

Varsity Golfers Leave for North To Play Huskies

Near, Cline, Watson Eldridge, Hughes, Golden Going

Oregon's six-man varsity golf squad is making last-minute preparations for its trip north tomorrow into the land of the Loggers and Huskies.

The Webfoots match shots with College of Puget Sound Friday, then move over to Seattle Saturday for a return match with University of Washington.

Those fighting for Oregon will be Doc Near, No. 1; Walt Cline, No. 2; Bill Watson, No. 3; Shelby Golden, No. 4; Ben Hughes, No. 5; and Kirk Eldridge, No. 6.

Manager Fayette Thompson and Junior Manager Bob Cutler will also make the trip.

All six golfers have been scoring well in practice rounds at home, but what they will do on the northern courses—untested by all but Veterans Cline and Watson—is problematical.

College of Puget Sound is expected to offer little opposition, but the Huskies, bent on avenging their defeat here two weeks ago, are always hard to beat on their own flat 9-hole University club layout.

So the Oregon men leave first thing tomorrow morning, with the intention of getting in an 18-hole practice round on the Fircrest Country club course tomorrow evening before the CPS match Friday.

Then, if they finish early enough Friday evening they plan to dash over to Seattle and warm up on the University club course for Saturday's match.

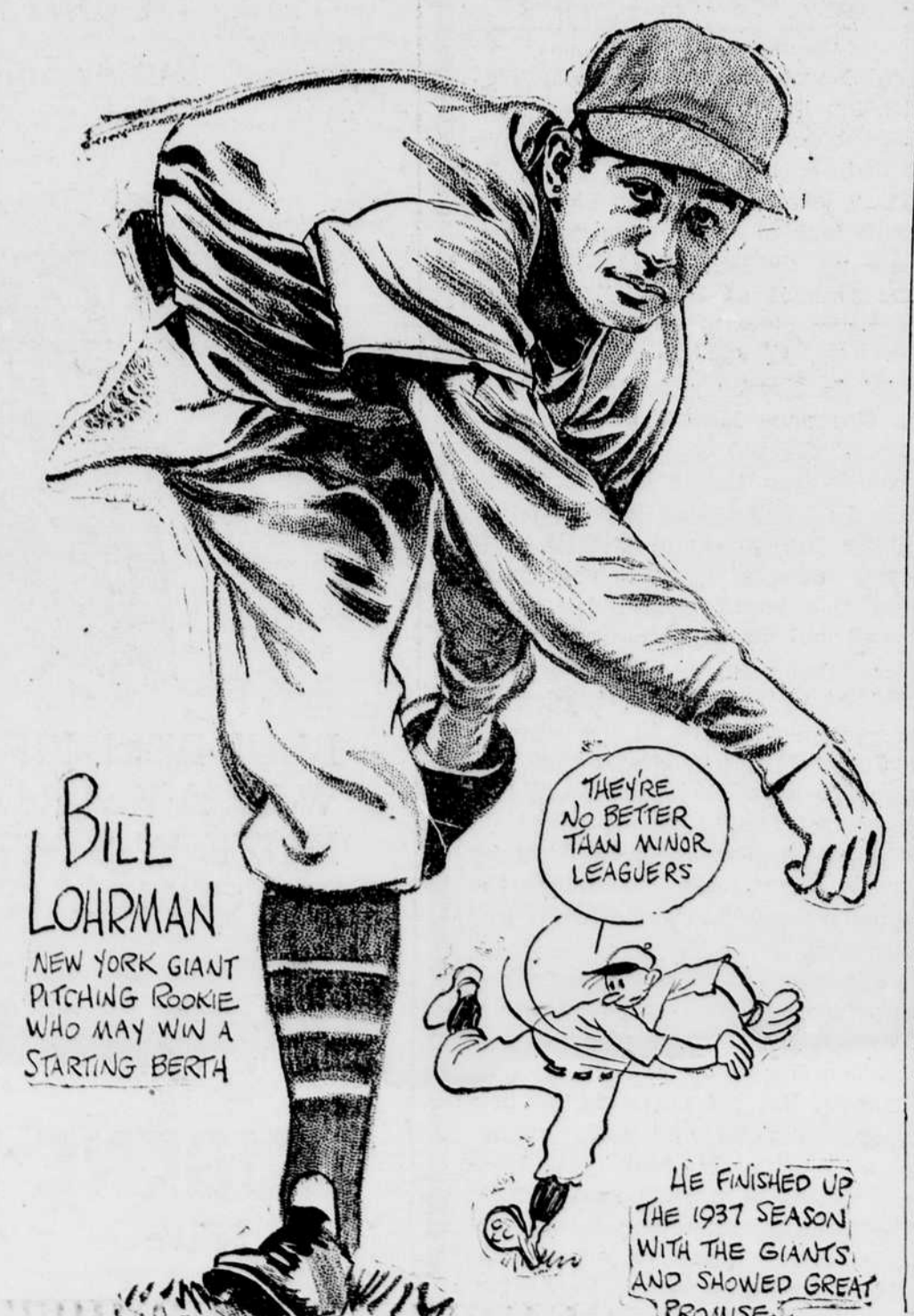
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