

# DUCK TRACKS

By ELBERT HAWKINS

There's still a big question mark in the Oregon baseball camp today as the Webfoots cross bats on Howe field in their second double-header of the season against Pacific university.

Hobby's infield quartet of Wimpy Quinn, third; Elmer Mallory, short; Ford Mullen, second; and Busher Smith, first, will be one of the northern division's smoothest and fastest combinations, it packs the hitting power, too, and there're enough bat players on tap to make a good outfield with veteran Jimmy Nicholson.

But the pitching staff? With five experienced flingers in southpaws Bob Hardy and Jack Jasper, and righthanders Bob Creighton, Al Linn, and Pete Igoe, it looks good on paper. By Hobby Hobson's task right now is more than a matter of material, it's the element of time.

Contrast this. Ralph Coleman, whose Oregon Staters were co-champions last spring in the conference, has had his hurlers tossing the ball around since February. Coach Hobson had a national basketball championship to win for Oregon so his Webfoots didn't get started until this form, two weeks ago.

Southpaw Bob Hardy, who'll be a kingpin on the Webfoot club this spring, was a basketballer and consequently did his first throwing only three or four days ago. It'll take him two weeks to get into shape. Assistant (acting) Coach Bill Cole, who handled the Ducks in Hobby's absence, got the break of some warm baseball weather last week and whipped the squad rapidly into shape, but only two of the pitchers, Creighton and Linn, were on edge enough to check Pacific Friday—they did, 4 to 1.

The Badgers waded through Jasper and Igoe and then picked on two of Bill Cole's infielders, Wimp Quinn, and Busher Smith who tried a hand at pitching.

With five games in five days slated this week, Hobby's question mark pitching staff will have a chance to prove itself. There's the aforementioned pair against Pacific today and then single games on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

How would you like to face a battery like this: Pitcher, L. H. Gregory and catcher, Honest John Warren. The Oregonian's leading baseball authority and sports editor dropped through Eugene yesterday after a few weeks in California with the Portland Beavers, and limbered up his long-inactive soupbone on the portly frog-catcher who offered to warm him up. Joker of it all . . . Honest John couldn't hold him, one of Greg's "dead" balls caught the Duckling skipper on a finger and put him in the place of all has-been catchers. Pitcher Gregory then stepped out on Howe field and fed his offerings to the varsity Webfoots who came away from the plate admitting "he still has that hook."

Cheerful notes on the Oregon camp . . . Gale Smith, the free-wheeling first baseman, who was all-conference as a sophomore, is starting his stickwork right where he left off last season . . . Pitcher Bob Hardy soaked the ball over the long right field fence on Howe field during his first batting practice of the year (distance of over 300 feet) . . . it went over on the fly contrary to what his "jealous" mates told him . . . they said it went over on the hop . . . a day or two later the portside pitcher and batter did it again, the ball landing in the middle of 18th street . . . last night he hit the bank with one.

George Varoff's pole vault of 14 feet at the Hill meet Friday night was his best performance in competition this season . . . he had topped that mark several times in pre-season jumps inside the new gym . . . Bernard Brewer, the lad who so successfully pulled Sunday's second Portland-Sacramento game out of the fire with a home run and some beautiful shutout twirling on the mound, is an ex-University of Oregon and Eugene boy.

Here's the count on Tex Oliver's turnout of varsity footballers: 57 men—18 lettermen, 6 reserves, 10 transfers, and 23 sophomores. The Webfoot coach, exponent of the "Oliver Twist", predicts his Oregonians will defeat Southern California's Rose Bowl champions in the first game on next fall's sched-

# Webfoot Baseball Team Opens Home Season Today

No Titles Now But He's Still Good



George Varoff . . . University of Oregon's great pole vaulter has lost his indoor and outdoor world records but he vaulted 14 feet into space at Friday's annual Hill meet in Portland to prove himself a worthy contender for new honors.

## Webfoot Cindermen Place at Hill Relays

Storli Stumbles as Idaho Takes Mile Relay Events; Meadows Breaks Varoff's Pole Vault Record; Hansen Is Third

The Ducks ushered in the 1939 track season Friday night by placing in two out of the three events entered in the annual Hill Military relays held at Portland.

Oregon's Kirman Storli, running anchor man in the mile relay, stepped on the inside rail of the track and lost his stride making it possible for Young, the Idaho sprinter, to widen his lead which Storli couldn't overtake.

Jim Buck, varsity sprint ace, fought off a last-minute drive by Bob Leslie, Oregon State runner, to keep the lead in the first quarter of the relay, but the strong Idaho runner finally breezed past both Oregon and Oregon State to win.

George Varoff, former world's indoor pole vault record holder, lost to Earl Meadows, Southern California's present co-holder of the world's outdoor record with George Sefton of Southern California, by a fraction of an inch when Varoff barely brushed the bar off at 14 feet 4 inches. Meadows made the leap to better Varoff's record of 14 feet 3 inches made last year.

Rodney Hansen, Varoff's pole vaulting mate, put a feather in his cap by clearing 13 feet 6 inches. Hansen missed 14 feet after three tries. It was the highest Hansen has gone this year. Colonel Bill Hayward was quite pleased with the showing made by both vaulters.

Bob Mitchell, Hayward's mile runner, against a surplus of competition trailed four other runners to the tape in the mile event. Glenn Cunningham, world's record holder in the distance, Don Lash, one of the outstanding runners in the world, John Borican, holder of the world's 1,000 yard record, and Don Vallencourt of Oregon State, led the field in the mile run.

With their first meet behind, Hayward's cinder pounders yesterday turned to practicing for the Oregon State relays to be held April 15 at Corvallis.

Hayward gave indication last night that the team would get down to real practice within the next two weeks in order to cop the affair from the Beavers. Last year, the Ducks took all but about two of the events.

This year's team is handicapped by lack of high jumpers and shot put men. All the weight events are at low ebb with only one or two men turning out for these events.

Vaughn Corley, the new line coach, is pleased too with his forward prospects . . . but he's worried about the two tackle positions . . . all afternoon scrimmages are scheduled for the team every Saturday during spring football . . . visitors are welcome.

## Pacific University Nine Invader for Twin Bill

Bob Creighton Is Hobson's Starting Mound Choice; Teams Break Even in Previous Doubleheader

By GEORGE PASERO

"Play ball"—that familiar bark of the baseball umpire will echo on Howe field this afternoon at 2 o'clock, ushering in the 1939 collegiate varsity season in Eugene.

Oregon's Duck "Bombers" and Pacific university's Badgers will share the honor for bringing King Baseball back into his own on the Duck campus.

Coach Howard Hobson's batters and pitchers have two games already under their belts, but both of these were played at Forest Grove. So Eugene fans have still to see this year's varsity in action.

A Twin Bill

A double header is on the bill for this afternoon. The two clubs split at Forest Grove last Friday, the Ducks winning the opener by a 4 to 1 score, dropping the second, 15 to 13.

The first game today looms as a pitchers' battle with Lefty Walt Reiss of the Badgers hooking up with Bob Creighton of the Ducks.

Coach Howard Hobson has four pitchers ready to go, and will probably use all four before the afternoon is over. Burly Bob Creighton has been ahead of the other hurlers in workouts to date and should get the starting nod from Coach Hobson. Creighton pitched four innings against the Badgers Friday, giving up five hits and only one run. Al Linn, fireball righthander, finished up for the Ducks and was touched for only three hits in his three innings on the hill.

Coach Pete Miller of the Badgers plans to start his two mound aces, Reiss and Francis Dierick. Reiss, southpaw veteran, will hurl the first game with "Cooney" Anderson, freshman backstop, behind the plate. Dierick will pitch to Dave Petrasso in the second contest.

In line for relief duty for the Badgers are Len Gillman, fireball sophomore, Harlan McCurdy, and Ray Sperling, a freshman.

At Full Strength

Monday night, for the first time this year, Oregon's ball squad was at full strength. Coach Hobby was back, directing practice, and four basketball-baseball players were again in the fold. Captain Ford Mullen, Pitcher Bob Hardy, and Outfielders Red McNeely, and Matt Pavalunas are the newest additions to the Duck squad.

Captain Ford Mullen, all-conference third baseman in his sophomore year and catcher last year,

will start the season at second base. Coach Hobby announced last night. Mullen has had considerable experience at the keystone position in semi-pro ball.

Bob (Ollie) Hardy, rated by scouts as a sure-fire prospect, Saturday hit one of the longest blows ever seen on Howe field. Hardy's wallop cleared the right field fence on the fly.

Pavy Is Experienced

Pavalunas, an experienced outfielder, will strengthen the situation in the "outer gardens," and will probably start one game today. John Yerby, letterman two years ago, is back with the squad, fighting for an outfield post.

With Mullen on second, the catching for today will be divided between two varsity reserves, Cece Walden and Maury Kelly; a transfer, Dwight Moore; and a sophomore, Jim Rathbun.

Coach Hobby's starting infield will consist of Gale (Busher) Smith at first, Captain Ford Mullen at second, Elmer Mallory at short; and J. Wellington (Wimpy) Quinn at third. A second infield consists of Home Run Herb Hamer at first, Jack Shimshak at second, Timi Smith at short, and Jack Yoshitani at third.

Jimmy Nicholson, the speedy grid star, and Tommy Cox are cinches for outfield positions. The right field job is wide open, however, with Pavalunas the best bet. Other outfielders who may see action are Frank Lukowski, Whizzer White, Bill Feasley, and McNeely.

Willie Carries a Hot Blaster

YOUNGEST SINCE JONES - - - By Jack Sords

TURNESA SLIGHT IN STATURE, IS NOT A POWERFUL DRIVER, BUT WHAT HE LACKS OFF THE TEES IS MORE THAN MADE UP FOR BY SENSATIONAL WORK AROUND THE GREENS

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## John Warren's Duckling Nine Engages Eugene

Game Is Today; Jefferson Wins Saturday, 7 to 2

John Warren's Duckling nine lost their opening game to Jefferson high of Portland, 7 to 2, at Howe field Saturday afternoon.

In their next appearance, the frosh will meet Eugene high at 2 p.m. this afternoon. Warren indicated he intends to start Walter Gale from Walla Walla on the mound, with Leland Drago and Bill Musselman ready to step in at any moment and take over the hurling duties.

The Jeffmen garnered eight hits off Drago and Musselman, while the frosh were held to four scattered blows off Fenter, Richards, and Warner. The three Jefferson hurlers fanned 12 frosh while 9 Democrats went down swinging.

Jeffmen Score Early

Jefferson scored in the initial inning when Rennick singled, advanced to second on Goodhew's error, and scored on Clifford's hit. In the third frame the Ducklings evened the score as Gene Fenter, Jeff southpaw twirler grew wild, walking three men, allowing Drago to score.

From the third inning up until the first half of the eighth there were no runs scored by either team. Richards opened the eighth inning with a walk, Clifford sacrificed, sending him to second, and Weimer sent him scampering home with a long triple. Harry Amacher singled to right field, scoring Weimer to end the scoring for the inning. This rally seemed to put new life in the Democrats and they sent four more runs across the plate in the final inning.

Zannos Hones

Nick Zannos opened the Duckling half of the ninth frame auspiciously hitting a long home run. The next three batters, however, were easy victims and Jefferson went back to Portland with the large end of the score.

Score: R H E Jefferson . . . 100 000 024-7 8 3 Frosh . . . . . 000 100 001-2 4 3 Fenter, Richards, Warner and Amacher, Weimer; Drago, Musselman and Adrian, Zannos. Umpire, Stan Summers.

to any aspirant for the right half, back berth.

Oliver has two good prospects for the left end berth in Hymie Harris, sophomore pass scooper, and Jim Harris, transfer. Bill Regner also showed promising talent at an end position.

The coaching staff of Oliver, Corley, and Mikulak have 25 more practice periods in which to round their team into shape for the opening of the 1939 football schedule. Practice is scheduled for every day, with public scrimmages every Saturday.

## Four Teams Triumph In Donut Swimming

Betas, ATOs, Kappa Sigs, Fijis Down Gamma, DUs, Phi Deltis, and SAEs

By PAUL McCARTY

Beta Theta Pi defeated Gamma hall, 29 to 18, yesterday in intramural swimming while Alpha Tau Omega won from Delta Upsilon, 30 to 17.

Two meets were decided by victories in the last events as Kappa Sigma edged out Phi Delta Theta, 25 to 24, and Phi Gamma Delta took a win from Sigma Alpha Epsilon, also by a 25 to 24 margin.

Big Jerry McDonald, Kappa Sig "water-churner," broke the coast 40-yard record by nine-tenths of a second.

Scoring was as follows:

Betas 29, Gamma Hall 18  
40-yd. free style—Chung-Hoon (Gamma) first; Fortmiller and Wolcott (Beta) second and third.  
40-yd. backstroke—Fortmiller (Beta) first; Niklas (Gamma) second; Hague (Beta) third.

40-yd. breast stroke—Chung-Hoon (Gamma) first; Craig and Atkinson (Beta) second and third.  
120-yard medley—Beta won by default.

60-yd. individual medley—Craig (Beta) first; Niklas (Gamma) second.

120-yd. free style relay—Won by Beta (Wolcott, Fortmiller, and Craig).

ATO 30, DU 17

40-yd. free style—Corley (DU) first; Crosby (DU) second; Boone (ATO) third.

40-yd. backstroke—Steele and Hochuli (ATO) first and second; Crosby (DU) third.

40-yd. breast stroke—Weston and Sears (ATO) first and second; Fischer (DU) third.

120-yd. medley—Won by ATO (Boone, Weston, and Hochuli).  
60-yd. individual medley—Corby (DU) first; Steele (ATO) second.

120-yd. free style relay—ATO won by default.

Kappa Sigs 25, Phi Delta 24  
40-yd. free style—McDonald (Kappa Sig) first; Lewman (Phi

Delt) second; Stevenson (Kappa Sig) third.

40-yd. backstroke—Holmes (Phi Delt) first; Andros (Kappa Sig) second; Corbett (Phi Delt) third.  
120-yd. medley—Won by Phi Delta Theta (Hickson, Holmes, and Lewman).

60-yd. individual medley—MacDonald (Kappa Sig) first; Holmes (Phi Delt) second.  
120-yd. free style relay—Won by Kappa Sigma (MacDonald, Jenks, and Lansing).

Fijis 25, SAE 24

40-yd. free style—Bladine (Fiji) first; Petrie (SAE) second; McGill (Fiji) third.  
40-yd. backstroke—Farnham (Fiji) first; Hockley (SAE) second; Swink (Fiji) third.

40-yd. breast stroke—Meek and Shearer (SAE) first and second; Griffiths (Fiji) third.  
120-yard medley—Won by Sigma Alpha Epsilon (Hockley, Meek, and Petrie).

60-yd. individual medley—Farnham (Fiji) first; Meek (SAE) second.  
120-yard free style relay—Won by Phi Gamma Delta (McGill, Bladine, and Bergan).

Northwest Amateur Due to Appear For Generals

There's a little tennis on the menu for this afternoon when the University of Oregon freshmen meet the brilliant net squad from Grant high school at the University tennis courts. Led by Emory Neil, Pacific northwest amateur champ, and Ned Jungk, the Generals from Portland will again attempt to take the scalp of the Ducklings. The Portlanders gave last year's freshmen their only defeat.

Frosh racket slingers will include Don McEachern, Don Galbreath, Bob Potwin, John McChiment, La Verne Van Marter, Bill Browne, and Eldon Platt. Platt, a Eugene boy, is a newcomer to the squad and will be used as an alternate.

Tourney Over

At the end of the elimination tournament to determine position holders on the varsity net squad, Coach Paul Washke has these men: Les Werschkul, Leonard Clark, Dick Philippi, Rex Applegate, John Sherman, Carl Robbins, Norm Wiener, Bob Horning, and Don Good.

The freshmen fell with a thud before the varsity last Friday when the two squads engaged in an intersquad practice contest. The veterans overcame the youngsters, 7 to 2.

Eleven matches have been billed for the tentative schedule of the varsity.

April 11—Leader tennis shop, here.

April 15—Linfield, here.  
April 18—Willamette, here.  
April 22—Willamette, Salem.  
April 25—Linfield, McMinnville.  
April 28—Idaho, Moscow.  
April 29—WSC, Pullman.  
May 5—OSC, Corvallis.  
May 6—OSC, here.

May 13—Washington, here.  
May 27—Northern division tournament, Pullman.

After competition for berths on the freshman squad, these men ended up with berths on the tournament ladder: Don McEachern, Bob Potwin, Don Galbreath, John McChiment, La Verne Van Marter, Bill Browne, Bill Moxley, Bill Endicott, Fred Kenschot, Maurice Goldberg and Eldon Platt.

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