

DUCK TRACKS

By ELBERT HAWKINS

"You betcha, baseball is one of the best professions" — Forrest Twogood, baseball coach at the University of Idaho. That's the exact words of Twogood, former major league pitcher, who gave up the big time to coach at Idaho because of that painful shoulder injury called bursitis which is the result of a broken fluid sack.

With the above statement as his generalization, the Vandal coach can elaborate indefinitely about the merits of the diamond sports. Should college baseballers be on the payroll of major league clubs during their undergraduate days? "I'm for it," says Twogood wholeheartedly, "it gives a kid a chance to go through school. Any rule against it is lousy."

Quit after you're through high school to sign with a major league club and play on one of its farms? For that proposition the Idaho coach voices a vociferous "No!" His reasoning: You mean nothing to those clubs as an individual, only as a ball player. You go off with the pros and get hurt . . . then they're apt to drop you entirely. Then you come back to colleges to be greeted with a "We can't help you, you're professionalized." The odds, he points out, of any one lad becoming a Joe Gordon or a DeMaggio are to be overwhelmingly against the risk.

Twogood hasn't had any of his Vandal players stolen out of college before their three years of play were finished, and consequently he hasn't a yelp to voice on that score. Bill Kramer, the left handed first baseman who played northern division ball for Idaho against Oregon last year, went into the St. Louis Browns' chain last summer, but he was a senior, Kramer hit .346 in Class B company.

The Idaho baseball skipper, whose team plays Oregon on Howe field this weekend, isn't a bit reluctant about admitting baseball helped put him through school, St. Louis Cardinal money did it.

This is what he meant to University of Iowa: Football—on a regular scholarship in that sport until injured in his sophomore year. Basketball—all-league guard in the Big Ten with the conference champs. Baseball—pitcher, with a major league future ahead of him. The outset was that Forrest Twogood quit football lest he ruin a baseball future, and went into "a gentleman's agreement with the Cards."

He's one baseball coach who would advise Wimp Quinn, Elmer Mallory, or any of the boys with professional futures to "get a degree" like Yankee Joe Gordon did. A college degree is the synonym for opportunity, says Twogood, and the baseballer who doesn't go to college lacks it. Added Twogood thought: Whether you make something out of it is a different matter, nevertheless you've got the opportunity.

Colonel Bill Hayward is one coach who'd probably appreciate having a major league baseball team boosting his athletes through school. Track hasn't got that professionalized here, not yet, so Bill is trying to knock along with less than one-third the approximate \$4500 budget he once had.

Only 15 Webfoots will get to travel to Seattle for a dual meet against Washington this weekend, which averages just about one man per event. To win with a handful like that would be well nigh impossible if the men only competed in one event apiece, but Colonel Bill doubles his Ducks up wherever possible.

Mack Robinson, the lithe, dusky Olympic sprinter of last year, was probably the greatest Webfoot Bill ever had for doubling up on various events. Mack, you'll remember, was a four-event man, and one day last spring on Hayward field gave Oregon 20 points by winning the 100 and 220-yard dashes, a hurdle event, and the broad jump. Oh yes, Mack filled in on the relay team, too, whenever called upon.

Good news for University of Oregon track fans . . . Bill Hayward is planning on having his boy Mack Robinson back in Webfoot uniform next spring . . . Mack may enter school in the fall for one term to make up scholastic deficiencies . . . then he'll return for spring term . . . Mack is working for the city of Pasadena now and keeping himself in trim by running.

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Baseball Aplenty Due For University Fans

Idaho Vandals and Washington State Clubs Come for Four Games in Five Days Against Webfoot Tossers

By GEORGE PASERO

There'll be a hot time at Howe field this weekend and Monday and Tuesday of next week.

For the Inland Empire's finest—Idaho's pesky Vandals and the Buck Bailey circus, Washington State's Cougars, are coming to town. The Vandals, with Ring-leader Forrest (You can't stop us) Twogood in the van, play Coach Hobby Hobson's Ducks Friday and Saturday, while the Cougars claw at the Webfoots the first two days of next week.

It'll be a big week of baseball for Oregon sport fans, for as Dixie Dan might put it, "There's nary a one that ain't heed tell of ol' Buck Bailey kickin' that bucket, Shadrak."

A Real Gashouser

And then you can't forget that old "gashouser," Forrest Twogood, who once whooped it up for the St. Louis Cardinals, and where can you find a better setup under which to receive your preliminary gas house training. Twogood has color, plenty of it, and so have his Vandals. What's more, he hates to lose like nobuddy's business.

Yes, it's a natural. Twogood, Bailey, Vandals, and Cougars all rolled up into a tasty baseball dish which should have the fans clearing their work desks, taking a vacation, and heing off to Howe

Idaho Nine Comes Here For Two Tilts

Vandals to Face Ducks Friday and Saturday

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, Moscow, April 26—Idaho's Vandals left here Tuesday morning to open their conference baseball season against Oregon State in a two-game series Wednesday and Thursday in Corvallis. On the same trip they will play Oregon at Eugene Friday and Saturday, and Washington in Seattle Monday and Tuesday following.

A snow storm and a cold wind wrecked the Vandal training period when a four-game series with Whitman was postponed, but work during the good weather has improved the club. The 10 games with Whitman form the pre-season experience for the Idaho nine.

Smooth Infield

Strength in the Vandal club lies in the smooth working letterman infield which has been developed by Coach Forrest Twogood. Big Otis Hilton plays first base; Roy Ramey and Italo Caccia, second; Chick Atkinson, shortstop, and Captain Harold Atkins, third. This combination also can hit. Hilton, is heaviest hitter on the team.

The Idaho pitching staff for the trip will be made up of Merle Stoddard, Earl Gregory, Harold Jenkins and Ed Ranta, and Tony Knap, reserve from last season. Gregory is the most finished pitcher on the staff at the present time, but Stoddard is improving rapidly. Gordon Price and Ted Kara will do the catching. Price has been ill for several weeks, but will be in condition to make the trip. Kara, who boxed his way to coast and national championships, joined the club last week.

The outer garden patrol for the coast jaunt is Don Metke and Maurice Young. All of the lads are in the top bracket of Idaho hitters.

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Pat Frizzell, Zeta manager, has whipped up his hall boys into a high pitch for their first real test. In two previous games, they have scored more than 20 runs in each contest. The ATOs boast wins over the defending champion DUs, and Strikeout King Ole Olson of Campbell co-op.

Other games tomorrow pit Card club against Omega hall, DUs against SAE, and Phi Psi meeting Gamma hall.

Anderson, Truby to Tangle at 5 p.m. in Rival Mound Dual

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Webfoot Javelin Tossers Boyd Brown Masters Odds

By DOUG PARKER

In typical Glenn Cunningham fashion has Boyd Brown, Oregon javelin hurler, risen to the rank of the nation's No. 2 ace in the javelin event.

Coach Bill Hayward announced Wednesday afternoon that a 15-man squad will entrain for Seattle Friday noon.

The boys will get a full night's sleep in Seattle before meeting the University of Washington Huskies.

With a squad, cut in numbers to the bone because of a small budget, Hayward will double up wherever possible, using each man in two events or more if possible.

Like Cunningham, the great Kansan miler who overcame the handicap of two badly burned legs to gain recognition as the world's greatest miler, Brown has mastered a physical handicap. He has only a stub of a thumb on his right hand—the result of an accident at the age of four when a playmate "came just too close with an axe."

Both Idaho and Washington State, moreover, must face Oregon State's co-champions before coming to Eugene, and must necessarily use their ace pitchers against the Beavers. This is a factor in favor of the Webfoots.

Burly Bob Creighton, veteran curve ball specialist, and Bob Hardy, southpaw stylist, are expected to share mound duties against Idaho. Al Linn and Pete Igoe, righthanders, Jack Jasper, southpaw, and Joe Manatowa, Indian recruit from the football ranks, will be held for relief duties.

Oregon's "pro" infield of Busher Smith, Wimp Quinn, Elmer Mallory, and Captain Ford Mullen has been performing in great style all week in practice, and is set to carry the burden both afield and at the plate this weekend.

Four outfielders—Tom Cox, Jim Nicholson, Jack Shimshak, and Whizzer White—are battling for the nod Friday. Jimmy the Nick is hitting the ball, and is set, and Jack Shimshak looks good for right field. Tommy (Whiffy) Cox, after being demoted to the second string for a day, collected three hits in Tuesday's practice game, and regained his left field spot.

Idaho's Vandals have been hampered in practice by a snow storm and cold wind, but work during the good weather has improved the club, according to Inland Empire reports.

Bill Musselmann, chunky Great Falls thrower, will open on the mound. In his last start, Musselmann handed the Jefferson Democrats their first defeat of the season, being credited with a 10 to 4 victory.

Catching duties will be handled by Whitey Austin. Whitey, whose natural position is at second base, has performed very well behind the bat in the last three contests.

In the infield, Jim Goodweh, Bill Skade, Lee Carrilho, and Kenny King will start in their regular positions. In yesterday's workout considerable improvement was shown in the fielding of the four infielders.

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UO Skiers Get Fourth at Hood

Annual Northwest College Meet Goes To WSC Team

TIMBERLINE LODGE, Ore.—(Special)—Blond Elton Blazier won both the downhill and slalom events to pace his Washington State college team to the championship in the first annual northwest collegiate ski tournament at Mount Hood last Friday and Saturday.

The Cougars won the team slalom event, but finished in fourth place, behind Reed college, College of Puget Sound and University of Oregon, in the downhill race.

However, Washington State had piled up enough points in the slalom to score a comfortable victory in combined standings.

The combined team standings found Washington State college, first, 190.01 points; Reed college, second, 179.10 points; College of Puget Sound, third, 171.37 points; University of Oregon, fourth, 160.83 points; and Oregon State college, fifth, 136.38 points.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology sailors are this year sponsoring the annual intercollegiate dinghy regatta.

the flat of his palm, Brown throws the spear in an unorthodox manner, but one in which movement is free and easy. Coach Hayward patterned this form for the Hubbard rethead when he was a freshman after that of the world-famous Finnish javelin tossers. Holding the javelin shoulder high, Brown starts off with a smooth, rolling style and then ends up with a sling shot heave.

Proof that the form puts no strain on his arm, Brown points to the fact that he only had a slight soreness in his back and stomach muscles after the Portland meet when he astounded the Northwest with a mighty 231 foot, 1-4 inch throw.

Brown, six feet, one inch of rippling muscles, placed fourth in the Pacific coast AA at Berkeley late last spring with a toss of 204 feet, 7 inches. Perfecting his form was his one aim last year as a sophomore and the results were remarkable.

A basketball player at Hubbard, small Willamette valley town, Brown had never thrown a javelin before entering college—had never

even seen one. He failed his freshman year to make his numerals and tossed the spear only 140 feet.

Form Perfection

Brown attributes his ability in heaving the javelin to form perfection plus a strong arm and well-developed torsal muscles. Weighing around 183 pounds, the Hubbard junior is not a giant, but underneath his sweat clothes is a powerful frame and extremely wide shoulders.

The oft-told and nigh mythological tale that is ever popular among John Straub dormitory residents is the heave Brown made last spring. Someone handed him a softball in the street between Zeta hall and the Falcon (plug for you, Guske) asking him how far he could throw it.

"Never tried it before," Brown said as he tossed the ball up in his hand. Then back went his arm, and like a battleship's catapult casting a seaplane into the air, he sent the ball zooming through the air higher than the dorm. Up and up it went. It landed out of sight, on the other side of the grey ROTC shack, two stories high and fully 275 feet away.

Over-stepping the foul line pro-

vides Oregon's outstanding Olympic hope in 1940 his greatest worry. Brown admits he is cautious every time he runs up to the line, stops, and makes the reverse stance, thus explaining why he often gets off his throw a yard or more behind the foul line.

The field at Seattle, where the coast meet will be held this year, may give Brown some trouble. Javelin throwers have to run up an incline there and buck direct winds which invariably blow in from the bay. Brown thinks the Berkeley throwing pit to be the best he's ever seen, but he found fault last year with the wind there. A cross wind caused many of the javelins to splinter in mid-air, which seems almost unbelievable.

Hayward, who gaped with unbelieving eyes when Brown uncorked his 180-foot throw a year ago in early spring practice, believes Brown will be America's best javelin bet in the 1940 Olympics.

"He's always improving," Hayward said. "And he's consistent, too. No let-down for Brown. He is always hitting the same or better."

Frosh Nine Battles Army Here Today

30th Infantry From San Francisco Is Opposition

By JACK LEE
Sink the Army! Sink the Army! John Warren and his slugging Duckling crew will take up this chant today at 4 o'clock on either Howe field or Warren's mud flat when they face the 30th infantry nine from the Presidio in San Francisco. Winners in six of eight starts, the frosh will be gunning for victory No. 7 today.

During the past two days "Honest" John has been in Portland, leaving the frosh in the hands of Dick Whitman, slugging outfielder. Warren will be back to coach his team for today's game.

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Oregon's Grid Rating In Nation Posted

Oregon's football varsity ended up in fifty-seventh place in national standing last fall as a composite team, but their defensive rating was fortieth in the nation. This pertinent fact was evident from a ranking of the Webfoot varsity in comparison with coast schools, posted by Tex Oliver.

The list includes the various types of offensive and defensive records made by the varsity last year. One of the best records made by the team was national rank of twenty-ninth in holding opponents on rushing. Poorest mark was the rank of eightieth made in punting.

Interceptions—Fourth in conference, sixth on coast; average 5.45. Team runbacks by opponents—Last in conference, nineteenth on coast; average 13.75.

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Total team offense—Fourth on coast, third in conference; average 3.79 yards gain per play.

Team defense—Fifth on coast, ninth in conference; average 3.56 yards per play.

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UO Netmen Play Idaho, WSC on Trip

Coach Washke and Six Netmen Leave For North Today

The Oregon tennis team will leave for the cool plateaus of the Inland Empire this morning at 11 o'clock. Together with their coach, Paul R. Washke, six players will board the train at the Southern Pacific station.

The fellows who are making the trip include Captain Les Weschul, number one man on the squad; Leonard Clark, portside No. 2 man and undefeated in intercollegiate competition so far this year; Dick Philippi, No. 3 swatter; Rex Applegate, No. 4 player; and Dick Williams, No. 5 man, who has gone undefeated in singles competition since he climbed from tenth

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