

# Ducks Cry Over Spilled Water

## Outfield Seems Stronger; Pitching Appears Weak; Million Dollar Infield Gone

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Water from the heavens spoiled a couple of practices for Oregon's prospective baseball players and may keep the boys inside the Igloo or hold them to a batting practice unless the gods do will fair weather.

Monday, the day of registration, Co-coaches Anse Cornell and Cece Walden held a short reorganization meeting and after that they took their charges out to Howe field for a little batting practice.

Webfoots got their second taste of baseball this term yesterday as they got the feel of the ball in McArthur court.

A complete reversal of strength is one of the main features of the Oregons this season, for the outfield is the stronger rather than the weaker of the two—the outfield pasture and the infield. Last year Oregon had what was termed a million dollar infield while the outfield was a bit weaker—although it was strong enough to help bring the northern division pennant back to Duckland after one year's absence.

### Big Seven Gone

The pitching also seems weaker than last year. No one seems to be capable of filling the shoes of Bob Hardy and Bob Creighton who are playing professional ball. Two of the vaunted infield left gaps in the lineup through graduation. Those two were Gale Smith and Ford Mullen. The other two of the infield turned pro. Both Elmer Mallory and Wimpy Quinn had more eligibility. Jim Nicholson is gone from the outfield.

Hobson's prospective outfield has a sophomore tinge. Dick Whitman, Bill Carney, and Burke Austin are the second year men while another bet would be Bill White who earned a letter last year as a sophomore.

### Hobson in East

Positions in the infield seem nebulous—nothing is certain. As far as that goes, nothing else is definite until Coach Hobby Hobson returns next Tuesday from the NCAA basketball tourney.

The turnout thus far numbers four catchers, eight pitchers, fifteen infielders, and seven outfielders.

Oregon's first pre-season game comes the day after Hobson returns from the east next Wednesday against Linfield at Eugene. On April 5 Pacific entertains the Ducks there and the day after that Portland is the host.

## FROSH BASEBALLERS NOTICE!

Coach John Warren, headman of frosh athletics, asks that all freshman baseball aspirants report to the Igloo for an organization meeting at 3 o'clock today.

# Oregon Coeds Grab Second In Swim Meet

## University Women Triumph in Relay Competition

Oregon's coed swimming team swam its way into second place in the Western Region of the National Intercollegiate Telegraphic Meet, it was announced yesterday. The swimmers, most of whom are Amphibians, took two firsts, two seconds, and one fourth place. The total number of points was 20.

The Oregon team, composed of Nancy Lewis, Martha McClung, and Barbara Bamford, won the 60-yard medley relay in 42 seconds, and the team of Nancy Lewis, Mary Ellen Smith, Mary Ann Fox, and Barbara Bamford brought first place points in the 80-yard free style relay. The time was 46 seconds.

### Nancy Rates High

Nancy Lewis, freshman Amphibian, was second in the 40-yard crawl, being just .4 of a second behind the winner. Nancy also placed second in the 40-yard back crawl, taking 2.9 seconds longer than the UCLA winner.

Martha McClung placed fourth in the 40-yard breast stroke event, her time being 40.5 seconds.

UCLA won the meet, and as a result they will act as the central point of the telegraphic race next year.

# Softball Entry Deadline Set

## Play Is Divided Into Five Leagues; Betas Defend Title

With the opening date of intramural softball set for the middle of April, depending upon the weather, Rollie Dickie, intramural head, announced that all those interested in entering teams must have their entry blanks in by Thursday, March 28 at 5 p.m. Blanks may be secured in the office of the P. E. building.

"We may run into difficulty finding enough diamond room due to the fact that present work by the WPA has done away with some of the space formerly occupied by playing fields, but we will attempt to continue on with the same setup as was used last year," stated Dickie.

Last year's schedule was composed of five leagues with the winners of each league competing in the playoffs. The Betas won the championship in a close game with the ATOs, and, in doing so, annexed the all-intramural crown.

The tournament will be run off as it was last year with the games scheduled for 4 and 5 in the afternoon. A total of 150 points will be awarded the team winning the title. Each team must carry 10 men and will receive 50 points for entering. Games will be for seven innings' duration and an hour time limit will be placed on each contest.

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# Webfoots Withdraw From Hill Relays

The weather, spring vacation, and the inaccessibility of the cinder track on Hayward field have given the Duck trackmen such little time and place to practice that Coach Bill Hayward has found it necessary to withdraw all entries in the Hill relays this Friday.

A full team had been entered in the Hill meet but the boys were not in condition when they returned from their spring vacation, so Hayward decided to pass up this week's meet and concentrate on conditioning the boys for the Portland university contests to be held in Portland Saturday, April 6.

### Lose Three Stars

Despite the loss of George Varoff, Don Barker, and Jim Schriver, star performers from last year's squad, the Oregon team promises to give the northern division teams a stiff battle for championship honors. The addition of several promising transfers and sophomores to the returning nucleus of lettermen will ease the loss of the 1939 seniors.

Rod Hansen, pole vaulter who was second only to George Varoff, former world record holder, in most meets last year, will return this spring to threaten the marks held by Varoff.

Kirm Storli, captain and runner-up in the coast meet last year is back gunning for his second division championship in the half mile. Storli breezed through all competition in the northern division meets two years ago and is eager to repeat his performance.

Another standout is Boyd Brown, four-fingered javelin thrower who hurled the spear over 231 feet in the northern division meet last spring which was good enough to beat Bob Peoples, Southern Cal's national title holder. Brown's mark is second nationally only to Peoples.

ple's record of 234 feet 11 inches.

Ehle Reber, northern division broad-jump champion, is also back to make it tough for coast jumpers. Reber's best attempt last year was over 24 feet in northwest competition.

The weight events will be taken care of by Bill Regner, Dick Horne, and Frank Emmons, all football players.

Other men out for track this spring are Bob Mitchell, miler; Ray Kleinfeldt, Jack Bryant, and John Loback, two milers; Merle Hanscom and Les Clever, 440; and Bob Diez and Jim Buck, sprinters.

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