

DUCK TRACKS

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Hobby Hobson, the Webfoot baseball coach, speaks some really complimentary words of his present A-1 outfield of Whitey Austin, Dick Whitman, and Bill Carney. Says Hobby, "They're the best outfield I ever had."

The trio got through the Linfield and Portland games this week with nary an error, which is awfully nice when you consider the Oregon outfields of the last few seasons, and it shows signs of being a tough offensive group. Centerfielder Dick Whitman, the boy who won all-American semi-pro honors with Silverton's Red Sox last summer in the national tournament, leads his mates by a healthy country mile in hitting to date. His two for four (including a homer) Wednesday coupled with four to four yesterday (one being a triple) makes a season's average of six hits in eight trips up . . . or .750 batting.

Hobson has a real problem in picking his infield what with two fairly equal men for every position but third where veteran Arba Ager works efficiently. At short there's Tim Smith and Bill Calvert, at second are Tom Cox and Jack Shimshak, and at first are Lloyd Eggs and Herb Hamer.

Too Many Reserves?

Maybe Hobby said a mouthful yesterday when he jokingly remarked, "we have a lot of reserve strength this year—they're all reserves . . . that's the trouble. Tell 'em (the public) we've got the best reserves we ever had." Actually, Oregon's infield problem could be a lot worse defensively . . . offensively it's not so promising.

The Webfoot coach returned this week from a trip East where he saw the national AAU hoop tournament in Denver, saw a new collegiate champ crowned, and attended the convention where Uncle Sam's coaches got together to ponder rules changes.

Just as you'd expect, Hobson was asked in a radio interview back there just how his national champions of 1940 (the Anet, Johansen, Gale, Wintermute, and Dick five) would compare with the 1941 champ, Indiana, and the runner-up, Kansas.

The '40 Champs by 10 Points

The Oregon mentor honestly believes his 1940 crew was 10 points better than this year's top teams in collegiate play. He figures it this way . . . the Webfoot titlists beat all of the top ones (including Ohio State in the finals) by at least 10 points. Hob says this of the '41 clubs: "All of those teams that competed had plenty of rubs" . . . meaning they barely squeaked through to win in getting to the national finals. Kansas, for instance, whipped Southern California by one little point. USC's conquerors were led by Coach Phog Allen's own son. "Papa spank!" quipped the Duck coach about that father and son combination. "He knows what he's doing out there."

There's no definite schedule of Oregon's third annual hoop trek to New York and Madison Square Garden ready for publication but the December trip is a certainty. It'll be the best eastern trip Oregon ever had, according to Hobby, and the proposed six or seven game schedule will include only major basketball powers . . . no more tilts with weak Teachers' institutions. A couple of dates already settled are DePaul and Bradley Tech on December 20, 21 . . . the whole trip is centered on games in Philadelphia and New York. It's a credit to Oregon that the Webfoots were invited back for a third time despite their loss of the last northern division race. It speaks well of the popularity of fast breaking baseball with eastern

fans . . . a poor drawing team would never be selected to play in Madison Square Garden.

Mike Challenges His Classes

Mike Mikulak, the Oregon backfield coach and instructor in the school of physical education, makes a standing proposition to all boys in his classes: "I'll give an A to every man who can beat me at this game," he tells his tennis and handball classes. Powerful Mike is just good enough in both sports to beat most of his students . . . so he doesn't give too many A's. One sport Mike can't find time to play and can't get tremendously interested in is golf . . . he has a matched set of clubs worth over \$100 and offers them for sale at \$65. Are there any takers? If not, Mike figures he'll play once in a while.

Wimpy Quinn, Oregon's slugging third baseman of last year, is back with the Vancouver Capalinos in the Western International league—the club which took him last summer when he quit college baseball with a season still left. Wimp, and Shortstop Elmer Mallory, who could have been playing with the Oregon varsity this season, too, were with the Los Angeles Angels in spring training. Elmer is still with the Angels but Wimp was optioned to Vancouver this week.

Hobby continues to maintain that the strong-armed Quinn has possibilities as a pitcher . . . or possibly at first base or in the outfield. Hobby says Wimp threw a ball as fast as Bill Sayles, the fireball Webfoot of three seasons ago. The Webfoot coach caught Quinn one day when he was practicing a few deliveries from the mound and came up with this statement: "He can throw that ball right through you!"

Donut Volley Play Advances

Intramural volleyball—both "A" and "B" variety—advanced a step further in the season's standings last night as Canard club, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, and Sigma Alpha Mu won their respective tilts.

In "A" league the Fijis forfeited to the Canard volleyballists. The Sammys downed the Pi Kaps in two straight games. The Pi Kaps were completely outclassed.

The Betas won by forfeit from Sigma hall in "B" class. The SAEs eked out two straight wins over the Deltas in the other game.

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Portland Meet Nears for UO Cinder Squad

Sprinter Schultz Is Hurt; 18 Men Slated To Travel Today

Another setback hit the University of Oregon track team yesterday when "Dutch" Schultz, sophomore sprint ace, turned his ankle in a hole on the soft surface of the Hayward field cinder oval.

Schultz had been entered in the meet with Portland university on Saturday, but it is doubtful that his ankle will be strong again by that time. His absence leaves Coach Bill Hayward with a shortage of sprinters. He will rely on Bob Deiz, dusky veteran from last year to garner points in the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

18-Man Team

Hayward picked an 18-man team to travel to the Rose City tomorrow. But six of these entries are veterans, the rest are sophomores or transfers. Despite the apparent lack of experience, the Duck team is expected to present a strong outfit that will produce some outstanding stars before the season is over. Bob Deiz, Captain Kirm Storli, Bob Mitchell, Boyd Brown, Ehle Reber, and Jim Buck are the veterans.

Trials were run off in the shot put and discus throws yesterday and saw Bill Regner and Frank Emmons, both football players, qualify for the Portland U. meet. Dick Horne may be a last minute entry in the discus.

A mile relay team composed of Kirm Storli, Bob Mitchell, Merle Hanscom, and Ed Reiner was slated for action this weekend.

Clever Injured

Les Clever, flashy transfer in the 440-yard runs, is suffering from a leg injury that will keep him out of action for the rest of the week. Also on the injured list, and definitely out for at least two weeks is Rod Hansen, dark-haired pole vaulter. Hansen is working

Frosh Club Opens Against Grant Today

Coach John Warren's frosh baseball team opens its baseball season this afternoon at 3:30 against Grant high of Portland on Howe field.

Bob (Dutch) Rehberg, right-hander from Estacada, has been nominated to start for the frosh with Howie Robertson catching.

Chuck Clifford will be at first base for Warren's crew, Don Kirsch at second, John Tuttle at short, and John Bubalo at third.

Outfielders Named

Outfield assignments will go to Dean Van Lydegraf and Hank Burns. The third flychasing post is open at present, but may go to Warren Taylor, frosh basketball star.

While Rehberg is the starting choice of Coach Warren, he will probably work only part of the game. In that case, big Stew Fredericks, pitcher for Silverton last summer, will take over for a stretch.

Frosh Trackmen Face Five Meets

Rook Relaymen to Come to Eugene on Saturday, April 20

A schedule of five freshman track meets was released yesterday by Coach Ned Johns.

Besides a meet with Eugene high, for which the date is not yet set, Johns lists a meet with University high of Eugene here Wednesday, April 17.

The following Saturday, April 20, the frosh are scheduled to vie with the Oregon State rooks here in a relay meet. May 4 the team opposes Bill Bowerman's powerful Medford high squad on the Peapickers' oval. A dual meet with the Oregon State rooks on May 11 will wind up the season.

Following is the time schedule for daily workouts: sprinters and hurdlers report at 3:15; quarter-

out daily and will be ready to make his first jumps in the Washington meet, April 27.

The entrants:

Mile—Bob Mitchell, John Lo-back.

Two-mile—Rea Kleinfeldt, Bill Ross.

880—Kirm Storli, Ed Storli.

440—Ed Reiner, Merle Hanscom.

Sprints—Bob Deiz.

Hurdles—Ray Dickson, Jim Buck.

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milers at 3:30; distance men at 3:45; and weight men at 4:00.

The small team is considerably hampered by muscular ailments, with both miler Tony Nichachos and sprinter Ray "Arkansas" Bigger, thin-whiskered southerner, out with sore legs.

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