

# DUCK TRACKS

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Oregon's northern division baseball opener with Oregon State on Howe field April 19 (Friday) will pack all the punch and color prescribed by true diamond tradition . . . there'll be opening day ceremonies with dignitaries taking part, prizes for the players, introduction of players, and, oh, yes, a game.

Bob Corby, rally squad head, is working under the supervision of the Webfoots' capable publicity director, Bruce Hamby, in making arrangements.

Ceremonious observance of opening day is an annual event at all northern division schools these days, but credit for pioneering the idea goes to Oregon.

Prior to 1935, no special occasion was made of the Duck's first conference contest . . . but that year was a newsworthy one at Oregon . . . Billy Reinhart was coaching his last season here, Joe Gordon was cavorting in a Webfoot uniform, and Howe field was ready to be dedicated.

Publicity man Hamby knew a "natural" when he saw it, so he promptly capitalized by arranging a big ceremony . . . some three thousand spectators were on hand to watch the Beavers and Ducks play on Howe field for the first time, April 26, 1935 . . . incidentally, Oregon routed the Beavers, 17 to 0.

As a little souvenir of that game, Hamby still has a framed picture which shows the field and the size of that crowd.

### Power in the Wrists

Where does Dick Whitman, all-American outfielder of the Webfoots get all his power? That's what Oregon fans have been asking.

The explanation can be found in the powerful wrists, arms, and shoulders of the sophomore center fielder. No giant in stature, Whitman is very strong, has smooth action, and a remarkable batting eye.

After six games, Whitman's batting average is .680 . . . almost phenomenal. In 25 trips to the plate he's pounded out 17 blows, including four home runs and a triple . . . seldom does he fail to meet the ball.

In yesterday's Oregon Normal game he hit one home run, a double, and a single . . . what's more he came within an umpire's eyelash of getting two home runs. . . . He smacked his first homer on his initial trip to the plate; then, on his second time up, he almost lost the ball, only to have the smash called foul by an umpire who let Whitman sprint all the way home before making his decision . . . all Webfoots say the drive was fair by feet . . . wasn't even close. . . . Whitman is not one to complain, however, so he strode back to the plate, a bit angered and a bit winded, and promptly lashed a double.

### Co-heroes Igoe and Carney

Here's Whitman's performance in the first six games of the season:

Opponents	AB	H
Linfield	4	2 (home run)
Portland	4	4 (one triple)
Pacific	4	3 (home run)
Pacific	3	2
Portland	4	3 (home run)
Oregon Normal	6	3 (home run)

Admirers of Jose Iturbi, famed Spanish pianist who played at McArthur court Monday night, might like to know where he disappeared to after the concert; he was over at popular Tex Oliver's home, talking football. Iturbi, incidentally, is quite a versatile gentleman and likes athletics. He boxed and played soccer football in Spain.

A record number of schools have entered the Bill Hayward relays which will be run off Friday afternoon on Hayward field. Latest count is 26. This is eight more than last year's entry figure of 18.

Pete Igoe, smiling pitcher, and Bill Carney, hard-hitting outfielder, were the co-heroes of Oregon's victory over Oregon Normal Monday. Igoe relieved Virgil Haynes in the ninth inning with two men on base, one out, and the score tied . . . he purposely walked one man to fill the bases, then blew the ball past two batters to pull Oregon out of a tough spot.

### Starter Jim Buck

Carney, for his part, came to bat in the tenth inning with Ducks on the pond and the game in the balance. His lusty double brought in the winning score.

It's Pacific here today in a double bill which starts at 2:30 . . . Bob Rieder and Al Linn will probably hurl with Maury Kelly and Cece Walden the probable catching choices.

Coach John Warren, frosh headman, takes his club to Portland this weekend for games with Jefferson and Grant . . . at Jeff, the game will be a feature of a school celebration, so Jack Richards, one of the best prep hurlers in the state, will twirl for the Democrats . . . this means that Warren may counter with his ace, big Stew Fredricks.

Jim Buck, clown of Bill Hayward's track team, is one proud boy this week. Reason: he will be starter for the Hayward relays Friday . . . Hayward, at least, has confidence in Buck who is willing to try any track or field event except the mile.

Latest recruits to the golfing ranks are Jim Harris and Dick Horne, varsity football ends . . . both are also trackmen.

War sentiment: If worst comes to worst, just send the rifle team . . . as for me, I'd rather keep score.

## Tennis Aspirants Begin Eliminations

The first and second round eliminations for positions on the 1940 varsity tennis team were held on the University courts yesterday under the direction of Tennis Coach Russ Cutler. Cutler's first call brought forth 16 aspiring racquet busters.

In the first round eliminations Dick Williams, No. 3 man on last year's varsity, beat Don McFadden, 6-2, 6-3; Paul Livesay beat Bob Potwin, 6-1, 6-3; Carl Robbins beat Bill Moxley, 6-2, 6-2; Leonard Clark, last year's No. 2 man and State of Oregon doubles champ, beat Irwin Lesser, 6-1, 6-4; and Bill Browne beat Jack McKeivitt on a default.

Larry Key, a flashy California transfer, beat Don McEachren on a free ride; Les Werschkul beat Don Trask, 6-1, 6-2; and Bob Hoising, in the tightest match of the day, beat Dick Phillippi, 4-6, 6-1, 8-6.

With the field narrowed down to eight men the court contenders went into a blistering second round. In the first match of the second elimination Williams beat Robbins, 6-3, 6-1. Leonard Clark beat Livesay in the second tilt, 6-3, 6-1, and Key beat Browne in the last match of the day with a decisive, 6-0, 6-0.

Tomorrow the remaining few racquetees will enter into the semi-finals and a battle to the finish. Werschkul will meet Key,

# Bob Smith Signs Pro Contract

Infielder

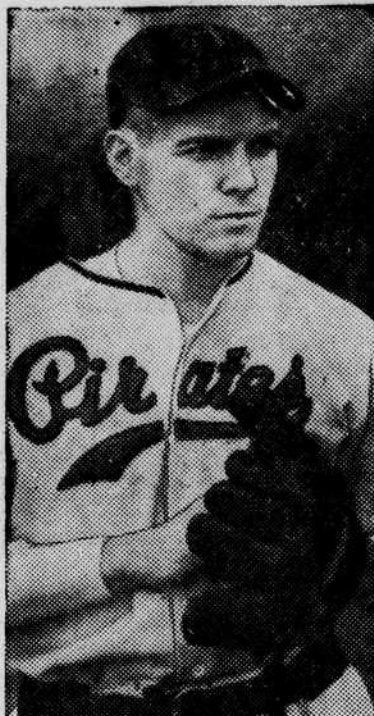
## Giants Grab Duck Football Southpaw

The southpaw market in pro circles was enlivened Monday by the announcement that Lefty Bob Smith, ex-Oregon halfback, has signed to play money-football for the New York Giants of the National professional league at \$150 per contest next fall.

While at Oregon, Smith earned three letters and was chosen to play in the East-West all-star game. A spike wound in his right leg prevented his appearing in the intersectional classic.

A product of Medford high, he was the passer in the combination of Smith to Jay Graybeal which scored seven touchdowns last fall. He was noted for his long, high, and wobbly passes, as well as being able to back up the line.

As for the future, "Lefty" plans to put in a season at the pro game and then head for the school of journalism at Columbia university. He has a chance at a job with the United Press in South America.



Frank Gustine, Pittsburgh Pirate infielder, came up from Gadsden of the Southeastern league where he hit .300 and stole 31 bases. He's been playing professional ball for three years.

## Beaver Relays Next Obstacle For Webfoots

### Hayward Sends Thinclads Through Workouts

With a victory over Portland university safely tucked away, Oregon's varsity cinder forces settle down to two weeks of preparation for the Oregon State relays to be held here at Hayward field, Saturday, April 20.

Coach Bill Hayward's lads had a comparatively easy time of it last Saturday in handing the Pilot team an 83½ to 51½ defeat on a sloppy, muddy track that slowed down all times in the running contests.

### Brown in Form

The damp weather was apparently a very small handicap to Boyd Brown, Oregon's nationally known javelin hurler, as he tossed the spear 209 feet 11 inches to break the former Pilot field record by over 19 feet. This meet was expected to be a mild touch for Brown and he made no attempt to come near the mark of over 231 feet that he established in last season's Portland contest.

"Dutch" Schultz was back on the field yesterday limbering up his stiff ankle, injured last week. The sophomore sprinter is still officially on the injured list but will be working daily from now on.

This weekend the cinder path will be taken over by prep school performers from all parts of the state when the fourth annual Hayward relays are held Friday.

competition next Wednesday in a dual meet here with University high school of Eugene.

Trials will start at 3:30. Following is a list of the events for which try-outs will be held and the actual distances to be run:

100-yard dash—75 yards actual distance; quarter-mile run—352 yards (a fifth of a mile); half-mile—660 yards; 220-yard dash—150 yards; mile run—three-quarters of a mile; hurdles—flights of 120 yards for the low sticks and 70 yards for the high.

## All-Star Grid Battle Next

The spring varsity vs. all-stars grid game probably will be played the middle of next week, from latest indications from McArthur court. The Olivermen have been struck with injuries this week, and Jerry Donnell's stars have had but one day of practice.

The game was originally scheduled for Saturday, April 20, but that is the day of the Oregon State relays on Hayward field. Then it was thought that this Saturday would be a good date, but three or four extra days' practice would aid the Donnell cause considerably.

### Gebhardt Takes Over

Ted Gebhardt has taken charge of the all-stars while Donnell is not able to coach. They have listed three pro stars to boost their ranks. Hal Prangle, Butch Morse, and Bert Pearson all from the Los Angeles Bulldogs have said they will play. Pearson was a former Kansas State star center.

Johnny McGowen from last year's varsity will be in the backfield, along with Gebhardt and Donnell. Al Greenberg, from San Francisco and Vic Reginato, graduating Webfoot, are the ends. Chuck Elliott from Eugene high will hold down one tackle and Ellroy Jensen is at the other. Bud Nestor, graduating guard, and Buck Buchwach, Lincoln high star, are guards.

Oliver made several more changes in the Gold team lineup yesterday, with Roy Ell at quarter, and Curley Mecham at left half. Chet Haliski goes to the Red team at quarter and Len Isberg on the same team at left half.

who took his first decision on a ride, and Clark will tangle with Williams, one of the best netters on the campus.

## Time Trials Due For Freshmen This Afternoon

### Yearling Runners Preparing for Tilt Against UHS Team

By BERNARD ENGEL

Tr-a-a-ck!

Yes sir—keep that inner lane clear tonight, for Oregon's yearling cinder churners make their debut today as their first time trials on the Hayward field oval get under way.

Because the team has had only two weeks of practice, Coach Ned Johns is planning to run off all events at about three-quarters of the actual distance, and, due to the soft condition of the recently completed track, he is not planning to release the times for publication.

### New Blocks

Sprinters last night put in an hour practicing starts on the new steel blocks, which enable the dash men to get somewhat more drive than was afforded by the wooden blocks.

Quarter-milers Ray Bigger, Stan Watt, and Bob McKinney turned in practice 300-yard run while distance men scampered a three-quarter mile to get their legs in shape after a siege of early-season, long-distance work.

Weight men Chuck Elliott and Walt LeClair are taking easy puts. The prospective javelin slingers and pole vaulters have another week of drill before they try for distance.

### UHS Next

"These are just to give me an idea as to what I've got in the way of material," stresses Coach Johns. The frosh face their first

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