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Thanks to Carl King of Cottage Grove, northwest scout for the Detroit Tigers, we at last have some definite dope about Busher Smith, Bob Hardy, and Ford Mullen, the three 1939 Oregon stars who went to spring training with Beaumont of the Texas league.

King, the man who was instrumental in signing the three players for Detroit, comes through with some Beaumont newspapers which provide a semi-complete resume, and then personally tells us a bit more.

Smith and Mullen, according to King, are definitely with Henderson of the East Texas league, now. Hardy, however, is one of Beaumont's pitching "big five."

Scout King believes Smith and Mullen were good enough to stay with Beaumont except for the fact that the Tigers severed relations with their only Class AA farm, Toledo of the American essociation; and had to send their surplus players to Beaumont, a class A-1 club. The two ex-Oregou infielders were doing all right until Detroit farmed four players, including an infielder and outfielder, to Beaumont a week or so ago.

Who Said Feller?

This Henderson team is a fine one to play for, King says. Last year it won the East Texas pennant. It is managed by Jake Atz, an old-time Portland Beaver, who really knows his baseball and likes youngsters. Besides, King believes that Ford and Busher may be recalled to Beaumont if the Exporters get into a jam or a player or two doesn't come through.

Talk about Bob Feller's no hit. no run performance, and everyone has the last few days . . . well, Bob Hardy had a hand in one March 22. He and two other Beaumont pitchers, Les Mueller and Joe Irwin, each hurled three hitless and scoreless innings to wallop the Texas Aggies, 4 to 0. Hardy also collected a hit.

This no hit affair wasn't the only highlight of Hardy's spring season . . . not by a sprinter's mile. He and Mueller were hit pretty freely by the Houston Buffs as the Exporters were beaten, 8 to 1, March 28. However, Southpaw Bob, a big fellow with lots of stuff, came back strong against the powerful New Or-Jeans Pelicans, April 2. He allowed only one run and three hits in six innings giving way to three rookie pitchers who lost the game, 10 to 4. Orchids for Al Here's what the Beaumont Enterprise has to say concerning Hardy's performance:

"Lefty" Bob Hardy, former cage center from Oregon, pitched five scoreless innings before giving up a tally in the sixth, but his successors, Clarence Gann, Joe Irwin, and Jim Masters, were wild and ineffective. The result was the Pels got three runs in the seventh to tie the score, and shoved over six in the eight to win out."

King also confirms the newfound slugging ability of Bush Smith since he was moved to the outfield. What's more, he says Mullen might have made the Beaumont club, regardless of competition, had he not suffered spike wounds to both hands.

Credit should go to Al Linn for his performance in the Oregon State opener. Al worked seven innings and had the hard-hitting Staters swinging most of the way. Linn oozed confidence as he strode to the mound to relieve Pete Igoe at the start of the second inning, and his confidence seemed to pervade the crowd.

Gold Baseballs, Yes?

A hand, too, to Tommy Cox, fiery little third baseman of the Webfoots. The fans like this peppery infielder . . . they like to see him make those almost impossible stops . . . and they like his line of chatter. Yesterday he pulled a couple of jim-dandy plays, and then muffed an easy grounder to let a run score. The fans began to heckle him, but he soon had them back on his side, for he slammed out a long home run on his very next trip to the plate.

The northern division does not give any trophies for championships won, and consequently the boys on the 1939 Oregon nine got nothing . . . not even the gold baseballs so universally given to pennant winning diamond teams. We hear now that the athletic board is going to vote on whether or not the school should present the tossers with these souvenirs ... and we want to add our second to the idea.

A Red Sox Booster

Last fall, the use of a strip of tape by the Oregon football team, whenever it attempted a place kick, drew a considerable yowl from Seattle, the Puget Sound second-guessers claiming that the Ducks used it as a tee, which of course would be illegal. Truth is that the Ducks used the tape only as a guide for both the kicker and the man who held the ball . . and this is perfectly okay. Most teams dig a cleat mark in the turf for the same purpose. A number of baseball bugs throughout the nation are jumping on the Boston Red Sox bandwagon this spring . . . some think the Red Sox have the better team, and some just think the law of averages will step in . . . after all the Yanks have won four straight. We still think the Yanks count too many guns . . . but we've found one well-known Webfoot who figures the Sox and, what's more, has seen both teams. . . . He's Chicarelle Jonathan Ziadi, a native Bostonian. Ziadi saw the Sox whip the Yanks five straight in that memorable series last summer. "Boy," says Chic, "Boston was really a wild town . . . the papers carried two to three inch banners." Ziadi really boosts this boy from the San Diego sandlots, Ted Williams. "He's going to be one of the greatest sluggers of all time," Ziadi predicts.

OSC Relays Here Today

This Joe Bats



Man with mighty bludgeon on his shoulder is Joe Gordon, the Yanks' second baseman supreme by way of the U. of O. Joe started his third year in the big time this week.

Hayward Field Sees Thirteenth Running

Frosh Runners Ease Training For Rook Meet

Coach Ned Johns Fears State Sprint Ace Jesse Truax

By BERNIE ENGEL A potentially strong Duckling track team takes over part of Hayward field today against a highly-touted Oregon State rook outfit in the annual Rook-Frosh relays along with the varsity squads from both schools.

After three hard drills this week, Coach Ned Johns gave his cindermen a day off Friday. The track mentor doesn't expect a victory over the Orange today, but he does expect his forces to win a few races.

Wednesday's session saw the Oregon squad sweep all events (Please turn to page seven)

Duck Golfers Meet OSC Here Today

By MILTON LEVY

This familiar call of golfdom will ring out on two Eugene golf courses today when Oregon's northern division defending champs meet the varsity golfers from Oregon State and the frosh tangle with the rooks.

The varsity meets the Staters' senior team at the Eugene Country club for a 36-hole match, and the frosh and rooks play it out over the

Laurelwood course, both matches starting about 9 o'clock. This is the second conference

Fore! Fore!

match of the season for the parshooting Ducks. Oregon played its first match with the University of Washington Huskies in Seattle, where they were defeated.

This is Oregon's only confer-(Please turn to page six)

Entries for Today's Relays

Varsity

440 yards: Oregon State-Smith, Graves, Cross, Holloway, Carlson, Rogers; Oregon-Buck, Deiz, Dickson, Schultz. Record, :42.6 set by Oregon in 1932.

Two miles: Oregon State-Blair, Mullett, Hampton, Niblock. Smith; Oregon-K. Storli, Mitchell, Kleinfeldt, Clever. Record, 7:52.8, set by Oregon in 1936.

By BOB FLAVELLE

Coach Bill Hayward's troubled track squad will play hosts to the strong Oregon State cindermen today at 1:30 in the 13th annual running of a series that began in 1928.

Both Hayward and Doc Swan, coach of the Beavers, will give no sign of optimism concerning the outcome of the meet and it is expected that a tight battle will be waged for victory. Oregon has won six of the twelve previous meets, Oregon State copping four and two ending in ties.

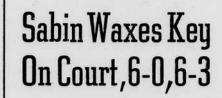
Spring football has added woes to the veteran coach's training plans. Jim Harris, who jumped six feet two inches against Portland university two weeks ago, returned to Hayward field yesterday and the best he could do was five feet eight inches as a result of the battering received in grid practice. Harris was expected to lead his mates in the high jump but the chances of a win in that event are slim with Ed Woodcock of Oregon State having recently posted a mark of six feet five and a quarter inches against the Portland university team.

Shotputter Bill Regner showed up for practice today with a sprained wrist received on the football field. Ordinarily he would not toss the shot so soon after injury but lack of a substitute makes it necessary for Regner to do as well as he can with a taped wrist.

Both squads have had one meet so far this season and if comparative scores mean anything, the Beavers will win in a walk. They walloped the Portland Pilots 107 to 30 while Oregon had to be content with an 81 to 50 victory.

1:30-Three mile relay (F), high jump, shotput (V)

- 1:45-440 relay (V) 1:47-440 relay (F) 1:50-Two-mile relay (V) 2:00-880 relay (V) 2:05-880 relay (F)
- 2:10—Shuttle hurdles (V)
- 2:15-Medley (F)
- 2:25-Four-mile relay (V) 2:45-Mile relay (F)
- 2:50-Mile relay (V)





Three hundred students at Normal college, Ypsilanti, Mich., took part in a college circus.

880 yards: Oregon State-Smith, Graves, Cross, Hammock, Niblock, Rogers; Oregon-Buck, Deiz, Dickson, Schultz. Record, 1:27.3, set by Oregon in 1938.

Shuttle hurdles: Oregon State-Carlson, Miller, Holloway, Abbott, Woodcock; Oregon-Buck, Dickson, Buhler, Luther. Record, 1:01.6 set by Oregon State in 1931.

Four miles: Oregon State-Vaillancourt, Hammock, McCormack, Nelson, Gilpin; Oregon-Wolfe, Mitchell, Kleinfeldt, Ross. Record, 18:19 set by Oregon State in 1936.

Mile: Oregon State-Graff, Blair, Mullett, Hampton, Niblock, Smith; Oregon-K. Storli, Buck, Clever, Reiner, Schultz. Record, 3:21.1, set by Oregon in 1938.

Shot put: Oregon State-Blackledge, Christy, Hansen, Schultz; Oregon-Emmons, Regner, Short, Olson. Record, 183 feet 2 inches, set by Oregon in 1937.

High jump: Oregon State-Woodcock, Abbott, Harris, Ettinger; Oregon, J. Harris, Lang, Hansen, McKee, Record, 23 feet 8 inches, set by Oregon State in 1936.

Freshmen

Three miles: Oregon State -- Waterman, Gelbrich, Saunders, Lockhart; Oregon, Watt, Meher, Michachos, Lyon. Record, 13:40 held by Oregon.

440 yards: Oregon State-Oxenrider, Hammers, Findlay, Truax; Oregon-Ralston, Soper, Gearhart, LeClair. Record, :43.4, held by Oregon and OSC.

880 yards: Oregon State-Oxenrider, Hammers, Findlay, Truax; Oregon-Cougill, Soper, Rudolph, Ferrall. Record, 1:29.4 held by Oregon State.

Mile: Oregon State-Daggett, Duba, Lisbeth, Hathaway; Oregon-Watt, Mallory, Riley, Rucker, Record, 3:27.5, held by Oregon. Medley: Oregon State-entries not selected; Oregon-LeClair, Gearhart, McKinney, Engel. Record, 7:53, held by Oregon State.

By TOM WRIGHT

Wayne Sabin, high ranking U. S. amateur player had little difficulty in smothering the efforts of Oregon's Larry Key in an exhibition match here yesterday to win by straight sets, 6-0, 6-3.

Key, playing number one position on the Webfoot varsity team, was constantly in hot water against Sabin, and the Portland ace virtually ran him ragged.

Some five hundred tennis fans were out to see the Key-Sabin match.

The doubles team of Larry Key and Len Clark beat Sabin and Wes Hartman in straight sets, 8-6, 6-2, in another exhibition match.

Oregon's varsity team defeated a team representing the Leader shop of Portland, 4 to 3.

Summary:

Singles, Larry Key (O) defeat-Walt Davis (L) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3. Vic Ramis (L) defeated Werschkul (O) 6-4, 8-6. Len Clark (O) de-(Please turn to page six)