

DUCK TRACKS

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Elbert Hawkins Warren's Ducklings in action at 2:30.

Sports feature of the gala Junior Weekend program . . . it'll be Oregon's undefeated and widely heralded frosh baseball team against the Oregon State rooks from Corvallis today . . . all the coeds, eds, and moms and pops on the campus ought to step out to Howe field this afternoon and watch John Warren's Ducklings in action at 2:30.

Since last fall when his frosh football team went to seed Coach Honest John has lost only one game in two sports—basketball and baseball. The Duckling hoopers had their best season in years by winning 16 out of 17, including four in a row over the rival Oregon State babes. With yesterday's tilt in Corvallis against the Beaver rooks, Oregon's talented frosh nine holds eight victories and no defeats. Besides that are four victories and a tie in six games against the varsity sluggers who left for the Inland Empire this weekend firmly entrenched in second place in the northern division. And Skipper Honest John still moans!

Colonel Bill Hayward is facing one of the toughest meets in his life of track coaching when the Webfoots face Oregon State in Corvallis today. Generally he'll sit down with the boys who write sports and plot out a complete meet beforehand, offering a fairly accurate list of firsts, seconds, and thirds for each event. You'll have to call it accurate because he has been known to hit 'em right on the nose in his predictions. But this Oregon State meet seems to be a different affair for Colonel Bill—he won't predict it or dope it out. "I'll just let it take care of itself," he says.

Used Only a Dozen

Bill used to win northern division meets with only 12 men, which anyone familiar with track competition in the Northwest will admit is an accomplishment. Hayward was asked the other day just how many northern division championships he has won for Oregon. "I don't live in the past," he retorted. Then forcing a gleam of anticipation to his eyes he said, "Just wait until next year . . ." and laughingly added, "I won't have anything."

An outstanding candidate for honors as Oregon's No. 1 money athlete seems to be Bennie Hughes of the varsity golf team. In actual ladder ranking on the team he has been as low as No.

6. Bennie just can't seem to take matches against his fellow mates very seriously. But comes the weekend match against another college team and he's a bearcat. Captain-coach Doc Near is smart enough to disregard Bennie's practice scores and put him at No. 2 on the team, and it pays dividends.

In most of Oregon's team matches against other schools, in fact, the diminutive Webfoot divoteer has turned up with medalist honors. To non-golfers we'll merely say that means he turns in the best score of the day. Examples this year: Against the University of British Columbia here early in the season Bennie Hughes took medalist honors with a par 72; later, against Oregon State he did it with a one under, 71; And last weekend in Moscow against the Idaho Vandals he was medalist with a 70. Bennie was a money player last year, too. He had the lowest round in several matches and was individual northern division champ as a result of taking medalist honors in the conference meet held in Eugene.

Twogie Advises 'Em

Coach Forrest Twogood of Idaho makes a definite stand on the proposition of college athletes quitting school prematurely to go into college baseball: "It's so foolish, the major leaguers—and that's the only place with income—have to do so many things well . . . that means throw, run, and bat—and I mean bat—that doesn't mean hitting once in a while . . . you've got to be able to bat in a couple of runs."

The baseball future looks none too bright for Gale (Busher) Smith and Ford Mullen of last year's varsity team as long as they stay with Henderson of the East Texas league. At the start of the season they were with Beaumont, of the Detroit Tiger system, in the Texas league. That league is class A-1, just below the majors, but Busher and Ford were crowded down to Class C ball which is one step below the Western International. Baseball men who have watched the pair agree they're of at least Western International league caliber—probably better—but what if Beaumont is so crowded the former Webfoots can't get back up? Being in the Detroit Tiger system it might be tough for them.

Hardy Seems Secure

Twogood, and Carl King, Northwest scout for the Tigers who lives in Cottage Grove, seem to agree that Mullen has the brightest professional baseball future. King thinks the quiet-mannered second baseman will be back in Class A-1 ball with Beaumont before the season is over. Lefty Bob Hardy, the lanky boy who pitched Oregon to its conference title last spring, is still with Beaumont and apparently making good. He has lost most of his league starts but King explains that "in Hardy's case he's better than his record indicates and they know it back there."

Clown-coach Buck Bailey, who does his moaning from Washington State's bench, says infielders have their toughest time when a pitcher has two balls and no strikes on a batter or a count of 3 and 2 . . . that's when the next ball usually comes over the plate. And Mr. Batter being able to anticipate it can slap it anywhere . . . if he can hit it. Counts of 2 and 0 and 3 and 2 keep the infielders on their toes and drive Buck Bailey mad. It seems that his super-fine pitching staff—which has been a fizzle up to date—has been getting in that kind of a hole all season. In-

Varsity and Yearling Cindermen Meet OSC

Rooks Favored in Corvallis Over Ned Johns' Boys

By BERNIE ENGEL

Oregon's frosh track squad leaves from the Anchorage this morning for the annual frosh-rook dual track meet, slated for Bell field in Corvallis this year at 1:15, starting simultaneously with the varsity meet.

The Ducklings lost all events in the annual relay meet and have also dropped a decision to Medford high. The rooks, although having no timed competition in regular meets, can field a host of ex-Portland prep stars.

Depending mostly on the field events, the Ducklings are expected to lose both sprint events and the mile on the track. The relay, with Oregon entering several 53-second men, is picked as the closest race of the day.

McKinney Rates

Doped as the only sure frosh win is the 880, with slender Bob McKinney picked to cover the distance in under two minutes if he is pressed. Quarter-milers are as thick as flies on the frosh team; OSC's 440 potentialities are unknown but a victory for the Eugene men is predicted.

Jesse Truax and Ralph Oxenrider of the rooks will be matched against Oregon's Ross Gearhart and Dick Ralston in the sprints, while Gene Lockhart and Ed Saunders will travel the mile for the Beavers.

Frosh Hurler Loves Base Hits---Gets 'em

By GEORGE PASERO

Pitchers aren't expected to be hitters. Their job is to set opposing batsmen down in more or less one-two-three order while the husky outfielders, the rangy first basemen, the stocky third baseman, and other willow-wielders drive in the runs.

Nevertheless, a hurler who can slug as well as pitch is a godsend to any team, even the New York Yanks, who, at one time, paid Red Ruffing an extra thousand a year for his pinch-hitting ability.

Oregon's Stew Fredricks is one of these rare baseball phenoms who is effective both on the mound and at the plate. "Fireball Fredricks," as his frosh teammates call him, is a pitcher first and last. At present, he shapes up as the best frosh chucker of the past few years.

He's a Slugger

But still, if you ask Mr. Fredricks to name his greatest thrill he won't mention any pitching feat. Instead, he'll inform you that he led the Oregon state league in hitting last year. It's a fact, too. Young Stew, a 19-year-old boy from Portland's Lincoln high, played for Silverton's Red Sox, won seven games against no defeats, and hit .445.

"All of my hits were good solid blows," Stew laughs as he points out that Dick Whitman, John Bubalo, and Don Kirsch couldn't match his average.

Fredricks and Whitman have quite a time "ribbing" each other, but Stew has a lot of respect for

stead of being in a battle with Oregon State for the title as expected before the season started, the Washington Staters now hold only two league wins in seven games and are in a scrap with Idaho for the cellar.

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The Webfoot strength in the hurdles is as yet unknown; Russ Soper will race Gordon Hammer, an ex-Lincoln high of Portland flash, in the lows and Ralph Fuhrman is slated to lead the Duck contingent in the high barriers.

Frosh in the Shot?

The Duck trio of Elliott, Foster, and LeClair is expected to make a clean sweep of the shot, with all three good for 50 feet or better. A tight squeeze may come in the javelin, with both Nelson of Oregon and Berry of the Staters well over the 160-foot mark. Both men placed in last year's state prep meet.

Don Francis of the rooks has bettered, and Homer Thomas of the frosh, is expected to better, the 11-foot line in the pole vault. Bill Beifus of the frosh is conceded the edge in the high jump with his high school mark of 6 feet 2 inches, but Don Findlay of the rooks may trod on his heels with his own six-foot leaps.

Findlay and Oregon's Gearhart, both ex-Grant high runners, are facing each other in the broad jump, and both can hit the 21-foot mark if pressed.

Coach Ned Johns is concealing his definite choices for each event. Following is a list of the probable traveling squad: Gearhart, Maher, McKinney, Watt, Nickachos, Engel, Rucker, Mallory, Fuhrman, Soper, Ferrall, Thomas, Beifus, Ralston, Foster, Damskey, Elliott, LeClair, Nelson.

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Bill Hayward's Ducks Rate Even Chance to Win

By BOB FLAVELLE

Today is the day, and from all indications there will be a torrid track meet at 1:15 this afternoon in Corvallis when Coaches Bill Hayward of Oregon and Grant Swan of Oregon State start pulling strings to push over a meet victory in this chapter of Duck-Beaver sports rivalry.

Hayward, in his usual matter-of-fact manner, told his runners yesterday that if each man won the points that he thought they were capable of winning, Oregon would come out on top. It was emphasized, however, that this meet will be a close one and the loss of just one third place may spell defeat.

Sprints and Hurdles

A great performance is expected from Jim Buck, veteran Webfoot sprinter and hurdler who has come through brilliantly in every meet so far this season. Buck will be a heavy favorite in the 100-yard dash and low hurdle events, and will also place high in the 220.

Perhaps the most interesting races, as far as thrills and excitement go, will be the mile and two mile events which will pit Bob Mitchell and Rea Kleinfeldt for Oregon against Don Vaillancourt of the Beavers.

Captain Kirm Storli will double up in this important meet and run in the 440-yard dash as well as the 880, his specialty. A pre-meet favorite in the half mile, Storli will be pressed to take a first place from Oregon State's Bill Hampton in the quarter.

Five Event Man

Workhorse of the meet will be Sophomore Ray Dickson, who is entered in five events. He can be expected to score valuable points for Oregon in the 220 dash, low and high hurdles, pole vault, and broad jump.

Ehle Reber, undefeated this year in the broad jump, is favored to lead his teammates to a clean sweep in that event.

A closely contested battle is anticipated in the shot and discus competition which will find Oregon's Frank Emmons and Bill Regner opposing Bill Blackledge and Eberle Shultz of the Orange team.

The team will leave the campus by special bus at 10:30 this morning.

Probable entries:

100—Buck, Reider, Keene; 220—Buck, Dickson, Reider; 440—Clever, Storli, Bryant; 880—Storli, Clever; low hurdles—Buck, Dickson, Scroggins high hurdles—Dickson, Buhler, Luther; mile—Mitchell, Kleinfeldt, Loback; two-mile—Mitchell, Kleinfeldt, Ross; broad jump—Reber, Dickson, Graybeal; high jump—Harris, McKee, Hansen; pole vault—Hansen, Hendershott, Dickson; discus—Emmons, Regner, Olsen; javelin—Brown, Andrews; mile relay—no entry.

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