

# Duckling Tracks

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Off for the big Northern Division carnival at Seattle today, Oregon's varsity trackmen are conceded at least an outside chance to win for the first time in any of this season's meets.

Why, when they have lost all three dual conference meets? Because Bill Hayward's crews, though short on men because of reduced finances, always contain at least a few first placers, and it doesn't take so many points to win a meet in which the scoring is split six ways.

To register a victory, the Webfoot runners are going to have to come through with a bang. Reber in the broad jump, Brown with the javelin, Buck in one or another of his events, Storli, Hansen, Mitchell—they and all the rest are primed for Oregon's first win in the present generation of Duck cindermen.

Captain Kirm Storli is up against a rival who has always managed to edge him out in previous races—Bill Dale of Washington State. Each is in condition to break 1:55 in his specialty, the 880, and each is dead set on finishing first. Kirm, incidentally, broke 50 seconds in the 440 in last week's OSC meet after being boxed for the first 200 yards.

### You Have to Be Quick

This term "boxed in" means misery to a lot of good runners. When a star such as Storli enters a race, the other school's men are naturally gunning for him, and if they can't whip him outright, will often try to outmaneuver him. To do so, they have their best man sprint out ahead at first and have a weaker runner flank the star. The boxed one, unable to move to the front or out to the side, tries to drop back and then pass the others; good tactics calls for a man to be in back so the victim can't escape that way either.

Perfectly legal, it is practised by all trackmen but universally cursed. The only hope for a man who gets trapped is that he can outlast the others—which is what Storli did in the Beaver meet. The OSC runners just couldn't keep up.

More tactics than one realizes are involved in the ordinary spectacle of half a dozen men trotting around a track. In a mile or any distance run, there are two common types of runners—the sprinter and the endurance flash.

### They're Strategists

A man with a good finish sprint will try to hold the pace down so that he can use his finish kick to whip men who are perhaps better than he when it comes to endurance. The runner with a lot of wind and little kick will try to set a fast tempo all the way and wear down the speed merchants or get so far ahead they can't catch him at the finish.

Besides an expert knowledge of pacing, a good distance runner must plug away at his training all year, for there is no sport requiring more conditioning than the long track grinds, the aim of which might be stated as "to see who can exhaust himself the most scientifically."

Anyway, cakes and cokes won't stay down after the three-quarter mark when the pressure is really on. Which brings us to this business of reorganizing the letter requirements to give equal awards for all sports.

With all due respect for the men who spend patient hours on the links or courts, their sports don't require the year-around exhausting labor of track or football, the time-taking practice necessary in basketball—and that's no physical snap either—and are not faced with the professional competition encountered in baseball. Sports which emphasize skill alone and require no physical effort shouldn't have the same awards as the present major sports.

### It's a Puzzle

Of course, even the major sports have their inequalities. The field events in track take little out of a man but the competition is much more fierce than that encountered in the minor sports. Also a sprinter, who can enter several events, can make a letter much more easily than a distance runner, who is physically limited to one or at the most two races.

Letters are a puzzle but Oregon has a good setup at present and we really can't see much reason for a change. Those who advocate major letters in the minor sports to draw a bigger turnout—let them reflect that the "O" represents in exhausting labor when it is earned in one of the present big four.

With their suits filed in the check room for the summer vacation, Oregon's frosh trackmen can look back upon a successful season in spite of having absorbed a drubbing by Medford high's speedy prep contingent. Biggest goal of all frosh teams is a victory over the Oregon State rooks, and the Ducklings came through in a big way in the annual "little civil war."

The 67-55 final score could have been swelled on the Oregon side but Coach Ned Johns scratched his better entrants in the final events to give everyone a chance to place and score the point necessary to earn the coveted numerals.

### They Do Have It

At first regarded as being without any varsity prospects, the frosh displayed quite a little talent when the "big" meet of the season rolled around. Captain Bob McKinney loafed to win the 440 in :51.9 (he took second at Medford with a :50.5) and then scampered the half mile in two minutes flat—only a fifth of a second over the all-time frosh-rook record.

Bill Beifuss, a well-rounded fellow looking like anything but the usual lanky high jumper, cleared six feet consistently and set a frosh-rook record by going over at six feet, two and three-eighths inches. Lloyd LeClair, Russ Soper, Ross Gearhart—all look like varsity comers.

The squad was short on sprint and distance men but several of the yearlings weren't in condition and never even reached their high school peaks, probably because of the short six-week season and the late completion of the Hayward field track.

# OSC Falls To Ducks' Netmen

Brother Beaver up north has slapped his Duck kin in nearly every branch of varsity athletics during 1939-40, sad but true—football, basketball, track, baseball. However, in tennis the Webfoots make a successful "last-ditch" stand.

Yesterday Duck netters wopped Oregon State 7-0 on the Beavers' slick concrete courts, a performance topping a 6-1 squelching administered the Corvallis lads in a tiff earlier this week on Oregon's home court.

### Clark Shows Well

Len Clark, No. 1 on the Oregon varsity, smashed right through Strong of the Staters, 6-1, in the first set of their match, but took three additional games in the second to clinch his second straight win over the Beaver top man. Never in serious trouble, Clark displayed the same hard back-court play and flawless net game that has established him as one of the best players in northern division competition. Final count was 6-1, 6-4.

Still smarting from an extra-set defeat handed him earlier this week, Les Werschkul of the Ducks came back to belt Cope of OSC off the courts, 7-5, 6-0, waltzing through the second set after a see-saw start.

Larry Key, in the No. 3 spot for the Ducks, has yet to drop a singles match in varsity competition. Key doused Hedberg of the Beavers, 6-2, 6-2. He was the sole Webfoot winner on their Washington invasion, when the Huskies and their slow asphalt courts beat Oregon 6-1.

### Horning Wins

Bob Horning of the Ducks banged away against Velarde of Oregon State. He won against the Beaver in three sets, 3-6, 7-5, 6-2. Horning, now in No. 4 for Oregon, has dropped only one singles match in varsity competition.

Bob Potwin, Oregon, outstepped Sherwood of OSC to cop the fifth singles match of the day, 6-3, 6-4.

Doubles play saw Werschkul and Clark of the Ducks team up and wax Strong and Cope, OSC, 6-2, 6-3 in the No. 1 match. Key and Dick Williams dittoed that with a 6-2, 6-0 triumph over Sherwood and Hedberg of the Beavers.

Next opponents of the Ducks will be WSC at Pullman and Idaho at Moscow.

# Lawson Honored

Richard H. Lawson, sophomore in arts and letters, will receive a copy of Wieland's "Oberon" for his outstanding work in German. This book is being given by Delta Phi Alpha, German honor society.

Robert A. Clostermann, German consul in Portland, Oregon, is presenting several volumes of German literature to three other outstanding students in German.

They are as follows: Mary Krafscic, sophomore in arts and letters; Aida Brun, junior in English; and Nannette Schmuki, junior in sociology.

These four students have all done exceptional work in their classes and deserve the awards, declared Mrs. Astrid Williams, assistant professor of German.

In the last ten years Washington university has awarded scholarships totaling more than \$1,000,000.

Cornell university has a special faculty counselor for foreign students.

# Frosh Edge Rooks

Tony Crish's triple in the third inning with two men on, and the third baseman's kick of Chuck Clifford's ground ball gave the University of Oregon frosh enough runs to edge out a 3 to 2 win over the Oregon State rooks in Corvallis yesterday.

### Thirteenth Straight

It was the Ducklings' thirteenth straight victory in as many starts this season.

Mel Olmstead pitched the entire game for the rooks, giving up only eight hits. The big third was the only inning the yearlings could get more than one hit. He struck out 13.

On the mound for Warren's crew was Stew Fredricks, who stopped the OSC yearlings with six hits and nary a run until the eighth inning, when the rooks pushed in a run on a pair of singles and a stolen base. They tallied again in the ninth on a double to left and a stolen base. They tallied again in the ninth on a double to left and a stolen base. They tallied again in the ninth on a double to left and a stolen base. With one run in, the tying run on second and the winning run on first, Fredricks struck the next man out to end the game.

Johnny Bubalo furnished the big bat in the Duckling attack, hitting a pair of doubles and a single in four trips to the platter. Don Kirsch hit a pair of singles and Big Tony Crish hit a triple.

Robinson, Pederson, Harvey and Hainonen of the rooks collected two hits apiece.

Frosh					Rooks						
	AB	R	H	PO	A		AB	R	H	PO	A
Burns, m	4	0	0	2	0	Harvey, 1	5	0	2	7	1
Kirsch, 2	4	1	2	3	3	Robinson, lf	5	1	2	0	0
Bubalo, 3	4	1	3	2	3	Heinonen, s	5	0	2	1	0
Crish, r	4	1	1	1	0	Pederson, m	5	0	2	1	0
Clifford, 1	4	0	1	6	1	Setala, r	2	0	1	2	0
Taylor, lf	3	0	0	2	0	Conrad, 3	3	0	0	1	3
Fredricks, p	4	0	0	3	1	Sherwood, 2	4	0	0	1	3
Selleck, s	4	0	1	2	2	Byerlein, c	4	1	1	14	0
Sorenson, c	4	0	0	6	1	Olmstead, p	4	0	1	0	1
Van Lydegraf, m	1	0	0	0	0						
Totals	36	3	8	27	11	Totals	37	2	11	27	8

Errors, Burns, Bubalo, Sherwood, Byerlein. Two-base hits, Bubalo 2, Setala, Byerlein, Olmstead. 3-base hits, Crish. Strikeouts, by Fredricks 6, by Olmstead 13. Bases on balls, by Fredricks 1, by Olmstead 1. Hit batsman, by Fredricks (Setala 2). Stolen bases, Taylor, Selleck, Robinson. Runs batted in, Crish 2, Pederson, Heinonen.

# Don Kirsch---Slugger

By TOMMY WRIGHT

"Kirsch—Don Kirsch—second baseman."

When you hear that name bellowed out over the loudspeaker, and a stocky chap comes up to the plate with a big yellow bat on his shoulders, you can lean over and tell the doubting fan in front of you that there is a 50-50 chance that he can chalk up a hit on his score card, before the winged footed keystoneer leaves the batter's box.

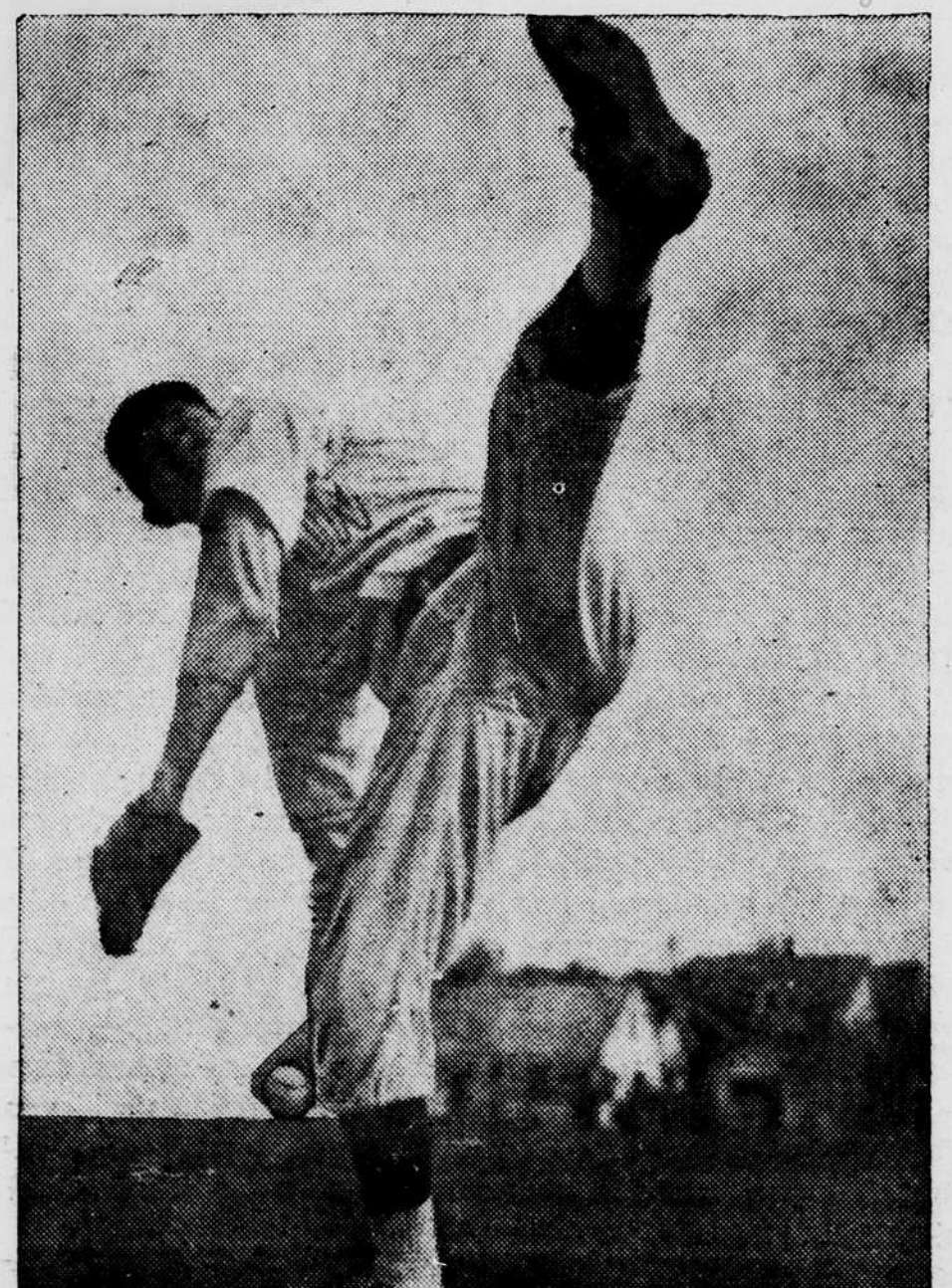
Yes-sir, that's the odds! For the former Jefferson high star has rapped out 25 hits in 56 times up for a near one for two average at the plate for Oregon's undefeated Ducklings this year.

His team mates call him "Duck"; and Coach John Warren calls him the greatest second baseman he has had around in a long, long while.

Don hails from Portland's "City of Roses" where he has made quite a name for himself in the diamond wars. He took his early lessons in the national pastime from Carl Mays and Jefferson high's Lindsey Campbell.

He played three seasons as a regular for the Jeffs. In 1936 he played with Carl Mays state champion American Legion team. Last year he helped put Silverton's semi-pro outfit into the playoffs in Wichita, where the Red Sox placed third.

# Right in There



Above is Bill Sayles, ex-University of Oregon chucker. He was farmed to Little Rock by the Boston Red Sox at last reports.