

# Duck Tracks

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The long finger of the army reaches out to pluck in Mike Mikulak, Oregon backfield coach and holder of a first lieutenant's commission in the United States reserve infantry. Players and students alike will miss genial "Mike" for he is well-liked. Coeds will miss his form on the bowling alleys, while husky backs will do with other instruction on the football field.

Manny Vezie, pronounced "vz," comes to Oregon sometime during spring practice to replace Mikulak for a portion of spring practice and all of the regular football season next fall. Vezie was a star end some years ago at Notre Dame. He played for a short time in the backfield also. Vezie's duties would probably be to handle the ends himself and help to a slight degree with the backfield. For it was while Vezie was end coach at Loyola that Loyola had its best teams.

Under a setup of this kind, Vaughn Corley would conceivably himself with the centers, guards, and tackles, while Tex Oliver would devote more time to the backfield. It is possible that Oliver will use a graduate to help him with the backs—possibly Jay Graybeal who helped John Warren with the freshmen or Len Isberg if he doesn't sign with a professional club. Mikulak is to return in a year—possibly.

## Honors Hit Townsend

Oregon's all-coast Vic Townsend is having honors heaped upon him. Only yesterday, Bradley Tech named Townsend to its all-opponent five. He has already been chosen unanimous northern division by players and coaches. All-coast rating has been given him. Now the next step would logically be all-American.

Vic once confided last fall that he had dreamed of being an all-American when he was packing books to grade and junior high schools. John Dick was given that honor by New York coaches on his appearance against Long Island in 1939, but NEA placed him on its second team when Oregon dropped to second in northern division hoop play. Since the Ducks wobbled home arm-in-arm with Washington in third place this year, it is doubtful if Townsend will be given all-American.

## Chips on WSC

Tab Washington State to win the national basketball crown. If the Cougars do come through, Paul Lindeman and Ray Sundquist are good bets for all-American ratings. The reason the Cougars will whack Wisconsin in the finals is that Wisconsin features a fast-break attack. The eastern champs nicked Dartmouth 51 to 50 in the first game of the eastern playoffs. Pitt slowed them down the second night. Wisconsin won, however, 36 to 30. Pitt played a slow-em-down style against North Carolina and won, 26 to 20, the first night.

Arkansas, Washington, Stanford, and Oregon—all good teams—couldn't hold a candle to the Cougars when they began to blow. Washington State plays a great team game. Each man works together. There is a coordination and unity present that Wisconsin or another team will have great difficulty in destroying. Naturally, Wisconsin might very easily beat WSC, but since tough Stanford and Arkansas teams have been hurled by the Cougars, it is reasonable to assume that Wisconsin will fall.

## Who Can Throw?

Pitcher, pitcher, who's got a pitcher? John Warren confesses that he needs one in the worst way. Warren was set so far as the freshman pitching staff goes early in the year. Presto! Jack Richards trots off to Willamette and Warren finds himself left with Al Wimer. Wimer is a good pitcher, but Warren needs more than one hurler to go through a season.

# Ducks Hawaii-Bound, Leave From 'Frisco

Oregon should put in a bid for the most-travelled college basketball team in the nation.

This Thursday Coach Howard Hobby Hobson and nine Ducks weigh anchor in San Francisco harbor, bob along the coast toward Los Angeles, then steam for the Hawaiian Islands some 2,100 nautical miles west. Add this and the ride back to their 7,500-mile transcontinental pre-conference tour, toss in sojourns up and around the northwest for good measure, and you have quite an array of miles.

Oregon's sea-going hoop crew includes All-Pacific coast forward Vic Townsend, George "Porky" Andrews, Hank Anderson, Bill "The Goon" Borchert, Paul Jackson, Rolph Fuhrman, Don Kirsch, Archie Marshik, and Warren Taylor.

Return April 17  
Hobby and his Webfoots, proving they don't get tangled up in flower leis and succumb to island hospitalitis, should be back on the Oregon campus around

April 17 full of pineapple juice and well baked.

The Webfoots pull into Honolulu harbor April 2 and the following day, sea-legs and all, play the Coca Cola five, an independent squad that gave Oregon State quite an evening last year, the Beavers finally winning by about two points. Two nights after they ride 20 miles out of town and engage an outfit at Ewa sugar plantation. April 7 they take on the University of Hawaii, April 8 an Army team. April 10 they'll be feted at a farewell reception, and the following day leave Honolulu astern, round Diamond Head, and cruise back to the mainland.

All members of the traveling squad will register for spring term this morning before pulling out Thursday.

# Tracksters Scarce as '41 Season Starts

Synonymous with spring, and spring term at Oregon, is veteran Colonel Bill Hayward and his track and field aggregations.

With only four lettermen returning, Coach Hayward regards his 1941 squad as the "weakest I have ever coached."

Of the four experienced men, only three can be counted upon. High jumper Jim Harris remains a question mark in pre-season plans because of a leg injury. The other returning veterans are Captain Ehle Reber, broad jump; Bill Regner, discus and shot put; and Bob Hendershott, pole vault.

From the transfer ranks come national high jump champion, Les Steers; Zenos Butler, low hurdler; and Francis Tuckwiler, middle distance. A pair of promising lads from last year's freshman squad will undoubtedly bolster Oregon's chances, with Bill Beifuss and Bob McKinney in the high jump and middle distance, respectively.

With the first meet only three weeks away, with Portland University, April 5, Coach Hayward faces a task of rounding a team from these few veterans and a scant number of untried sophomores and reserves.

**CHORUS POSTPONED**  
Dean Theodore Kratt of the music school has announced that because of the short spring session there will be no choral union classes this term.  
The class will continue next fall, Dean Kratt said.

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