

Duck Tracks

By BOB FLAVELLE, Co-Sports Editor

The University of Oregon baseball team will play the type of ball that fans love to see if Acting Coach Anse Cornell's latest strategy is used throughout the coming season. With an array of sluggers on his team that would cause any collegiate baseball pitcher in the country to tremble, Anse is planning to use a system of play that will have his men taking a toe hold at the plate and slugging the ball in the hopes of piling up the runs in several big innings rather than squeezing for single runs.

Anse says that he will send the team out for a lot of runs for the first six innings and if that strategy fails, will then settle down to playing conservative ball to squeeze out single tallies. As he puts it: "It will be a combination of the type of ball played by the slugging New York Yankees and the cagey New York Giants."

Cornell Has Faith in Pitchers

As for the pitching, Cornell is quite optimistic and believes that in little Nick Begleries, he has a twirler that will be able to quell the bats of other teams in the northern division. Begleries is not a smokeball pitcher, although he does have quite a bit of speed for a little man, but relies mainly on a slow tantalizing burve ball that is very difficult for batters to hit solidly.

Begleries is the only pitcher that is in good enough shape to go nine innings at a stretch, and is therefore Cornell's choice to start the game this afternoon against Pacific university at Forest Grove. But Cornell intends to give every moundsman a chance to work in these preseason games. He says that if he doesn't have a nine-inning performer he will use as many pitchers as is necessary for short stretches in a game and then use them all over again the next day.

Lanky Bob Rieder is due to start the game at Portland against the Pilots on Saturday. Rieder seems to have everything but confidence in himself. He has all that is necessary to make a fine twirler—control, curves, and speed, but is too easily convinced that he isn't good enough to set the opponents down. As soon as he acquires self-confidence, Rieder should be the Webfoot's top chucker.

Burns Faces Discouraging Task

Hard-hitting Hank Burns occupies a discouraging position on the Oregon roster. Good enough to make any team in the northern division, Hank faces the tough luck of having to beat out a trio of the greatest fielders that have ever been collected on a single Duck team. . . Johnny Bubalo, Captain Dick Whitman, and Bill Carney. We asked Anse what he was going to do with Burns, and he said, "Use him in the game Saturday. . . . When asked whose position Hank would take over, Cornell looked sort of sheepishly toward a distant point in Howe field where his three ace fly-chasers were lazily tossing the ball around and confessed that he didn't know how to make room for Burns.

The only way to make room for Burns, barring the injury of one of the regular outfielders, would be to move Bubalo in to third base, shove Johnny Berry into the catcher's toggery and take Billy Calvert out of the lineup—that was one of Cornell's brainstorms. "The trouble with that idea is the fact that Calvert is almost as good a hitter as Berry and is probably a smarter receiver than Berry would make," sighed the harassed coach. "Guess I'll leave the lineup as it is until Hobby gets back and let him do what he wants with it."

As you probably have guessed, Cornell is not bothered by a shortage of material. If there were two or three outstanding pitchers like Bob Hardy or Bob Creighton, who tossed for Oregon a couple of years back, the Webfoot nine would be one of the greatest college teams ever assembled.

WATER SPLASHERS



Four eager mermaids pose for Mr. Eastman before slipping into the water.

PITCHING GALORE



With the coming of spring, comes also the yearning for baseball. Four Cleveland Indians feel the need to loosen up their pitching arms in spring training camp.

Frosh Battle Grant Today

Net Debut Saturday

Freshman and varsity tennis players taste their first 1940 competition Saturday against Multnomah club on the University courts. For the varsity, it will be matching teammate against teammate. Les Werschkul, Oregon No. 2 man last year, is with the Multnomah club.

Coach Paul Washke has announced the complete 10-man varsity tennis ladder. The list is: Len Clark, Kerm Smith, Frank Baker, John Williams, Norm Weiner, Lloyd Manning, Jack Boone, Glen Westfall, Johnny Kahanaui, and Byron Van Metre.

Dick Williams, two-year letterman, from last year, is ineligible for this season. He played one year in junior college, another year as a freshman at Oregon, and then two varsity seasons. With Williams ruled out, Clark is the lone letterman.

The first six freshmen in their order on the ladder are: Joe Rooney, Len Lonigan, Bill Farrell, Bill Johnson, Chuck Larson, and Jim Ricksecker.

Delegates Gather For Phi Convention

Thirty-five delegates from the universities of Washington, Montana, Idaho, and British Columbia checked in at local chapter house of the Alpha Phi sorority last night for a two-day conference.

The convention plans round-table discussions of chapter affairs, a radio dance Friday night for the actives, and a bridge party for the alumni, climaxed by a formal banquet Saturday evening.

Mrs. Wallace Brannan of Missoula, Montana, district governor, will preside over the meetings.

Other notables attending the convention are: Mrs. Victorian Sivertz, national alumni director, and Mrs. Herb Plum, Seattle, who will be toastmistress at the banquet.

At today's luncheon Dr. L. Kenneth Shumaker, director of lower division advisory group, will speak on "Scholarship and Student Relations."

Duckling Nine Opens Baseball Campaign

Baseball season will officially swing into high gear for the University of Oregon frosh baseball club this afternoon when the familiar "play ball" will send the yearlings into battle with the visiting Grant high school team. The game is slated to start at 3:30 and will be played on Howe field.

John Warren refrained from announcing his starting pitcher but stated that Norris Ambrose and Aaron Jones would do the mound service for the frosh. This pair will give the visiting Grant boys some puzzling stuff to look at as they both serve up some confusing southpaw slants. The other half of the starting battery will be Bill Peterson.

Infield Starters

Starting in the infield will be Bill Gisberg at first, Bill Bishop at second, Kik Simonsen at short, and Ed Crame at third.

Slated to start in the outfield are Bob Ballard, Bob Farrow, and Dick Burns.

Should rain prevent the game from being held on Howe field, it will be moved down to the frosh practice field.

The tussle will be the initial test for the yearlings and Warren

UMPIRES

Scoring and umpiring examination for softball will be given Friday in Gerlinger by Mildred McCarthy.

The former examination will be at 4:45 in the social room and the latter will be at 4 in room 121.

threatens that if need be, all his pitchers will see action so he can get a line on them.

Publisher Speaks

Jacob Jacobson, publisher of the Dinuba Advocate, spoke to the editing class Wednesday. Mr. Jacobson is an Oregon grad of 1921.

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