

Duck

By BOB FLAVELLE, Co-Sports Editor

Although "Honest John" Warren wails loud and long about the lack of capable mound performers on his freshman baseball squad, there is one lad out there tossing them up for the yearlings that shows promise of developing into a topnotch hurler.

In slight, short, Al Wimer, Warren has a chucker who should win more than his share of the tough games once the season gets under way. The portsider, although he is but 17 years old; pitches with the confidence and wiliness of a veteran, making up for his lack of excessive speed by the use of a fine repertoire of what is known in baseball circles as "stuff."

Wimer Played for Medford Rogues

Wimer hails from Medford, Oregon, where he is already well known, having played last summer with the Medford Rogues in the Southern Oregon league upon graduation from high school last June. He also played for the Medford Craters in the state league. In high school, Wimer posted the enviable record of 10 wins against no defeats while pitching for the first diamond team that Medford had had in years.

The 150-pound curveball artist has already carved his niche in the no-hit, no-run hall of fame, having posted two nigh-perfect games on the records. One of them was against Klamath Falls-a seven-inning affair which was called short of the usual nine because the Medford boys had piled up such a tremendous lead. In this game the redbeaded southpaw twirler whiffed 18 of the 21 men that faced him and was credited with two assists in making the other two putouts.

The other no-hit contest was with Phoenix high school in southern Oregon. Wimer was reluctant to mention this second no hitter because of the fact that the contest only went six innings and also because, as he put it, "Phoenix is nothing more than a place where people go to get their mail-just a small town."

With the Rogues last summer, Al won two and lost none for a perfect average but pitched a lot more ball than his win record shows. He was used principally as a relief hurler and pitched in many games where they were either already won or already lost.

Anse Cornell, acting coach of the Oregon varsity, gave his men a taste of Wimer's slants in a practice session a few days ago. The freshman pitcher was batted around for a total of 13 runs, six of the tallies were unearned. Although bothered by the cold weather, Wimer at times had the Duck batters swinging wildly in attempts to bat his deliveries out of the park.

Sheridan Learning Mound Duties

Bob Sheridan of frosh basketball fame is still out with the team trying to learn how to pitch. Having never attempted to twirl before, Sheridan has a lot to learn, in fact, everything to learn. Blessed with a rangy physique and strong right arm, Sheridan is in search of a little control and as soon as he is able to put the apple where he wants it, will be used on the team. As yet, Bob has not shown enough to warrant a uniform, but he is not in the least discouraged, and works hard to perfeet the many details of pitching. Warren thinks Sheridan has the makings of a real pitcher and is giving the boy all the work he can in order to develop a man to share the hurling burden with the one-man pitching staff, Al Wimer.

Amderson in Believe It or Not

Hank "The Hanker," "Needle," "Hawkeye Hank," etc. Anderson is going to get a surprise today when he reads his local paper. (That is, he will be surprised, if the Hawaiian papers carry Bob Ripley's syndicated cartoon, "Believe It or Not.") For the athletic department received word yesterday from Ripley that Anderson's rare feat of pulling two games out of the fire with hair-raising shots in the last seconds of play, despite the handicap of a badly damaged knee, was found to be good enough to rate space in his popular feature.

Anderson, if you remember, hobbled into the second University of Washington basketball contest with the Webfoots one point behind, east off with 17 seconds to go, and stole the game. A week later he repeated his last minute highway robbery against Oregon State college.

Spills Aplenty



One man goes down hard on the ice, while another speeds away with the puck.

SHERIDAN LEARNING MOUND DUTIES



Frollicking here in workouts are three Los Angeles Angels before they took the road in the current Coast league circuit. Los Angeles bumped Seattle 3 to 2 in 10 innings yesterday, squirting up to third place with a brace of wins and a loss.

Face Test

Unless a damp donation from the sky labeled "Bundles for Ballplayers" is dropped from the sky, Friday and Saturday at 2:30 the tennis team of the University of Oregon will get its first taste of competition.

Friday the swishers from the Oregon College of Education are scheduled to don their white ducks and battle with the Oregon Duck for supremacy on the cement courts.

The Irvington club of Portland travels to the University Saturday to "clinch wif" the Ducks.

UO Netmen Webfoot Infielders Iron Out Wrinkles After Dunking Pacific

Anse Cornell isn't letting his 1941 edition of "Baseball Sluggers Inc." rest on early season merits, so the Webfoots were out on Howe field Wednesday ironing out the rough spots, noticeable in the Duck's double win over Pacific. Acting Coach Cornell concentrated practice on correcting misdemeanors committed by the infielders.With Chuck Clifford at first base, Jack Shimshak and Whitey

Austin handling the keystone, Bill Hamel and Tini Smith at short, and Buck Berry holding down the third sack, the Webfoots worked on sharpening up the defense.

jan, the quarterback will be

placed behind the center with the

halves flanking to his left facing

right angles diagonally. The full-

back will stand behind the right

tackle abreast the halves, form-

ing a "y." Coach Howard Jones

has bee nusing it effectively in

spring drills and expects to spring

a big surprise when the fall cam-

Bearcats Next

The Ducks wound up drill with batting practice and lived up to the "murderers' row" moniker by lacing the ball for plenty of long drives.

Next on the schedule for the slam-banging Webfoot nine, is touted Willamette University. The two teams meet in Salem Friday, and here Saturday.

Boasting a pitching staff of no little prowess, the capitol city Bearcats should furnish the first real test for Duck bats.

Oregon will tangle with the Western International league Wenatchee baseball club on Howe field Monday afternoon.

Twenty-five chaperones and 666 coeds from Stephens college, Columbia, Mo., recently made a tour of the West.

Trojans Wipe Tears, Inherit Y-Formation

By TOMMY MAYES

Native Californians are daffy, all right, as can be evidenced by information received via carrier pigeon from Los Angeles late yesterday.

Since undisclosed in news dispatches, the USC Trojans are blowing and bragging over their new aficionado-namely the Yformation, and they say it'll be a **) 10 * @ *!! of a swell

Pretty soon they'll be playing the Q-formation and eating horseradish sauce to the vibrant strains of "Roll Out the Barrel" (apologies to ASCAP).

T-Formation Gone

The Y-formation is a revision of the T-formation, and Southern California sports writers say it'll bring the Trojans closer to the Rose Bowl by millimeters, miles, and touchdowns.

In the new edition of El Tro-

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