

Saturday Proclaimed 'Baseball Day'

Prizes for 'Firsts' Offered in Duck-OSC N.D. Home Opener

By KEN CHRISTIANSON, Co-Sports Editor

Mayor Elsha Large may fling the first baseball Saturday when Oregon has its official northern division baseball opening against Oregon State. Under Chairman Joe Gurley's direction, plans are progressing to proclaim Saturday, Baseball day. The Oregon student body, the Order of the "O," and many Eugeneans will turn out to help usher in the king of spring sports.

The men of the Order of the "O" will attend the opening in a body to kiss the "blarney stone" in time-worn tradition. Lettermen initiates are required to dust their lips in this fashion as a part of initiation.

Awards to Be Given

Prizes secured by the Order of the "O" will be given to the player excelling or blundering in certain "firsts." The prizes will be furnished by downtown merchants. The "firsts" are: home run, triple, double, first hit, error, double play (two awarded), assist, put out, strike out, score, run batted in, walk, and stolen base.

Invitations have been sent to Governor Charles A. Sprague, Secretary of State Earl Snell, Mayor Large, President Donald M. Erb, Chancellor Frederick Hunter, Oregon State's Percy Locey, L. H. Gregory, Dick Strite, George Bertz, and Dave Sander-son.

RETURNING



Coach Hobby Hobson returns tomorrow from Hawaii in time to lead the Oregon nine against OSC Friday.

Drizzle Stymies Netmen

Rain poured down on the University tennis courts yesterday, driving Coach Paul Washke's varsity netmen to cover and hindering practice for warm-up tournaments Thursday and Friday afternoons with Linfield college and the Leader Tennis club of Portland respectively.

In the two practice rounds held to date the Webfoots have emerged on top, smashing Southern Oregon College of Education 6 to 0 and toppling the Irvington club of Portland, 4 to 3. A proposed match with the Multnomah club of Portland was washed out earlier in the season.

Recent lousy weather has been no boon for the Ducks, for one week from today they hit the inland empire college circuit, taking on Washington in Seattle, Washington State in Pullman, and the University of Idaho in Moscow. What these northern division schools have is not fully known, although hearsay has it that the Huskies boast a potent outfit.

Duck Mainstays

Oregon's hopes this season rest chiefly with Len Clark, Pacific coast northern division titleholder; Frank Baker, No. 1 on the frosh squad last year who boomed up the varsity ladder to perch right behind Clark; and Kerm Smith, a gangly youth who was ineligible last year and at present roosts No. 3 on the Webfoot net team.

Clark and Smith have won their pre-conference matches thus far, against SOCE and Irvington, while Baker clubbed his SOCE foe but petered out against his Irvington opponent.

Lanky John Williams, a Monmouth transfer, appears to have his racket well-glued to the No. 4 spot on the team, while Byron Van Metre's No. 5 nest will probably take a lot of bombarding from Norm Weiner, Jack Boone, and Johnny Kahananui before the Ducks trek inland.

Webfoot Cinderemen In Role of Underdog

By FRED TREADGOLD

David once pulled an upset act on an extremely big fellow, Goliath, a good many years ago, much to everyone's astonishment and to Goliath's chagrin. From that time on every now and then the underdog slips over a fast one to send the favorite sprawling from his pedestal.

Oregon fans are pulling for such a quirk of fate this Saturday at Corvallis. Just three days from now the fourteenth annual Oregon State relays are slated to be staged.

Although no world-beaters, the Beavers are classed as a pretty powerful lot, while the Webfoots have been lusterless to date.

Beat Bearcats

The Staters, in a three-cornered meet last week, romped to an easy victory over Willamette and the OSC frosh, counting up 97½ points to 32½ for the next closest competitor. Twelve firsts were nailed down by the Beavers while a substantial backing in seconds and thirds indicated that it is a well-rounded squad that Grant Swan has under his wing 40 miles north.

Nine lettermen plus a goodly number of newcomers further augment the Beaver chance.

Oregon Grad Sent To Island of Aruba

Mrs. Emily Madeleine Christianson, daughter of Dean J. H. Gilbert of the college of social science, and her husband, Dr. Christianson, will leave Friday on the Grace liner from New York city for Aruba, a Dutch possession off the coast of Venezuela.

Dr. Christianson has a two-year appointment for a position as medical doctor on the staff of the Standard Oil company hospital on the island. He is now medical doctor at the Marine hospital in Cleveland.

'Bird Dog' Whitman Club's Strong 'Point'

By DOC HENRY

Dick Whitman, centerfielder and captain of the 1941 varsity diamond crew, is one of those rarities in baseball which are few and far between, an all-American.

Dick, who is commonly referred to as "Bird-dog" because of the resemblance of his sound organs to those of the gaming dog, was given all-American semi-pro rating in the summer of 1939 at the Wichita, Kansas tournament, along with four other members of the Silverton, Oregon, club which went to the finals.

"Bird-dog," despite the fact that he has been handicapped all year by bad health—first an operation and then an infected hand, has been working out regularly and seems to have gotten his batting eye back. He will be in top form for the tough 1941 varsity schedule.

All-Star Player

Hitting .371 for the conference last year and never failing to hit under a .300 average for any baseball season, Whitman is expected to make the northern division all-star team for the second successive year, being selected unanimously by players and coaches from conference schools last year, along with Bill Carney and John "Buck" Berry of the 1940 varsity.

"Our toughest ball club this spring will probably be Washington State, with Vern Butts, Chuck Dosky, and "Pig"

Gentry playing the role of heavy hitters. I understand that they have a southpaw pitcher that has a fire ball comparable to that of Glenn Elliott of OSC," said Whitman.

"WSC also has Max Strai and Bill Sewell, pitchers, that caused us so much trouble last year. OSC still has their ace southpaw Glenn Elliott and right hander Clayton Shaw, but with John Leovich signing with the Athletics they have lost most of their ball club. He was their spark plug and the brains of their ball club," he continued. "But with eight members of our ball club who hit .300 and over regularly, I don't think that any of those pitchers will give us much trouble this year."

Awaits Draft

Dick is eligible for the draft in November, but is waiting to see the outcome of this problem before signing with a professional ball club. He recently rejected an offer from a major league club which topped any received by an Oregon player in the last few years. However, Dick will not sign up until his collegiate career is complete and he will be able to see him in action many more times before he hits the ranks of the professionals.

Greatest differences between expenditures of men and women was in percentage of the budget spent for recreation, amusement, and clothing, a survey at the University of Indiana revealed.



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The annual meeting of the members of the University of Oregon Co-operative store will be held in room 105, Commerce building, on Wednesday, April 16, at 4:00 o'clock p.m. All students are invited.
Lloyd Sullivan, President