



# 10 Trackmen Get Letters

## Webfoots Await Meet

By FRED TREADGOLD  
With the Oregon State blasting merely a matter of record now, a mountainous obstacle looms up in the path of Oregon's battered Ducks. This is in the form of the northern division championship tourney at Pullman.

Tuesday, recommendations of tracksters for letter awards were announced by Colonel Bill Hayward. Ten names were submitted. Strangely enough Captain Reber, who was hindered most of the season with injuries, failed to earn a letter. He had won two awards in previous years.

This is the last year that Les Steers, world high jump king with a mark of 6 feet 10 25-32 inches, will be doing collegiate leaping, according to Hayward. Steers, who is 23 years old, has a low draft number and will probably be inducted into the United States army sometime in June. The Duck mentor figures that it will be more than one year before Les gets out.

Though failing to win a letter, Bob Keen was recommended a

## Idaho Trips OSC, 2 to 1

Forrest Twogood's Idaho Vandals broke into the win column at Moscow yesterday, and at the same time dampened Oregon State's hopes for a Northern division baseball title, by edging out a 2 to 1 win.

Dick Snyder, pitching for the Vandals, held the Beavers to four scattered hits, while his teammates were getting one run in each of the seventh and eighth innings.

Snyder scored the tying run in the seventh when two of his teammates singled behind him.

Summary: R H E  
Idaho .....000 000 11x-2 8 2  
OSC .....010 000 000-1 4 1  
Snyder and Kara; Farthing and Capka.

## Frosh Get Numerals

Coach Ned Johns last night announced that eleven frosh trackmen earned numerals for the present track season. All of the men who placed in the final Oregon State meet were given numerals.

Men who earned numerals were: Don Wilson, Bob Newland, Phil Jackson, "Happy" Day, Rod Munro, Stan Ray, Dick Shelton, Veryl Alexander, Andy Beckstrom, John Gleason, and Ken Sawyer.

The frosh had four meets this season—and were victorious in two of them. The Oregon State rooks measured the frosh for a casket twice—once in the relays and the other in a regular meet. Eugene and University high schools bowed beneath the power of the Ducklings as did Salem high school.

## Fijis Pledge One

A single pledge was announced Tuesday from the dean of men's office. Theodore Pilip of Portland pledged Phi Gamma Delta.

## Competition Slated In Sigma Delta Psi

The 1941 edition of intramural Sigma Delta Psi will take place Wednesday, May 21, on Hayward field, the intramural sports office has announced.

Competition this year will be divided into three classes: open championships, individual championships, and school championships. All undergraduate students are eligible with the exception of varsity trackmen placing in the northern division meet. Freshman trackmen are eligible for all events. Varsity trackmen placing in the northern division meet can compete in any event except those in which they place.

**Cougars Again**  
Taking a crack with the Webfoots at Washington State's defending titleholders will be Washington, Idaho, and Oregon State. The Cougars who make a yearly habit of dragging down top division honors are once more set up as heavy favorites to repeat. Washington is rated second while Oregon is generally conceded for a third place.

Ray Dickson, who picked up several valuable points against the Staters last Saturday, is considered out for the remainder of the season. A medical examination following the bad spill he took in Saturday's high hurdles race revealed a chipped ankle bone. This mishap throws a monkey-wrench into Hayward's broad jumping department where Captain Ehle Reber is favoring a leg injury. Dickson was also being depended upon to strengthen the hurdles which has Zenos Butler entered now.

Those listed for letters with individual points made in conference meets:

Les Steers	37
Zenos Butler	19
Jake Leicht	18
Bill Regner	14½
Bob McKinney	12½
Ray Dickson	12
Homer Thomas	11
Francis Tuckwiler	10½
Bob Hendershott	9
Bill Beifuss	6

### Open Championships

Open championships are for all undergraduate students who qualify in three events in addition to his specialty. To qualify the contestant must equal the standard set by the national chapter.

All entries MUST be in the intramural office by 5 p.m. Friday, May 16. No changes can be made after the list has been turned in.

### Heart Checks

All contestants entering the mile run must have heart checks by the health service before the meet. Track equipment must be furnished by the contestants. No running on the track with tennis shoes will be permitted.

The events: 100-yard dash; 120-yard low hurdles, 20-foot rope climb, 100-yard swim, one-mile run, bar vault, football punt, javelin, baseball throw, 16-pound shot, broad jump, high jump.

## Hirers See Seniors

J. E. Self, traveling auditor, and T. J. Aughinbaugh, branch manager, Portland, International Harvester company representatives, interviewed outstanding accounting graduates for jobs with their organization in the employment office Tuesday.

Poor Mr. Atherton! He was hired by the Pacific coast conference to watch over the proselyting activities of the eight schools in the conference. He took his job seriously and did what was asked of him—too darned well. After a year of thorough investigations, the commissioner came up with evidence showing that 22 freshmen athletes in the circuit had been illegally enticed to attend their respective schools. It was his decision that they should be prohibited from participating in any sport for their institution.

Coming late in the school year, the decision left the athletes out on a limb as to what to do next season. Many criticisms were made of Atherton's ruling to the effect that the report was slow in completion, and the boys should have been notified months sooner so that they could make plans for the future.

## Much Evidence Against Them

We can't see the logic of that criticism. Atherton's report of the evidence which existed for each player was conclusive. There was so much evidence piled up against the players that it will be next to impossible for anyone of them to ask and receive any further consideration. If the report had been thrown together in two or three weeks, and sent out to the various schools, the evidence would, in all probability, have been shaky and incomplete. As it is now, the evidence on hand will be hard to refute.

The players affected, supposedly came to college to get an education. Supposedly, they were making use of their above-average athletic ability in order that they might be able to continue their studies in a school of higher education. If that was the case, and the boys are seriously interested in learning, then they need have nothing to fear. The colleges will be required, by the Atherton code, to see that every player affected by the "cut" gets everything that was promised him in the way of financial assistance when they entered in the fall. They will be better off now in that they will not only get their education as they had planned, but they won't have to spend gruelling hours of practice on the football field or on the basketball court.

But how many of the 22 players involved came to college with an education foremost in their minds? We would venture to say that not half of the list entered school last fall with the thought in mind that they were going to college where they would have a chance to study and learn. Instead they probably dreamed of snappy bands, colorful coeds, and hysterical rooters' sections, all shouting the name of Joe Punk, who was leading Podunk U. to victory over the hated rivals from the East. And each freshman probably pictured himself in the shoes of Joe Punk.

In all probability, most of the 22 Atherton "victims" will transfer to other universities in the country where they will be able to continue their athletic deeds. They may be leaving a golden opportunity of obtaining an education, but to them, it will be more important to heroically handle a piece of pigskin inflated with air. They don't yearn for an education, they yearn for the athletic spotlight. Why should we feel sorry for them?

The controversy all leads back to the old, old problem of over-emphasis of athletics. The game itself is for the students only in-so-far as the gate receipts are concerned. If the stands were crammed every Saturday, the colleges would not worry if 90 per cent of the student body showed no interest in the contests.

## Why Not Professional Basis?

Under the present system, a school does everything but come out in the open and buy players. Even with Atherton to watch for dirty work, the coast schools have continued to use all sorts of devices to obtain the best ball players available. To put athletics on an out-and-out professional basis would do away with a lot of the moanings that arise whenever one school breaks the rules and "steals" a player from another school.

To go back to a strictly amateur basis would be impossible. Too much money is already tied up in major sports and several of the better colleges in the country would go broke if they did not have the football revenue to keep them out of the red.

So, although we feel Atherton has done a good job, and has the best interests of the players in mind, we also feel that he can do very little to clean up the athletic set-up on the coast as long as schools operate on the supposed "amateur" basis.

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