

## Duck Tracks

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First bad news to plague Hobby's high-flying diamond crew came this week. Hank Burns, who was heavily counted upon to clot the gash left in the outfield when Johnny Bubalo was moved to first, has had to quit baseball—at least temporarily.

No, it isn't the draft this time, nor ineligibility which has forced the veteran slugger out of the baseball picture. It's astigmatism, which shows no favorites, that has put Mr. Burns out of action.

Hank has been troubled with his eyes for some time. Both-ered in practice, he had trouble not only in fielding flies, but also in looking over the pitches as they came in. Evidence of this was when his batting average fell to around .062 after the first few games.

Headaches accompanied the astigmatism, Hank declares, while the ball had a very "fuzzy" look about it. Things got so bad that once in practice a fly actually hit Hank on the head when he "lost" it in its flight.

Glasses were given a chance by the desperate Hank, whose absence was sorely felt in the right outer-garden. Even specs didn't seem to clear things up. A rest—letting nature take its course—was prescribed by Hobby.

So Hank is going to lay out three or four weeks on "sick leave" in hopes of getting his sight back to normal.

### Dick Burns to Fill in

Who will plug the gap in right field? Well, young Dick Burns (no relation to the unfortunate Mr. Burns referred to above) is being groomed for the post. Just a sophomore, Dick has shown the stuff for varsity ball. A hustler both afield and at the plate, he has clipped the ball for an average of better than .370 to date.

Dick isn't nearly the power-hitter that Hank is, but has been getting on quite consistently, which, after all, is the main duty of the lead-off man.

Being lefthanded, Dick can fill in at first base when Hobby uses Bubalo on the mound. If so, it will be no new experience for Dick. He had a year of first-basing under John Warren last year in frosh ball.

### Home Run Hitters' Heaven

Much worse than a low fence for pitchers is no fence out in left on Howe field. With no barrier whatsoever any grounder getting past the fielder that rolls over the bank is "sure stuff" for the base runner.

Donnie Kirsch, the Ducks' mighty mite, who has been slamming the agate at a terrific gait, has blasted out three four-baggers, all of which owe their existence to that handy bank. Yesterday, against Pacific, Dick Whitman and Bill Carney also wised up and proceeded to plunk out hits good for four bases "over the hill."

Whitman's blow was a double at best, but the unsure-footed left fielder in coming over to take the ball on the bounce, slipped on the wet turf and the ball rolled past.

A home run to right field is really earned—usually having to clear the wire fence, but a grounder with sufficient speed to elude the fielder in left is usually a "lead pipe cinch" to go four bases.

### OSC Time Nears Again

That old Oregon-Oregon State rivalry which has been about as bitter this year as ever, will be fanned again this weekend. Northern division league race starts Friday when the Orangemen troop down to Eugene for the big annual opening day festivities. It's turn-about Saturday when our Ducks hike up to Corvallis to help the Beavers get things rolling.

Reports from Corvallis indicate that the Beavers are a hot and cold bunch this year. One time they play like champs, the next like bushers.

Glenn Elliott, who two years ago was the dean of northern division chuckers, hasn't yet gotten back into his former stride, rumor has it. Little consideration was given him last season by the Duck clouters, who waxed him both times he showed his face against Oregon.

### Johnson Signed by Red Sox

Dick Johnson, claimed by Orange enthusiasts as the top sophomore hurler on the coast, was snapped up sudden-like by the Boston Red Sox, robbing the Beavers of another good prospect.

Two guesses as to who is also turning out for the team?

One guess? O. K. That's right. Yes, our versatile little friend, Don Durdan. A Beaver team wouldn't be complete without this handy little fellow. Ralph Coleman, Oregon State coach, is having some trouble, though. He just doesn't know where he needs Durdan most, in the infield or outfield.

Another carry-over from basketball season is Paul Valenti,

# Pi Kaps, Betas, Awfuls Slug Wins in I-M Ball

The IM softball season drove into its second day yesterday afternoon.

### Pi Kaps on Top

The Phi Deltas got an early two-run lead on long hits by Don Galbreath and George Arbuckle and a single by Jack Six, but PiKA chucker Art Sprick settled down and held the Phis the rest of the way, although they got a run in the last. In the meantime his mates pecked away at Roy Erickson to score in the third, fourth, and fifth frames to eke out a narrow win. Gilbertson singled, Roblin flied deep, and he took second on the play. McFadyen smashed the first pitch through the infield to score Gilbertson with the winning run.

Phi Deltas .....200 01-3 7 0

PiKaps .....001 21-4 6 1

Erickson and Arbuckle; Sprick and Wehe.

### Betas Roll On

The Betas caught Yeomen hurler Jacobson cold and capitalized on his wildness to score two in the first, but the Y-men came right back to tie it up in the third on hits by Smith, Hardy, and Jackobsen. In the fourth with the bases f.o.b. (full of Betas) Paul Beard cleared them with a long drive, and when the flurry was over the Bouncing boys had four runs and the ball game. Quent Sidesinger toiled on the hillock for them and was the winning pitcher.

Betas .....200 04-6 8 2

Yeomen .....101 01-3 7 4

Sidesinger and Beard; Jackobsen and Brown.

### Sig Eps Power Win

A power-laden Sig Ep outfit clambered all over Kirkwood thrower Al Samples to bash out 13 hits and 12 runs while George "Porky" Andrews was keeping the co-opmen in check, although he was touched for six runs. The Kirkwoodians were sloppy in the field being charged with five miscues. Andrews and Archie "Horse" Marshik connected for five extra-base blows between them to lead the SPE attack.

Sig Eps .....530 400-12 13 0

Kirkwood .....113 100-6 6 5

Andrews and Williamson; Samples and Ordway.

### Sigma Chi Blasts

Sigma Chi hitting power proved to be too much for a shaky Gamma gang, and the Sigs took the ball game, 9 to 4, behind Lockwood's hurling. Maynard and Shephard slashed out two blows apiece while the rest of SX blows were distributed evenly with every man but one getting a hit. Coe Roberts and "Nothing Ball" Jordan hit a triple and a homer in the losing Gamma cause. Lockwood bested Gordon on the mound in the seven inning struggle.

Sigma Chi .....401 002 2-9 8 2

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## I-M Softball Today

4 p.m.—Phi Sigma Kappa-Canard Club, new field 1.

4 p.m.—Phi Gamma Delta-Sherry Ross, new field 2.

4 p.m.—Chi Psi-Sigma Hall, old field.

5 p.m.—Delta Upsilon-Theta Chi, new field 1.

5 p.m.—Sigma Alpha Mu-Delta Tau Delta, new field 2.

who is remembered for his accuracy with the big ball from far out. Valenti, according to news sources from Corvallis, is "handicapped by a sore arm," but possesses "lots of ability." He is listed as a utility infielder.

Two boys who you can keep your eyes on are Harry Amacher, catcher, and Bill McCluskey, shortstop, both sophomores and both from Portland.



CONNIE AND EARL MACK . . .

are names heard wherever baseball is discussed. Connie's Philadelphia Athletics are again picked for a lower berth in this season's American league race which began yesterday.

### Distance Hits

pitchout and a man was trapped the man on second finally being caught.

off first. The play ended with

In his six inning stretch Sandgren gave up four hits, one walk, and struck out four. Wimer, in the last three innings gave up two safeties and walked one man. No Oregon hitter got more than one hit and but seven connected safely. Haller, Pacific, was the slugger for the game with two hits in four trips.

Box score

Pacific	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Miller, ss	4	0	1	4	2	1
Haller, 3b	4	0	2	0	1	1
Bergstrom, cf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Risk, c	4	0	0	4	0	0
Rosin, 2b	4	0	0	3	2	3
Cop, rf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Dahl, 1b	2	0	0	8	0	0
Mulloy, lf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Feathers, lf	2	0	1	1	0	0
Lee, p	3	0	1	0	3	0
Totals	31	0	6	24	8	5

Oregon	AB	R	H	O	A	E
D. Burns, rf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Hamel, 3b	4	0	0	2	5	1
Kirsch, 2b	4	2	1	2	3	0
Whitman, cf	3	2	1	0	1	0
Carney, lf	4	2	1	0	0	0
Bubalo, 1b	4	0	1	11	2	0
Farrow, ss	3	0	1	4	0	0
Pilip, c	4	0	1	5	3	0
Sandgren, p	2	0	0	1	2	0
Wimer, p	1	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	33	6	7	27	17	1

Home runs, Whitman, Kirsch, Carney. Doubles, Farrow. Hit by pitched ball, Carney, (Lee). Hits off Sandgren, 4, Wimer, 2, Lee, 7. Walked by Sandgren, 1, Wimer, 1. Winning pitcher, Sandgren. Losing pitched, Lee. Officials, Summers and Husband.

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