

Duck Tracks

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Webfoot fans got their first showing of conference play with the Washington State series. And it was a creditable showing, too . . . even though Oregon split the victories communistically.

It's sad but true . . . Oregon's Ducks batted only .189 in the series with extra-base hits an oddity. Bob Farrow, shortstop, was the leading home slugger with a .333 average, two hits in six trips.

Begleries' Three-Hitter

Nick Begleries pitched a masterful three-hit contest yesterday. The small righthander had good control and made every pitch count. Up until the ninth inning he had allowed but one hit. It's too bad Nick can't pitch every day.

"Buck" Bailey, hoomorous coach of the Cougars, remained out of the spotlight in yesterday's game . . . no bucket-kicking or other crowd-warming antics. "Sideshow Buck" limited his actions to verbal commands to his players to "Put somepun on the ball!" when an infielder lobbed the ball over to first.

Probably the outstanding fielding feature was the dramatic play in the first game when Branigan, Cougar third-sacker, lifted an offering over the left-center bank. Dick Whitman, fleet center fielder, ran the ball down and whipped it up to Captain Carney as Branigan was rounding third for the plate. Carney relayed the ball to Kirsch, who in turn sped it to Catcher Pilip as the Cougar runner hit the dirt. Pilip slapped the ball on Branigan and Umpire Burke's thumbled hand flew up. A home run had been truly stolen.

And then there were those hot plays handled so well by Kirsch and Bubalo. And how about the foul flies that Carney in left and Bubalo off first pulled in?

And there's more coming . . . Idaho on deck Monday.

The Sports Fan Forgets

Today press headlines scream of our top athletes and the American sports fan is ever aware of the star's records and his style of play. But tomorrow he's just a memory of the past. It's funny how soon the public forgets.

As an example of those who are already, or are fast becoming, forgotten heroes let's look at the Oregon track and field picture. Remember Les Steers? Sure, you do . . . he's only been out of conference competition less than a year. Les was a world champion—the greatest track and field star Oregon ever saw. Today the fellow who high jumped 5 feet 10 and 25-32 inches is working in a Portland shipyard . . . and the public is forgetting. Tomorrow the name of Les Steers will fade into the sports fan's little-recalled memories.

Then there was a javelin thrower called Boyd Brown. When Boyd came to Oregon he didn't know the difference between a javelin and a pitchfork. But under Bill Hayward he became a nation-wide sensation. Everyone knew of Boyd Brown. But that was 'way back in 1940. Today he, too, is passing out of the fan's parade of stars.

World's Champion? . . . This Is 1492

Once upon a time Oregon had a pole-vaulter named George Varoff. This Varoff tied the world's championship mark. And everywhere back in 1939 the public was conscious of big George. It's 1942 . . . and "who was this Varoff fellow?"

Looking back a little farther, three years ago, there was Mack Robinson, Oregon's colored star. Mack was not just good . . . he was great. He was a great 100-yard dash man, 220, 440, and broad-jumper. Every fan knew then . . . but how many remember now?

Lots of students have taken courses from Mr. Fee of the English department. But not many know that he was a one-man track team for the University of Oregon back before the last war. "Chet" Fee . . . sprint man, high and low hurdler, pole-vaulter, shot-putter.

There was Dan Kelly, Olympic sprint man . . . "Iron Foot" Mullen . . . Ralph Sparrow, another Olympian . . . Martin Hawkins . . . "Moose" Murehead . . . Oliver Huston—they're long forgotten now. Yes, they're just as much forgotten today as Les Steers, Boyd Brown, Mack Robinson, and George Varoff will be tomorrow.

For the American sports public forgets.



CANNED . . .

. . . Bill Sewell, all-around WSC athlete, ruled ineligible by ex-G-Man Atherton.

Sewell Hit By Atherton

Bill Sewell, star Washington State athlete, who was slated to hurl against Oregon yesterday, was declared ineligible in a last-minute ruling by Ed Atherton, Pacific coast commissioner.

Atherton, who is on the campus making a routine check of University of Oregon athletes and scholarship funds, declared that Sewell violated conference regulations by playing with the W.S.C. All-Stars in the national A.A.U. basketball tourney at Denver last March.

A stellar football halfback for the past three years, Sewell was considered one of the nation's top passers and punters. He likewise starred on the Cougar baseball nine and was Buck Bailey's choice to work on the mound yesterday.

Joe Gordon, ex-Oregon flash now starring for the high-powered Yanks, is currently leading the American League hitting parade, latest figures reveal. Gordon's pace-setting figures is well over the .400 mark.

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Hayward Mum on Duck Outfit To Meet Beavers

By BILL STRATTON

Colonel Bill Hayward has made no definite announcement as to the team that will meet Oregon State in the annual relays Saturday, but is expected to do so today.

Over Beaver way, all is quiet, except for the announcement of the mile relay team. There are three sophomores, Francis Verling, Marvin Wilt, and Gary Thompson. According to the Barometer, Tommy Blair, captain and only two-year letterman, will run the anchor spot.

There has been no announcement as to the other Oregon State entries, and the Barometer says they are somewhat puzzled as to whom Oregon will enter.

Time trials were staged last Saturday, but no times were given, and the entries will probably be the ones that made the best showings in the intrasquad competition unless they have shown up exceptionally well during the week.

Only a light workout was held Thursday, although there was a large turnout, and Hayward announced that practice

would be optional today. He will not be out for practice, and the aspirants are instructed to take it easy.

The meet is at Corvallis, a switch in schedule because of the high school competition billed for Corvallis on the date for the dual meet. The frosh will compete with the varsity, alternating events.

Diamond Dust

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The Cougars yesterday with three insignificant blows. Fate was dealing a cruel hand to the little righthander. After eight innings of one-hit, shutout ball, WSC managed to scrape up enough power to shove across a score and blister the coat of shellac which Nick had been so painfully applying.

It will take more than a brain concussion to keep Ted Pilip, peppery Duck backstop, on the pep shelf. At Oregon State Saturday, Norm Peters, 200-pound Beaver left fielder, smashed into Pilip with a football block, scoring the winning run, and setting Ted unceremoniously back on his head.

Unknown to the wiry catcher, he wandered around for two days with a slight concussion before checking in at the infirmary for one day's "rest cure." Then back into the catching harness to receive both Cougar games.

Wayne university has the largest group of students in history—107—seeking the degree of bachelor of science in medical technology.

No Score

No word had been received from Albany at press time last night as to the outcome of the Oregon Frosh-Albany high night game.



GOING UP . . .

. . . in professional circles is Big Bill Sayles, Boston Red Sox property, who formerly twirled for the Webfoots.

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TWO HITS!
Bob Hope, Vera Zorina in
'LOUISIANA
PURCHASE'
Also William Tracy
James Gleason in
'Tanks a Million'



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