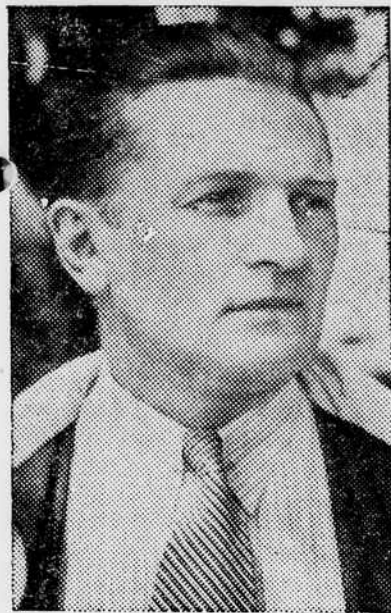


Duck Tracks

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... And to all my friends from California who spent the last two weeks telling me how good the Trojans were, and how badly they were going to beat the poor Huskies, I say ... "Bow down to Washington."



"Babe" Hollingbery

Nor is Jack Friel, who will handle the baseball team, wet behind the ears when it comes to baseball. At Washington State, from where he graduated in 1923, Friel was a four-year letterman in the diamond sport. He coached the sport in Colville and North Central, Spokane, high schools and was rated tops as a pitcher in Spokane semi-pro circles. He has acted as freshman baseball coach at the Pullman school since 1928. Incidentally, the freshman baseballers at WSC will be combined with the varsity. Oregon and Oregon State will also follow that course.

Our Complaint Department

I doubt if we've ever written a column where there hasn't been at least one good gripe. We haven't run out of them as yet either.

The intramural program for this term has been drawn up and will include swimming, softball, tennis, golf, and a newly devised competitive time race on the obstacle course. In ordinary times that would be fine. But the emphasis these days seems to be in physical fitness sports. The athletic board has recognized that fact and golf and tennis were tossed out of the athletic program, an act which drew some ire from other conference members.

Yet the intramural program as drawn up included tennis and golf. Golf and tennis are good sports and we admit that tennis is no panty-waist game. But for years this campus has forgotten about boxing and wrestling, and if there are two sports with which inductees into the armed forces will be indoctrinated with, it is these two sports.

Athletic Board Is Excused

The athletic board can be excused from putting these two sports on their docket because what with transportation and financial difficulties they'll have a hard enough time completing their present program. But the intramural board could easily have included the sports in their program.

It's discouraging to know that they don't do it and yet to hear from fellows like Bill McArthur, P.E. major from last year who is now a physical director at Randolph Field, that the ability of the fellows to defend themselves is pitiful.

With basketball, as far as the University is concerned, secretly tucked away in the record book, the sport's eyes look hopefully to baseball, track, and to spring practice. They can look for some radical changes too.

Frosh and Varsity Together

Hobby Hobson, sorting out equipment in the locker room yesterday afternoon, pointed out that freshmen will be incorporated with the varsity, and suggested Big John Day, ex-frosh cager, as a good example of one who might see some action from the mound.

In football the classes in the P.E. school will be held along with spring practice under the tutelage of Head Man John Warren.

Colonel Bill Hayward will go into his umpty-umpty season as track coach with a fair sprinkling of talent. A press release just came in from U. S. Navy Pre-flight school at St. Mary's telling of their track team.

One of the Airdevils in the six-man 880-relay team is Cadet Walter Girdlestone who did a bit of running under Colonel Bill here last year.

Spring Football to Start Next Week, Says John

PE Classes Combined With Varsity

As an Old Gold ad would say, "Something New Has Been Added."

At least, that's how things will be when Head Football Coach John Warren issues the call for grid aspirants next week. For under the new physical fitness program the men signing up for football classes in the P. E. school will spend part of their time working out with the varsity.

Large Turnout

These "novices" from the class room will swell the turnout to an impressive number. But with the Navy and Marine corps opening up and letting their reserve compete in varsity sports Warren would have a half respectable bunch out anyway.

A fairly safe bet would say that some 20 to 25 experienced gridders will answer the call when it is issued next week.

The material available in the line is rather good. Cliff Giffin, Merritt Kufferman, Vic Atieh, Hal Lloyd, the Steers twins, Bill Mather, Chuck Elliott, Steward, Dick Brown, Halkins, and Bartles are a few of those who were in school last term and who will probably be around for the spring session.

Backfield Scant

The backfield is, as usual, short in numbers. Bob Koch, who did a bit of full-backing for Oregon season before last, is back from the Pre-flight school. Bobby Reynolds seems to have a reprieve from the army. Bill Davis, who was considered one of the best sophomores on the coast last year till a bum knee caught up with him mid-way in the season, is available.

Tommy Oxman, who spent nearly all last year collecting splinters, thanks to a lame leg, will be back in a harness and gear again.

Up from the frosh are an array of potentialities headed by Benny Holcomb. A speed merchant who litterly burns the grass to a drab brown according to reports is Skiles Hoffman.

Warren offers the invitation, "Come on out. We'll have a lot of fun." The uncertainty of the fate of many of the reservists will make it nearly impossible for Warren to formulate any teams or many plays and the session will probably be spent in getting in condition and in working off excess blubber, and having a lot of fun.

Participation in women's intramural sports at the University of Texas has jumped 42 per cent above 1941 levels.



DON DURDAN ...

... having given up the hoop game for a while, will be back to plague the Ducks with a baseball bat.

'43 Hoop Season Placed In Ancient Record Book

The antics and actions of the '43 basketball team have been relegated to a few pages in the record book, to be safe-guarded by a couple of mothballs.

Those few pages in the record book are rather impressive however. For early in the season the critic and ever present, ever predicting scribes generously slipped Oregon into the fourth place position. Oregon politely but firmly double-crossed these experts and landed in second place, with 10 wins, 6 losses, a notch short of the now coast champs, Washington.

Freshmen Played

But if the '43 season is to be remembered distinctly, it will be for the fact that it was the first Oregon basketball team in the history of the coast conference to let freshmen play.

And of course lots of people who saw the team play will remember a dumpy little kid who had none of the physical requirements for a basketball player and who yet was one of the finest. They'll remember him being captain and they'll remember his late field goal that beat Oregon State.

But that's just a couple of pages in a record book now.

It's doubtful whether more than three or four of this year's squad will be back next year. If they did, says Hobson, they'd be champs ... and maybe they will after the war.

In the last meeting Hobby had with the fellows he summed up pretty well what the season had really meant. He told them that he hoped the just spent basketball season had helped them in preparing for war duties.

Picked All-Conference

Before the Duck hoopsters broke up for the last time they chose their Northern Division squad.

Here it is:

FIRST STRING

Bishop, WSC	Forward
Morris, Wash.	Forward
Gilmur, Wash.	Center
Kirsch, Ore.	Guard
Beck, OSC	Guard

SECOND STRING

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Fuhrman, Ore.	Forward
Quinn, Idaho	Center
Durdan, OSC	Guard
Taylor, Ore.	Guard

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