

Webfoot-Pilot Beef Appears • Doubtful as Hours Progress



FARMHANDS GET CHANCE . . .

. . . With the loss of their stellar stars, the New York Yankees have to depend upon farmhands such as catchers, Aaron Robinson, left, and Rollie Hemsley, right.

Highland, Orides, Hilyard Teams Strong Favorites

Coed softball took a bit of encouragement yesterday when the weather brightened a little. The strong entrants so far only by the fact that they have had more practice than their sister teams are Highland Orides and Hilyard.

In the finals last spring, Orides, co-champion, entered the matches as a heavy favorite. They had previously downed Highland house, 7-5 for the "A" league championship. Hilyard had an easy time overwhelming University house, 25-10, to win the "B" crown.

In the final round, Orides their way to a 20-11 victory over Hilyard house for their second consecutive. The winners were led by Mary Lawson and Pete Lawson, and Mason kept the losers at a distance.

Opening Day Close

With opening day but two weeks off, the teams hardly know the meaning of the term softball. Should the necessity arise that the girls fail to get a goodly number of practices a possible postponement of the games may be in the offing, according to Josephine Reginato.

Houses Sign Up

Each house will receive an entry blank by Monday at the latest. These blanks should be turned in to Miss Petroskey, the

cage in Gerlinger or Phyllis Root. If the house managers haven't signed up for their team's practices yet they are urged to do so immediately.



PHILLIES PROBLEM . . .

. . . The National loop is in an uproar because Ed Levy, traded to Philadelphia Phillies for first baseman Nick Eitzen, refuses to report.

Begleries to Start If Weather Permits

By FRED TREADGOLD

Chances for Oregon's impatient baseball Ducks to finally show their wares today before a Portland crowd in the Rose City against the Portland U Pilots appeared about as remote as a Jap citizen being elected to Congress. Because of undesirable conditions (about which we must remain mum) it seemed that the Duck-Pilot beef would have to be written down in the record books along side the Willamette and Linfield games, under the heading "unfinished business."

Anson B. Cornell, university athletic graduate manager, said yesterday that "we would have to wait until 7 o'clock Saturday morning (today) before we will know if the game will be held." If the "all-clear" sounds from the metropolis to the north, Pinch-coach Dick Whitman and his tiny band of horsehiders will plunk themselves into autos and by 8 o'clock will be on their way to the city on the banks of the Willamette.

Ducks Lack Action

However, if the game, which is due for a 2 o'clock billing this afternoon, falls in line behind the rest of the postponed engagements, it'll be just another day of rest for the action-seeking Webfoot gang. For yesterday practice was suspended again because of unfavorable conditions, much to the consternation of Acting-mentor Richard, who had hoped to have the local apple-knockers in some semblance of shape by the time his bossman, Howard Hobson, returns to the campus April 4.

As it is the game-less Oregons have been able to sneak in about three good workouts during the past two weeks. The defending champs, our darling Ducks, are in the same scow as the rest of the northwest collegiate clubs, kissing off important practice games with reckless abandon as Old Man Winter continues to linger in these parts.

Assuming that today will be suitable for baseball participation, the Ducks will probably tear the cover off the '43 campaign with a powerful, mainly-veteran unit, which sparkled so brilliantly over the abbreviated practice season.

Infield Solid

The infield seems to be solidified with Johnny Bubalo, Don Kirsch, Bob Farrow, and Bill Hamel answering "here" to the starting roll call.

Not as lucid as the inner defensive quartet, the outfield could

be any one of several possible choices. Dick Burns, the ground-covering junior, is a shoo-in at center field, but the other two spots will be fiercely contested by Bob Caviness, Tom Oxman, Art Murphy, and several others.

Battery selections seem all but definite. Little Nick Begleries, again Mr. No. 1 on the Duck pitching list, will swing into his first game action with Freshman Roy Carlson handling his offerings. Reifer twirling, if needed or wanted, can be kept well in hand by Bubalo, Caviness, Whitey Lokan, or Hal Saltzman.

If today's Pilot scuffle is washed down the drain, the Ducks will bound into the northern division ring April 9 stone-cold, with not one regulation tilt under their belts.

Opening Day Close

Less than one week from today, next Friday, the gun will sound to speed the five loop members on their way in the mad, ruthless scramble that is humorously called the conference race.

Starting things out in the right vein, our Duck timber-wielders meet up with Oregon State in a tough pair of warmer-uppers. Friday they open in Corvallis and then return to home surroundings,



GOLFER LOSES . . .

. . . Byron Nelson, former Open Golf champion, was handed an army reject. The portly Nelson still tops the nation's best golfers.



and Howe field, for Saturday's big local curtain raiser.

That begins a three-week home stand which pits the Hobsonmen against all four league opponents. Idaho comes on the bill of fare next April 16-17, Washington State April 21-22, and then a brace of skirmishes with Washington's potent outfit April 26-27.

Then it's farewell to familiar surroundings for the treacherous seven-day Inland Empire marathon. The games pile together in ominous fashion—six over a period of a week!

Inland Trip Tough

The Inland Empire trip is one full of pitfalls and ambushes. Many a fond hope for league pennants were torn asunder when a team collapsed from the strain of it all. Contrary to the rule, Oregon's Ducks provided the exception last year in taking five of the six toughies on the jaunt. The loop rag was won on that trip.

Following the Washington-Idaho state tours, it's home again Oregon State in Corvallis the previous day.

Curriculum requirements for history majors at Hunter college have been revised to give training in independent research.

Cougars Loom as Title Contender

Optimism covers the Washington State campus as the Cougar baseball crew looms as a potent contender for Northwest honors. Several important letterman are back to bolster Coach Jack Friel's pennant chances.

Unlike many of the other league nines, the manpower shortage has not yet dipped into State's athletic reservoir. If Friel so inclines, he can field an entire veteran squad without using any of the promising frosh and transfers. With a large supply of steady veterans, the Cougars will depend on defensive

strength to carry them through the season.

Mound Staff Green

The mound staff is promising but green. Only returning elbow-er is Roy Olson. However several strong armed freshmen are up to bolster that department. The new hurlers include Wally Kramer, varsity griddler, Jack Radke, and Bob Sealzo. Catching is ably filled by vets Dick Dodge and Roy Cranston.

Turning to the infield, we find letterman Don Aries at first. Like Oregon's John Bubalo, Aries also doubles as pitcher and in the outfield. Another vet,

George Davison covers the key-stone sack while two freshmen, John McCallum and Bob Rennick are fighting it out for the short patch position. Bob Dau, senior letterman at the "hot corner" rounds out the infield.

Akins on Squad

Two first string outfield berths have already been nailed down by Tom Brannigan and Al Akins, the speedy basketball guard. The third spot is open to several promising rookies. The Cougars will have several practice games with the Seattle Rainiers who are training at nearby Lewiston to give them needed warning.



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