

Duck Tracks

By GEORGE SKORNEY

When some one speaks track, the average sports reader knows little of anything on the subject. He can recall of course such big name artists as Greg Rice, record-breaking distance man who grew out of the Irish of Notre Dame. He may remember something of Glen Cunningham, America's foremost miler in the '30's who ran an unofficial mile of 4:04. He may have seen throughout the nation's sports papers small articles about a slender Swedish man, Gunder Haeg, as having cracked another record in either the distance or dash. This same sports fan can probably rave on and on about Corny Warmerdam, the only man that has gone over 15 feet in the pole vaulting.

Track Knowledge Small

Other than these few men, he can not say much about the individual events, general times, track teams of the country and their stars. All he might know is a general knowledge of his own small section of the nation. A reason for this is undoubtedly the money aspect of the sport. All high school and college meets are free gratis. Only in the AAU events do they demand a price of admission. Whereas in football, baseball, and basketball, the three most popular or major sports an admission price is charged and sometimes quite often this entrance fee is exorbitant.

The ball sports have stars—all-American, all-coast, and all-conference—who are known all over the country. Sports pages play up their ego. Publicity, advertising, and movie moguls use their names to the fullest extent because they know that these men are better known by children and grown people alike, than figures in our American history. Such is not the case in track.

Teamwork Counts

In track the performances are strictly individualistic. Men from each competing school or club pit their own individual strength against their opponents. In the above three mentioned sports, the competition is against two distinct groups of players. One player on one team can not possibly win the contest without the support of his fellow players. This all boils down to one word—a word which many football, basketball, and baseball squads never have, no matter the effort — teamwork.

A short note concerning George "Porky" Andrews, the dependable basketball guard and captain on the '42 Webfoot five. Andrews is now somewhere in the South Pacific with the Royal Canadian Air Force or in abbreviated style the RCAF. "Porky" was given all-star rating for his spectacular playing in 1941. He led the team in the iron man department, playing 564½ minutes. In individual scoring on the squad, he finished second with 124 tallies. Andrews was best noted for his accuracy at the free throw line.

Ducks Show Power

Last year the Duck batsmen in 15 games connected for 171 hits in 553 trips to the plate, 35 of them were doubles, 12 triples, and nine home runs. In the first Idaho game, Hobson's Oregons pounded two bona fide Vandal pitchers and a poor excuse from first base who attempted a relief role for 22 safeties and 16 runs. From this powerhouse of last year are "Jawn" Bublo, .349, Bill Hamel, .317, and Don-Kirsch, .262. Hobby Hobson has an excellent up and coming hitter in Art Murphy who we think will show something before the season is well under way.

"Honest" John Warren has been having a little trouble, to put it mildly, in assembling his he-men in the big out of doors for a spring practice session. What with the weather interfering slightly with his plans and the problem of finding enough football men around after the army and navy have finished weeding them out, Coach Warren has found practices difficult. A very few veterans have returned for further duty. However the primary purpose this year is to get the men into fighting shape for "Uncle Sam."

Now that intramural swimming has bowed out, the next event to be lined up is softball. During the spring term the program of the intramural department is swimming, softball and Sigma Delta Psi.

Sigma Nu won the softball crown a year ago by a scant margin of one run, which however is as good as ten times the number but not as impressive. Johnny Mead, Nu's hurler, took the life out of the Sig Ep nine in winning 3 to 2. George "Porky" Andrews, mentioned elsewhere in this column, proved a great gent and a great ball player by putting everything into his arm with every pitch. The losers while playing a whale of a game lacked the final punch.



SERIES WINNER . . .

. . . Strong-arm Johnny Beazley, two-game World Series winner set aside his Cardinal suit for a private's uniform.

IM Swimming Bee Closes; Close Contests Mark Meet

By BILL DYER

With the intramural swimming cup safely tucked away in the Beta Theta Pi house, the various men's organizations of the campus can turn their attention to other fields with hopes of better success. For the Betas easily took on all comers and turned them back with one of the best balanced clubs in years.

Boners Many

Although this year's tournament was dominated by the Betas, it was also filled with plenty of action and thrills. Many of the meets were not decided until the final event. Disqualifications eliminated some teams when victory seemed assured, and the use of an ineligible man knocked out another. In the opening round, nervousness cost Phi Delta Theta a possible victory. In the final race the lead off man on the relay

squad jumped the gun three successive times to hand Sigma Nu the win. The next day saw Canard club drop a tie with Sherry Ross via the same route. After winning the race that gave them the tie, it was discovered a man had jumped the gun, thus disqualifying the team.

ATO Hit Hard

March 25 was a sad one for Alpha Tau Omega. After a hard struggle they downed the Chi Psi mermen, but their star Jack Pennington was protested ineligible and the meet had to be forfeited. That day also saw the breaking of the first record as Finke, in leading the Betas to a 40 to 7 win over the Sig Eps, cracked the old mark of .23 in the back stroke in .22:6.

The fourth day of the tourney held one of the closest and most exciting matches. Theta Chi squeezed out a narrow 26 to 21 triumph over Kappa Sigma. The work of Childs and Putnam in the last event was the deciding factor in the win. Fenton of Kappa Sigma nearly spelled defeat for Theta Chi as he copped two firsts and swam on both relay teams. Also that day, Pi Kappa Alpha, the eventual finalists, put on their initial appearance with a convincing 35 to 12 victory over Sigma Nu.

March 27 witnessed the last of the hair breadth contests. Sigma Chi pulled a victory out of the fire as they won the final race to give them the win over Phi Si. As they went into the final event Sigma Chi was behind by one point and a defeat would have been fatal. From that point on the favorites began bowling over their lesser opponents only to be downed in turn by the Beta champs.



YANKEE STANDBY . . .

. . . A relief chucker last year, Hank Borowy, the former Fordham Flash, has stepped into a regular role for the Yankees.

Ducks Slate Relays Today

By GEORGE SKORNEY

Today's the day for the Webfoot cindermen as Colonel Bill Hayward shakes up his handful of men for a 2000-yard relay in the afternoon.

There is but one little word confronting him. Over this word many a censor has turned bald before his years because some aspiring journalist unwittingly divulged all. It's the age old weather.

Opponents Scarce

These little contests thought up by Colonel Bill give the Ducks a taste of what real competition may be like. Pre-season opponents are rather scarce as is the gas needed for any such task. To compensate for this, Coach Hayward is developing inter-squad races.

Four separate and complete teams will huff and puff against each other in the relay—which is composed of dashes, middle distances, and distances.

With a minimum of 15 days in which to hit their stride for the

big event—Northern Division relays, April 24 here on Hayward field—the Webfoots must utilize every available minute for the all important day. Steady workouts seem to be as frequent as leap year.

Thomas to Run

In the first team lineup is Homer Thomas, pole vault artist, who is listed to run the 75-yard dash. Although Thomas is not a regular track man, he can display plenty of speed in a short run as the 75. In his takeoff in the pole vault he needs all the zoom he can muster and with this thought in mind, Colonel Bill made a correct drive in Thomas' training.

Chuck Beckner, who last Saturday nabbed a close 300-yard run from under the nose of veteran Stan Ray has the ability of a point winner during the season's drive. In winning from Ray, he took command of the lead at the sound of the gun and kept the bit in his mouth till his chest hit the tape.

Allen Slow

Browning Allen seems a little slow for the 100-yard dash because of his snail-pace start. But when it comes down to the 220 event, he is in a class of his own. The distance is sufficiently long enough to give his delayed action time to function.

Summary of events:

First team—Kramer, Newland, Thomas, Simpson, Burns, Wisdom and Martin.

Second team—Hoffman, Way, Dick, Bronson, Kennedy, Clark, and Nichachos.

Third team—Allen, Lester, Wildden, Davis, Ray, Boylen, and Page.

Fourth team—Spady, Mueller, Lansdown or Drenkle, Dickson, Beckner, Wilson, and undecided.

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