

Ducks Load Artillery For Bearcat '9' Today

Home Opener Set For 3:00 Showing

By FRED TREADGOLD

With nothing more than just a quick glimpse at his Duck baseball goliaths since he returned to Eugene Monday, Howard Hobson, veteran Oregon coach, will send the undefeated Webfoot clouters against Willamette U today at 3 o'clock on the grassy levels of Howe field. It will be the home opener after a long series of postponements due to inclement weather last week.

The Devastating Ducks, who captured their second consecutive ND pennant last year, cashed in with victories in their only two previous starts, spanking the Portland Pilots in a twin bill last Saturday, 13 to 0, and 13 to 3.

Their hitting punch is still there, or so the 24 blows during the two tilts seem to indicate. But the Duck baseball machine isn't fashioned solely around the ruthless, lethal swatting attack of the Oregon siege guns. Coach Hobby has kicking around a handful of good—real good—chuckers, who know how to handcuff the opponents while their teammates swing out their own heavy artillery.

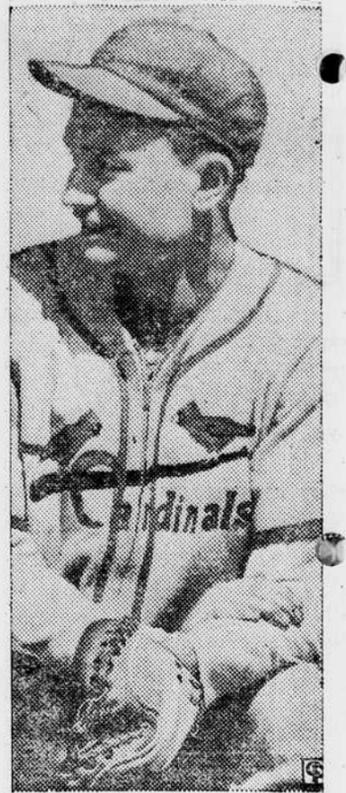
Willamette's strength is unknown in the Duck camp, but the local pilot said that he imagined the Bearcats from Salem possessed a "good" club.

There is a chance that the 'Cats will field a professional battery as they have been granted permission to use the twosome. If Willamette Boss Roy S. ("Spec") Keene does so, campus fans will see Duke Hanuska, ex-Willamette hurler since turned pro with Brooklyn Dodger connections, toeing the rubber, while Clint Cameron, a Salem and Spokane "play-for-pay" boy, donning the big mitt and nabbing Hanuska's offerings.

Whether the visitors will use a third pro athlete, Earl Toolson, is not known. Toolson, a big performer with the Bearcats a year back, can be used either at first or on the hillock.

With the exception of pitcher, Hobby has pretty well in mind just who will fill each of the eight other positions this afternoon.

The sparkling, "Million Dollar



CARD CATCHER . . .

. . . Walker Cooper, one-half of St. Louis' famed brother battery, will again be handling the Cardinal pitchers' hot ones this season.

Infield" combination of John Bubalo at first, Don Kirsch at second, Bob Farrow at shortstop, and Bill Hamel at third, is a foursome which will probably do business with all season long. This unit tops in the northwest circuit, un-touchable on defense and unhal-terable at bat.

Four Outfielders Even

Things are not quite as clean cut in the outfield. Nevertheless the picture is comparatively simple. Four men compete neck and neck for the starting spots, with the three lucky ones not being known till game time. Among Dick Burns, Bob Caviness, Art Murphy and Barney Koch the choice must lie.

Even with the return of Bill Peterson, last year's reserve backstop, to the fold, Freshman Roy Carlson seems to hold the jump as starting catcher. Carlson was one of the prize packages which came Oregonward from Portland prep schools.

Opening pitching assignment was not dealt out to any individual, and Hobby figured that he would give all the chuckers a few brief rounds on the hill, being careful not to overwork anyone. Then too, with the Oregon State conference opener just around the corner—two days away—no particular benefit would come from trying to work any single man too long.

From this list of twirlers Hobby can name his selection: Nick Begleries, diminutive curve baller; John Bubalo, reliable first sacker with the knuckler mystifier; Hal Saltzman, stellar frosh prospect; Bob Caviness, outfield regular, who can be pulled in to throw left hooks; Whitey Lokan, second-year man from Astoria; Art Murphy, another versatile outfielder, and Arvis (Suds) Sutherland, basketball man.

Today's brawl will serve as a testing pot for the Ducks before the regular league action commences and will also give absent Coach Hobson a chance to appraise his charges and draw conclusions.

Sports

State Track Preppers Run At Oregon

May 7 is the date that has been set for the annual state high school track meet to be conducted in Eugene this year, sponsored by the University, it was announced by Tom Piggott, secretary of the Oregon State High School Activities Association.

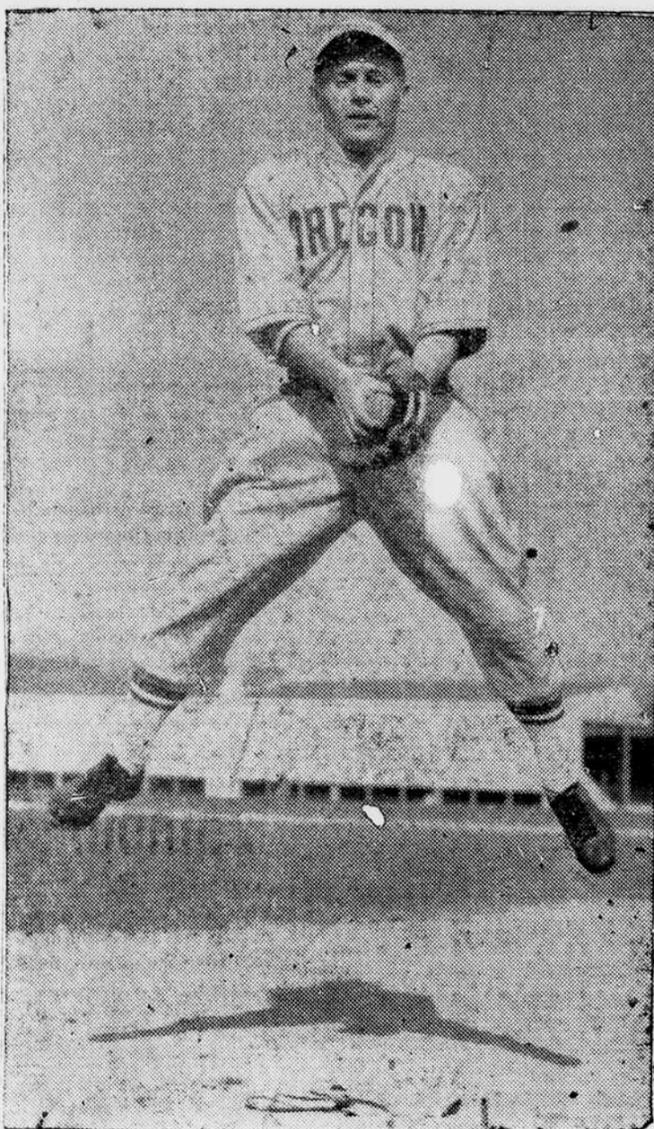
Streamlining of the meet is expected for 1943 because of the wartime conditions. Only winners in the eight districts will qualify in order to run the meet off in a single day, as only eight lanes can be set up in the Hayward field oval.

Campus fraternities have agreed to furnish housing for the preppers while they are in Eugene, it was announced, but the boys will have to provide their own meals because of rationing restrictions.

District meets are expected to be completed by Saturday, May 1, and a list of the qualifying athletes must be in the hands of Anse Cornell, Oregon graduate manager, on the following Tuesday.

Portland schools will not participate in the meet as they are not members of the state association.

The annual Hayward Relays were cancelled by University officials because of the war, it was declared.



LITTLE GIANT OF THE DUCK INFIELD . . .

. . . Don Kirsch, booming little second sacker, is one of the strong points of the very powerful Oregon infield. Besides being a remarkable fielder (no errors last season!) Donnie can crack the ball with the best of 'em.

Track Talk about . . . Homer Thomas

By GEORGE SKORNEY

The Duck cindermen have a captain now. With this simple statement, Colonel Bill Hayward released the good news that Homer Thomas, senior and star pole vaulter, was the choice of the boys themselves.

The stocky Thomas has mixed sweat with the sod of Hayward field for three seasons now—once as a track freshman, and

the other two times as a regular on the varsity. Thomas hails from Madras, Oregon, where track is unheard of and where baseball, football, and basketball are the only sports played.

As Colonel Bill puts it, Thomas, who never saw a track meet when in high school, came as close to pole vaulting when he handled a pitchfork. Homer claims that, although he didn't

have any experience when he entered the University he had an inkling that he could pole vault.

His first year here in frosh track under Ned Johns, he vaulted 11 feet 6 inches in a dual meet with the Rooks of Oregon State without any previous trial. In his initial start on the varsity, Thomas was an understudy for Bob Hendershott. This was the year

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Ho Hum! Durdan Sick Again, OSC Scribes Moan

Ever hear the one about the boy who cried, "Wolf! Wolf!?" Oregon's baseball Ducks have too, so they aren't taking much stock in the barrage of propaganda being laid down by ambitious Oregon State press correspondents.

From the Corvallis baseball citadel comes word that Don (Rose Bowl) Durdan, great tri-sportman, has contracted a case

of bronchial pneumonia and will be out of the Orange lineup for an indefinite period of time. Mr. Durdan is confined to a clean white cot in the infirmary, so the press releases say, and so won't be in left field when the OSCers face Oregon Friday in Corvallis.

An almost identical situation existed last basketball season,

fans will remember. Brother Durdan, spark-plug of the Beaver hoop five, was declared to be flat on his back with a case of chicken pox and would not see action for over a month.

But what happened? The Beavers came to town and firmly endorsed in the lineup was none other than the ailing Durdan, far

from in a sickly condition. And he played most of the game.

So, flecking the latest woeful words coming from Corvallis about fragile Don off their shoulders like a speck of dust, the Duck varsity horsehidgers fully expect Mr. Durdan to again rise from his bed, and be shagging flies all over the lot when game time comes Friday.

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