Gala Festivities Set for Duck-Beaver Clash Saturday,

Corvallis might be planning a gala opening day for their northern division curtain-raiser today between Oregon and Oregon State, but University baseball moguls have a few ideas up their own sleeves for the Eugene opener tomorrow on Howe field.

Saturday the Beavers and Ducks change locales for the second phase of their two-game series. Game time at Howe field tomorrow will be 3 o'clock.

Included on the program for

year will be the usual "opening battery" composed of University and journalistic celebrities.

Denald M. Erb, Oregon president, is slated to take the mound for the first pitch of the year. Completing the intellectual battery will be Virgil E. Earl, dean of men, who will handle President Erb's smoking "hot ones."

Sandwiched between these two will be Laird H. Gregory, sports editor extraordinary of The OreSupplementing this tradition-

al festivity will be prizes donated by Eugene merchants to the players who "get the first hit, first walk, first error, etc."

Feature attraction, of course, is the Duck-Beaver duel, pitting the two clubs together for the second time this year.

Pre-season records for the two

the first conference tilt of the gonian, who will endeavor to rap clubs contain only victories, but one of Prexy Erb's tosses out of 'very few victories at that. Poor playing conditions have slashed the Oregon and Oregon State schedules to bits. The Beavers won their only start against Camp Adair, 3 to 1.

Oregon clanked out three triumphs, all by quite convincing margins. Portland U was biffed twice, 13 to 0 and 13 to 1, and then Willamette befell the same fate, 6 to 4.

Last year the Walloping Webfoots, en route to their second straight conference titler, bashed the Orangemen twice on three occasions. They dropped the opener, 2 to 1, in one of the tightest contests ever seen at Corvallis.

But bounding back with resiliency, the '42 champs pounded the Staters ruthlessly in the remaining two contests. A fourth game-unneeded to determine the league ruler-was rained out and cancelled.

U0-05C Struggle Today

Hobby's Champs Favored Over 'Dark Horse' Bevos at Corvallis

By FRED TREADGOLD

Another northern division diamond conference chase-1943 model-rolls off the assembly line today up Corvallis way with those time - worn enemies, Oregon and Oregon State, again slated to try and out-maul the other guy with their war clubs. Our darling Ducks, long the ruling dynasty in this clubby little five-team circuit, will go into the scuffle-set for a 4 o'clock showing - as favorites, heavy or slight, depending on which side of the fence you may stand.

Supplementing today's opener, the arch-enemies pack their wares move and pitch their tents on Eugene's own Howe field tomorrow for the Oregon inaugural

The sports-writing brotherhood in the Northwest, after appraising team rosters, rent as they have been by draft and enlistments, seem to come to an al-

OREGON VS. OREGON STATE

Game: Corvallis, Ore. Time: 4 o'clock

Probable starting lineups: Oregon State Oregon Churchill, 3b Hamel, 3b McCluskey, ss Burns, cf Johnson, 1b Kirsch, 2 b Brown, cf Bubaio, 1b Durdan, If Carlson, c Roelandt, e Farrow, ss Murphy, If Bower, 2b Karamanos, rf Koch, rf Cecil, p Begleries, p

most unanimous conclusion: that Oregon is again the club to beat for this year's pennant.

Oregon State comes under the mysterious "dark-horse" heading. With only three veterans putting in an appearance at the season's outset, Beaver Boss Ralph Celeman has been forced to place his money on untried newcomers.

The curtain-raiser this afternoon could prove a number of things: (1) that Oregon's might has been overrated, and that they will miss the outspoken bats of sluggers Bill Carney and Dick Whitman, and peppery, baseballwise Ted Pilip, fiery catcher. more than anticipated; (2) that in spite of Oregon State's green group, the Beavers are tougher than a fleeting glance shows.

Winner Gets Break

At any rate the club to come out on the happy end of the score today will hold a definite bulge over the loser in this merry. made ND race, where every slip is pinned against you.

Neither club has yet attained top playing condition. Inclement weather saw to that. Oregon has just gone through three tilts (winning all), while the Beaver boys have been able to sneak in only one game (winning it) to date.

Those few warm-up contests can't be classified as real testers, all being with clubs decidedly inferior to the classy northern loop teams.

Oregon bopped Portland's Pi-



THE "PNEUMONIA KID" . . .

. . . Don Durdan, Oregon State's great outfielder, will not be in the Beaver lineup today, Corvallis reports say, when the Ducks meet the OSC outfit. He has a touch of pneumonia.

'43 Coed Softball Schedule Given Week Postponement

Entry slips for the WAA softball tournament are due by 4:30 o'cleck on April 9th. As specified on the entry blanks, the paper with the names of the team members, should be in the hands of Josephine Reginato or Miss Petroskey by that time.

Manager Josie announced today, "Miss Petroskey and myself, have definitely decided to postpone the softball tournament until April 20,

lots twice in a double bill and nicked Willamette U, whereas Oregon State clipped Camp Adair. That has been the extent of their doings at this writing.

Pitching for both sides is good. Just who will rate the opening assignments is a little secret which Coaches Coleman and Hobson will share with no one and won't let out till game time.

Cecil OSC Bet

Problematically, however, Don Cecil, top flinger of the OSC group, will get Coleman's vote. Cecil, a California J. C. transfer, comes with a lengthy string of recommendations along the pitching way. His older brother several seasons back threw balls and strikes for the Portland Beavers, coast pro club.

In the event Oregon's powerful hitting organization finds the range on Mr. Cecil's slants, Coleman has in reserve several talented tossers, Lloyd Frazier,

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when the first game will be played. I hope more house teams will organize and begin practices immediately."

There has been an alteration in the regulations as first announced. As some of the teams were finding it difficult to get enough girls for a team, the rules were changed and in the official tournament games it is necessary for only nine members to be present and on the field.

Just across the street from the ADPi house there is a handy field for the more energetic members of the house to around on. Without scheduled practices the girls have gone across the street and turned that let into a coed softball field. Barbara Bently has a mighty swing and when the bat in her hands connects with the ball-screens are suggested for the windows of the music building. One of their best fielders is Jean Villaire who runs doggedly after those grounders and seems able to spot a fly and get to it almost every time.

Intramural Softballers o Get 'Go Ahead' Que

Intramural softball gets its start for this season Monday when six house teams toddle up to the well-pounded donut diamonds to knock bat on ball. All Monday games come at 4:30.

Sigma Nu's powerhouse, defending champs, start off the new season against the merged Alpha-Sigma hall club on field one, the newly-constructed softball diamond on the north.

DUs-Chi Psis Meet

Delta Upsilon and Chi Psi lodge clash on field number two, which is the middle softball diamond.

Phi Gamma Delta's heavy hitting Fiji gang and Sigma Phi Epsilon provide the remainder of the action on field three at the south end.

Three games will be played every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, it was announced by Bob Newland, intramural athletics director. On Tuesdays and Thursdays six games will be held, Newland said.



"BUMS'" BIG HURLER

. . . Whit Wyatt, brilliant righthander, is readying himself in Brooklyn's spring training camp, at Bear Mountain, N. Y., to chalk up another 20 wins.

