

# Duck Tracks

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John Warren is a pretty hard man to discourage. The war situation has practically wiped out his returning football strength for the Fall season of 1943. Yet John has already constructed plans which will enable him to field eleven men in green-and-gold uniforms when the first autumn leaves start to flutter earthwards.

"I've got twelve kids under the 18 year old age limit," concluded the genial Duck mentor.

## Younger Lads

"That's a starter. In fact it leaves us with one able-bodied substitute. The incoming freshmen will probably provide us with a couple of dozen more kids who will turn out for football."

That's the situation in a nutshell. When the navy and marine corps reservists depart in July, John will have little left from his once plentiful supply of gridiron greets. Mr. Warren admits that his future pigskin squads will resemble high school outfits, with reference to age.

"The only boys that the army won't be able to touch will be the 16 and 17 year old kids."

Warren indicated that some 500 army trained lads may be transferred to Oregon by summer, but he is of the opinion that these men will get such a stiff khaki workout for the balance of the day that they won't relish the idea of football very much. So he isn't counting on this potential influx of material to supply him with any manpower.

And that's the Oregon football picture for this coming fall.

## Huskies Lead

By virtue of a twin win over the hapless Idaho Vandals from the Moscow-neck-of-the-woods, the Hobsonmen are again within hailing distance of that coveted first place region in the Northern Division standings. Currently holding down the hallowed spot are the Washington Huskies, who rose to power via comparatively easy victory path at the expense of the Washington State Cougars. And so the Seattle kids repose in phoist place with a record of two wins, no losses.....

Oregon State and OREGON are deadlocked behind that mark with three wins and one loss. In chronological order comes Washington State, (0-2), and lowly Idaho, (0-4).

Johnny Ryan, left fielder of the Vandals heads armyward June, currently being enrolled in a pre-med course. You will remember him as an aggressive ballhawk on the Idaho basketball team, that gave Hobson's kids a couple of interesting tussles on the Igloo boards not so long ago. Ryan and a pair of his team-mates who have played against both our club and the Corvallis Beavers, gives the team edge to the Ducks, claiming them to have a better all-around club.

## Both Departments

The green-and-gold pitching staff is beginning to blossom forth. Saltzman displayed steady control in his victory over the potato-patchers Saturday. The veteran Nick Begleries has already bagged two wins and is currently enjoying the position of being the league's leading hurler. More prestige for Oregon is contained in the fact that the Ducks also have the leading slugger of the league, and we do mean Johnny Bubalo, captain of the local nine, who has belted a cool 12 hits out of 16 trips to the plate. The major league scouts would be aquacading at the mouth if they were in the vicinity to watch "The Job" go to town.

Durable Dick Ashcom was a little perturbed at reports that he does not intend to enter the professional football racket with the Detroit Lions.

"You've got the wrong dope," insists the hulking 200-odd pounder. He maintains that he has a deal with the Army pre-med gang and will be around a while longer, possibly to trade pigskin punches for cash. OK, Mistah Ashcom, suh, we'll be watchin' your progress.

## Rumor Squelched

Correction Dept.: That great high school miler down south is a resident of San Jose, not San Francisco, as reported erroneously here last week. A word of thanks to Charles Powers, local sportsman, who always catches those little slip-ups.

That rumor that the marine corps reservists would be stationed here in July is deadlier than a 12 weeks' mackerel. John Warren put the final spike into the last remaining morsel of gossip concerning the Montezuma man-mountain.

# Idaho Win Ups Ducks to Fore

## Northern Division Standings

	W.	L.	Pct.
Washington	2	0	1.000
Oregon	3	1	.750
Oregon State	3	1	.750
Washington State	0	2	.000
Idaho	0	4	.000

## Results Saturday:

At Oregon 6, Idaho 2.  
At Washington 7, Washington State 3.

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With two more victories tucked under their belt over the weekend, the tummy of the Oregon Ducks began to swell to pennant-size proportions. Saturday's triumph over Idaho's hapless, hopeless Vandals, coming on the wings of another stirring pitching masterpiece (this time executed by Hal Saltzman) gave the Webfoot willowers a clean sweep of the series and allowed them to catapult into a second place tie with Oregon State.

Washington, by virtue of a twin-killing over a surprisingly impotent Washington State crew, has assumed control of the league leadership with a spotless record.

## A Let-up

The apple-knockers of Howard Hobson draw several days' respite before putting their noses to the conference grindstone again. WSC's Cougars, rated high in pre-game pools, bob into town Wednesday for a two-day lay-over in the Duck camp.

Saturday's tiff was a much tighter contest than the 6 to 0 walkaway which came Friday when Nick Begleries, star chucker, slapped on a thick coat of whitewash, cutting the Vandals down with but two hits, only one a solid blow.

But Saltzman was pretty heartless himself and had the victory-less visitors really earning their eight scattered hits.

## Trouble

Freshman Hal had a little trouble from the Vandals in the first inning, but managed to extract himself before any great damage had been done. He gave Leonard Pyne, UI shortpatcher and lead-off man, a pass. Pyne was pushed on to second when Couper sacrificed and then Ray Davis banged

## Box score:

Idaho—	AB	R	H	PO	A
Pyne, ss	4	2	0	0	6
Couper, 2b	1	0	0	2	0
Barbour, 2b	1	0	0	2	2
Pederson, rf	5	0	1	0	0
Davis, 3b	4	0	2	2	2
Konopka, c	4	0	2	2	2
White, 1b	4	0	0	11	0
Ryan, lf	4	0	1	1	0
Lewis, cf	4	0	1	3	0
Plastino, p	4	0	1	0	2

Totals	35	2	8	24	13
Oregon—	AB	R	H	PO	A
Hamel, 3b	2	2	0	0	3
Burns, cf	2	0	1	2	0
Kirsch, 2b	4	1	1	4	1
Bubalo, 1b	4	1	2	12	0
Carlson, c	4	1	2	7	0
Farrow, ss	3	0	0	0	8
Koch, rf	3	0	1	2	0
*Caviness	1	0	0	0	0
Murphy, lf	3	0	0	0	0
**Aiken	1	0	0	0	0
Saltzman, p	4	1	1	0	1

Totals	21	6	8	27	13
* Batted for Koch in 8th.					
**Batted for Murphy in 9th.					
Idaho	100	000	100	—	2
Oregon	005	000	10x	—	6

a single to first to advance Pyne to third.

Burly Irv Konopka bashed another hit to right and Pyne flashed across with the score. Saltzman then bore down, pinched off the rally.

It was Oregon's turn to do some fancy clouting next and the Ducks saw their chance come in the third. Pitcher Saltzman, turning slugger for the round, golfed one to center, Bill Hamel walked, and a Dick Burns bunt shoved the runners around another notch.

Donnie Kirsch, Oregon's mighty mite, then lashed out with the "jackpot" bingle with a single to left center. Runners Saltzman and Hamel were as safe at home as your 70-year-old grandmother.

## Bubalo Shines

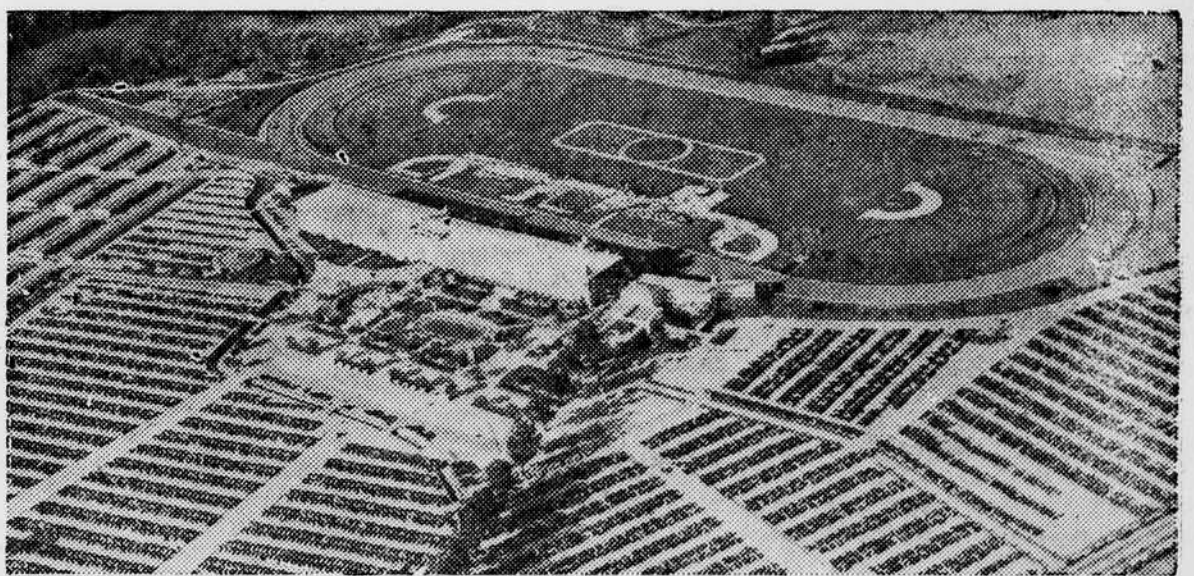
That furious, hit-happy Johnny Bubalo continued his amazing swatting streak when he pumped a single to center and Kirsch rank up run number three. Ida-

ho's Couper bobbled one off Roy Carlson's bat and all hands were safe. A wild pitch and a safety by Barney Koch drove in two more. Then the Oregon rally subsided.

In the seventh the Ducks picked up their remaining score, after Idaho punched her last run coupon on an error, sacrifice and infield out. Hamel was given an "Annie Oakley" to first by a generous Mr. Plastino, losing twirler. A sacrifice, infield out, and Bubalo's second blow merged for the score.



**DIVOT CLOUTER . . .**  
... "Bing" Crosby, who with Bob Hope, has toured the USA lately in exhibition golf matches. For a movie star, the right honorable Crosby does okay on the links.



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