

Beavers Crowd Ducks' Thin League

Ducks Enjoy Half-Game Lead in Race

By FRED TREADGOLD

It's off to the ND flag races for Oregon's adorable Ducks, now teetering precariously on a rickety one-half game advantage over a yowling Oregon State second place Beaver.

Our Hobsonmen, fifteen strong with one hand on their watchclubs and the other firmly clutching firmly onto rabbits' feet, horse-shoes, and like good luck tokens, pulled out from the Southern Pacific depot yesterday at 2 o'clock and by now should be safely transported into the midst of a hostile Pullman, Washington, company of WSC Cougars.

Marathon Begins

Marathon into the northern reaches of the conference circuit has begun, with the first test coming this afternoon for our Wailing Webfoots.

Those win-happy Cougars, after getting into the victory column when they bopped the helpless Idaho Vandals twice, will all teeth and claws in an effort to mangle Oregon title hopes beyond recognition.

But just as the WSCers are storming for more triumphs to stuff in their win hamper, so are our green and yellow boys raring to add another victory to their already impressive string.

Hobson Sweating

After watching his lads bow twice last week, to Portland U and the Camp Adair Timber Wolves, Mentor Hobby has been slaving by day and thinking by night as to what will be the best thing to throw at Jack Friel's Catmen.

Several revisions in the lineup, which folded twice in the stretch, have been appraised, with the veteran Oregon coach still undecided as which group he should field.

With the long six-game trail stretching out before the Ducks in treacherous fashion, Hobby must use judiciousness in the manner and use of his tiny hurling squad. He backed Hal Beltzler, John Bubalo, Nick Saltzman, and Whitey Lokan as his pitching duffel. Supplementing this group, in case things get too hot for the starters, there are two outfielders, Bob Caviness and Art Murphy, who might come in handy as relief men.

Probable Lineup

Today's Oregon starting appointment against the battling Cougar clan will undoubtedly befall Begleries. Little Nicholas, when his curve is booming across the plate, is almost untouchable. A three and nothing league hurling record stamps him as the loop's best pitcher at this writing.

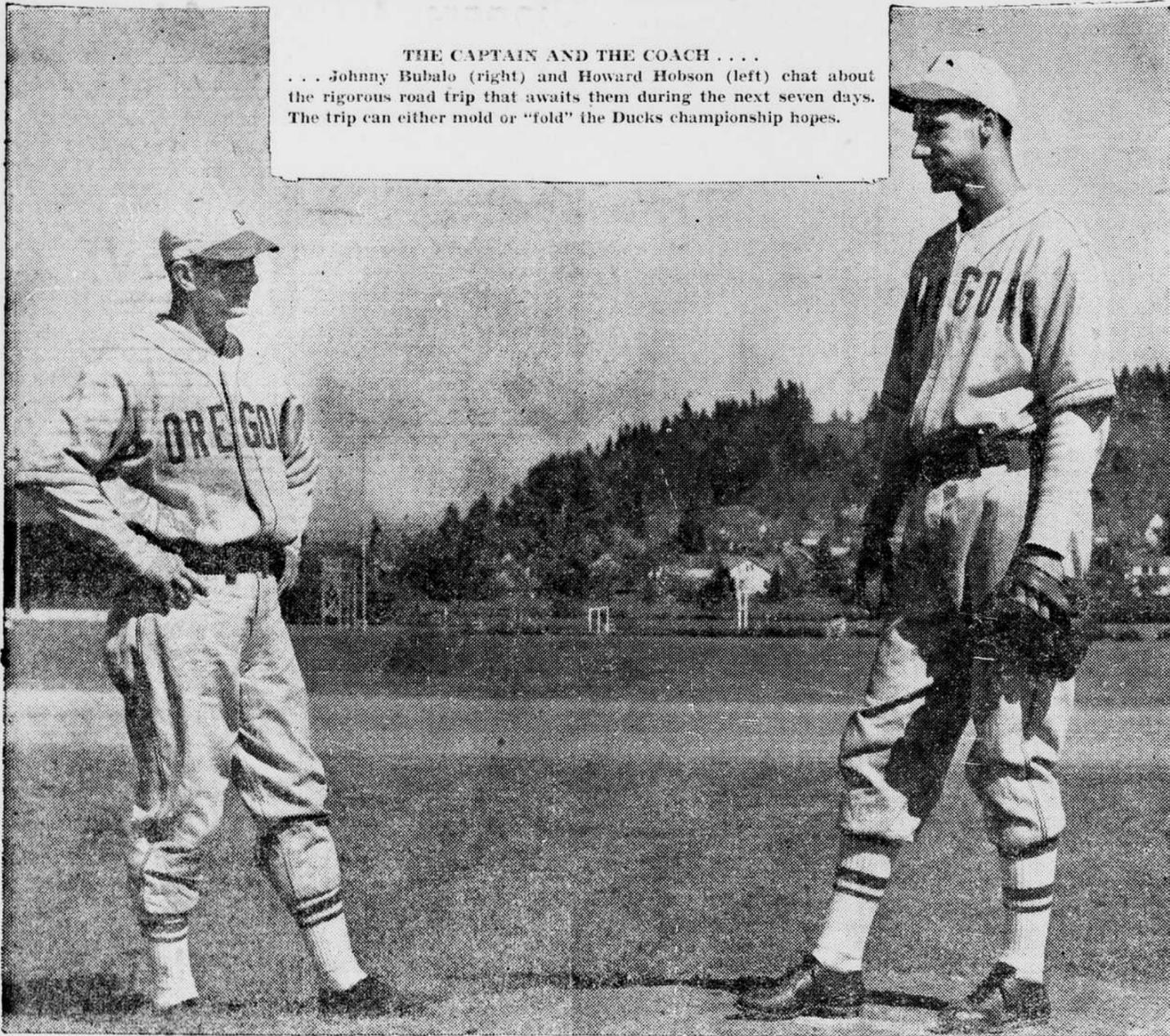
Remainder of the Duck lineup will probably consist of Bubalo at first, Don Kirsch at second, Bob Farrow at shortstop, Bill Hamel at third, Roy Carlson at catcher, Art Murphy at left field, Dick Burns in center field, and either Caviness or Barney Koch in right field.

The fifteen man traveling squad included the above and reserves Frank Peterson, catcher; Bob Santee and John Gitzen, infielders.

Busy Ducks

Another game tomorrow with the Pullman Cougars and then the Ducks buzz over into Idaho's (Please turn to page five)

THE CAPTAIN AND THE COACH . . . Johnny Bubalo (right) and Howard Hobson (left) chat about the rigorous road trip that awaits them during the next seven days. The trip can either mold or "fold" the Ducks championship hopes.



Ducks Bask in 'V' March Look to WSC Contest

By GEORGE SKORNEY

Rejoicing over the defeat of the University of Washington was stilled Monday as the Ducks, piloted by venerable Colonel Bill Hayward, looked forward to an afternoon session with the Washington State Cougars this Saturday on Hayward field.

Injuries hit the Oregon machine after the northern jaunt when Don Wilson, the star miler, came down with a streptococcus throat. On top of that

Eston Way sprained his ankle and will probably be on the shelf for half the week.

Way Places Second

In the Huskie meet Way garnered a tie with Mail of Washington by jumping 12 feet 6 inches. The dependable Thomas took first with 13 feet still far from his last season's form. However this is Homer's first official jump for this year.

The javelin department occupied most of Coach Hayward's time yesterday. Bill Porter, who threw for the first time this season, heaved the javelin 165 feet 4 1/2 inches. According to the Oregon coach Porter is rapidly improving and so far has replaced Wes Carpenter as the number one man in that event. Maurice, the big high jumper, is turning a hand also in case he is required to throw. Against the Seattle boys Porter was out-thrown by 17 feet.

Coach "Babe" Hollingberry, who undertook track duties this spring when it was discovered that there was no coach, has eight lettermen returning from the 1942 championship squad.

Led by Pat Haley, sprinter and hurdler, the country lads from Pullman are very formidable. The other lettermen are Larry Brown, Les Liebel, Max Dodge, Curt

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Bowers, Scott Witt, Bill Zimmerman, and Pete McRae.

Akins Versatile

Al Akins, the boy who has been rating at the publicity from the Cougars, was the big gun in the win over Idaho, 89-42. He won the century in :10.3, the 220 in :22.6 seconds, placed second in the shot put with the distance of 41 feet, and was a member of the winning relay team. All this amounts up to 14 1/4 points.

Washington State has three sprinters that can do at least 10 seconds in the 100-yard dash. They are Al Akins, Pat Haley, and Roscoe Balch. Against Washington Browning "Mahatma M' Ghandi" Allen had a very poor start in the hundred, which may account for the slow time of :10.1.

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The other Duck sprinter is Skiles Hoffman.

After this Saturday's dual meet, Colonel Bill will be minus the services of one Ray Dickson, letterman. Ray is Hayward's star hurdler and broad jump man. His distance in the broad jump against the Huskies was 22 feet 7 inches. Oregon swept the broad jump last Saturday with Dickson, Hoffman,

and Shanahan placing first, second, and third respectively.

Coach Hollingberry has one man, Pete McRae, in the sandpit event equal this trio. McRae jumped 21 feet 5 3/4 inches against the University of Idaho. Nevertheless Ray will be on hand against the Huskies for the last time as an Oregon thinclad. He will leave Sunday for Paris Island, South Carolina and from there to Quantico, Virginia to be schooled as a Marine officer.



BROWNIE GONE . . .

. . . Glenn McQuillen, fence-busting St. Louis outfielder, who flirted around the .300 mark last year, is now in the army.

Overlooking; Not Overlooked

By Steve Bristol

To start with let me say that a promising young, up-and-coming ball player named Steve Bristol was the star of the Canard game. The game, but for this lad, would have been uneventful to say the least. His prowess at the plate and sparkling fielding put real life into an otherwise dull game. Timely hitting with men on base and almost impossible catches in the outfield are the basis for this statement. It is rumored that Hobson is looking this boy over. This should not be misconstrued to mean over-looking him.