

# EMERALD Sports

## Track Mentor Speeds Pace Cinder Crew Adds Talent

Jake Leicht Joins Squad for Dash Event,  
Roster Carries Two Returning "O" Men

One of the missing links in Oregon's 1946 track squad, Jake Leicht, turned out for the cinder sport this week thus relieving the fear that the century sensation would not run for the lemon and green this season.

Leicht's addition to the squad increases the number of returning lettermen to two, Milton Beifuss, a veteran high jumper is the only other former "O" man on the squad. Oregon's candidate for all-American grid honors clocked the 100 yard dash in :9.6 in the spring of 1941 in conference competition to cop all honors in his particular event.

### Workouts Toughen

Wednesday's workout, the longest and toughest thus far this season, stressed timing and form. Colonel Bill Hayward sent distance men and sprint men through their paces by clocking them in each event.

During the afternoon the great majority of harriers ran under their assigned pace and correct timing was not achieved till late in the afternoon. Oregon's head mentor achieved the desired times by running the squad members till they began to lose excess energy.

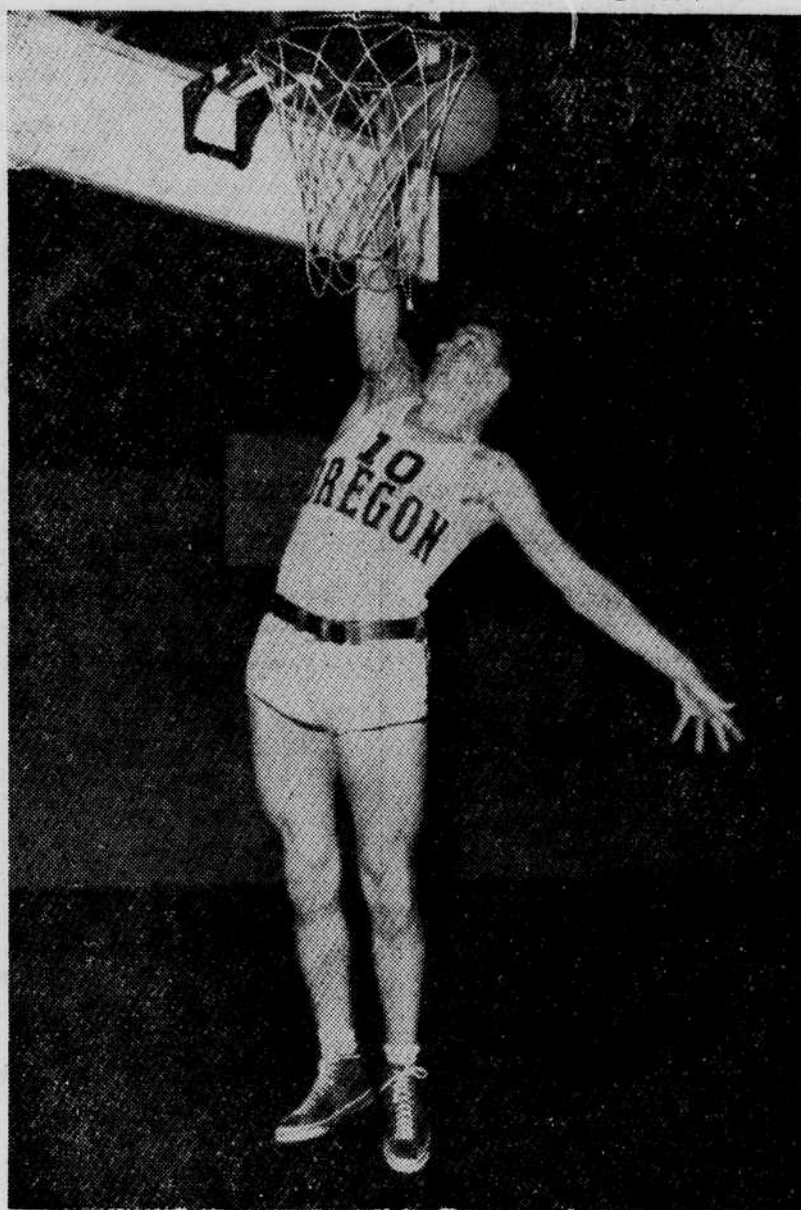
### Material Needed

With the return of good weather

Oregon's cinder squad can expect to see plenty of rough training ahead so as to prepare them for the coming relay meet with Oregon State April 13. Hayward is still in need of additional track and field men in all events however the pole vault and broad jump events are in need of material the most.

Individual event work has been neglected in the last two weeks because of lack of material and inexperience of the squad members. Conditioning work continues and Hayward intends to stress light workouts as far as speed is concerned till next term. A larger turnout is expected this spring but the Colonel doubts if many of the fellows who turn out at that date will be in top condition and running form for the Beaver vs Duck classic.

## RICK HEADS FOR TOP AGAIN



Dick Wilkins, the nation's sixth leading scorer last year, is currently leading the Webfeet with 112 points scored. This score should be greatly increased by the time the squad returns from their inland venture.

## Around The Clock With Duke

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I am not trying to steal the Tout's sturf, but it seems to me that that suspension for life handed out by the Maryland State Racing commission to seven jockeys and a trainer is a super drastic move to break up questionable practices.

The only way to check crooked work in the race game is to make the penalty so severe that it will give those with a playful outlook on life in general, and "the fix" in particular, reason to become somewhat hesitant. I always wondered why my pop spent most of his time in the game at Pimlico, rather than Bowie or Havre De Gras in Maryland.

### Knowledge or Hash

Pop had one particular stable that he fostered, and mind you that outfit ran well only in the State of Maryland. The answer is very apparent, but my pappy isn't going to like this action one bit. It's a good thing Uncle Sammy is handling my tuition, or I'd be slinging up hash somewhere.

In the final analysis, responsible officials who are sincerely anxious to keep the sport clean will find ways to do it, or at least make it decidedly tough for those who try to follow the short cuts to financial gain at the expense of those who patronize the sport. So it's back to numbers for you, pappy mine.

### Fanning Feller

Ever since Cleveland's Bob Feller failed in an attempt to punch his way out of a paper bag a lot of pro and con has come to pass. Feller himself comes up with

a good suggestion. He rants, speaking of pro and con, how's about Conn, (Billy the Kid) trying the act?

Now you and I know that Conn can punch his way out of any kind of bag, but this bag is a little bit different. If you aren't familiar with the test, the bag is eight feet high and is said to be made of 'standard four-ply paper,' and the guy inside must wear 16 ounce gloves, and make his way out of the rig, and you that tis an easy task? Tain't. Says so right here. Up to the last accounting, in addition to Feller, a marine weighing 250 pounds, and a robest sailor had have failed in the attempt. Here's a stunt that's "in the bag" and they still can't do it. Sad case.

### Bivens-Henry

If I can recall correctly I mentioned something in relation to the heavyweight picture of a sad affair in Washington, D. C., about a month ago between Jimmy Bivens, current challenger for the heavyweight title, and ever dangerous Henry, formerly from the West Coast but currently from Washington. That affair, and I was present, was below the caliber of officiating, and should have been recorded as a clear cut Henry victory, but the judges have their own point system, and Bivens got the nod.

Just the other night in a return engagement at the Coliseum in Baltimore, Maryland, Bivens got credit for a T.K.O. over Henry in the tenth round. The fight had a very unusual climax. Bivens got away to a very good start and had Henry in trouble throughout the early stanzas until the fight reached such proportions that Henry had to make an all out effort toward a knock-out.

Now Henry wasn't in the pink at this time and was easy prey for a Biven's onslaught. Came the ninth round and Henry went down twice before a vicious attack which saw him unable to reach his corner under his own impetus.

### Right Back Puncher

Al Weill, his manager, saw that his charge would be unable to con-

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## A Tout's Report

By LARRY LAU

The first \$100,000 race of 1946—the kind that keeps horse owners gnawing fingernails as if they were corn on the cob—will be run this coming Saturday at Santa Anita. Because of injuries and obvious lack of class, many of the original entries have been withdrawn. At this writing it looks like eleven hopefuls will make up the field.

### First Fiddle Good

Mrs. Elizabeth Arden's Maine Chance Farm three horse entry of Colony Boy, Star Pilot and Knock-down have been installed as pre-race favorites. On the basis of his San Antonio race, First Fiddle looks pretty good to us. Air Rate, winner of nine out of ten starts, Snow Boots, and 1 and 1/16 record holder, and Sirde, who has raced with and beaten many of the best, are sure to offer stiff competition.

We put out some bum dope yesterday with regards to First Fiddle's earnings. We've got the straight goods now. The all time money winner is Whirlaway with \$561,161 to his credit. In between come Equipoise and Sun Beau, and First Fiddle is fourth on the list with \$361,595. Still a nice piece of change.

### Two Bucks on Hatbox

Back to doping the races. Say that you've decided to bet a couple of bucks on Hotbox. You'd better find out first if he's in over his head or not. His time may be the best and the weight right, but believe me if he's outclassed, the human element will creep in and all the calculations you've made will be of no more use than a butter knife.

Strange as it may seem, horses themselves seem acutely conscious of class and a \$1500 horse that usually runs six furlongs in 1:11 will often lose a race to a \$4000 horse even if the time be only 1:12. Maybe they get some kind of an inferiority complex; perhaps it's true that horses are snobs, but, at any rate, it's well to bet 1/15 second for every \$2000 price jump.

Sometimes an owner will jump his horse way up in class provided that the weight and class provided is right, the purse is attractive, and the competition not overly keen. More often they search for a hole to drop him into. If you know the class rating of the horses, it's a cinch to pick out the \$6000 steed that's been sneaked into a \$2000 race and most usually, unless he's running on three legs, he'll be worth a bet. Right here is a good place to slip in the fact that stallions and geldings are usually better racers than mares, especially in a route. Call it masculine strength if you wish, but it's an established fact.

### Great Sprinter

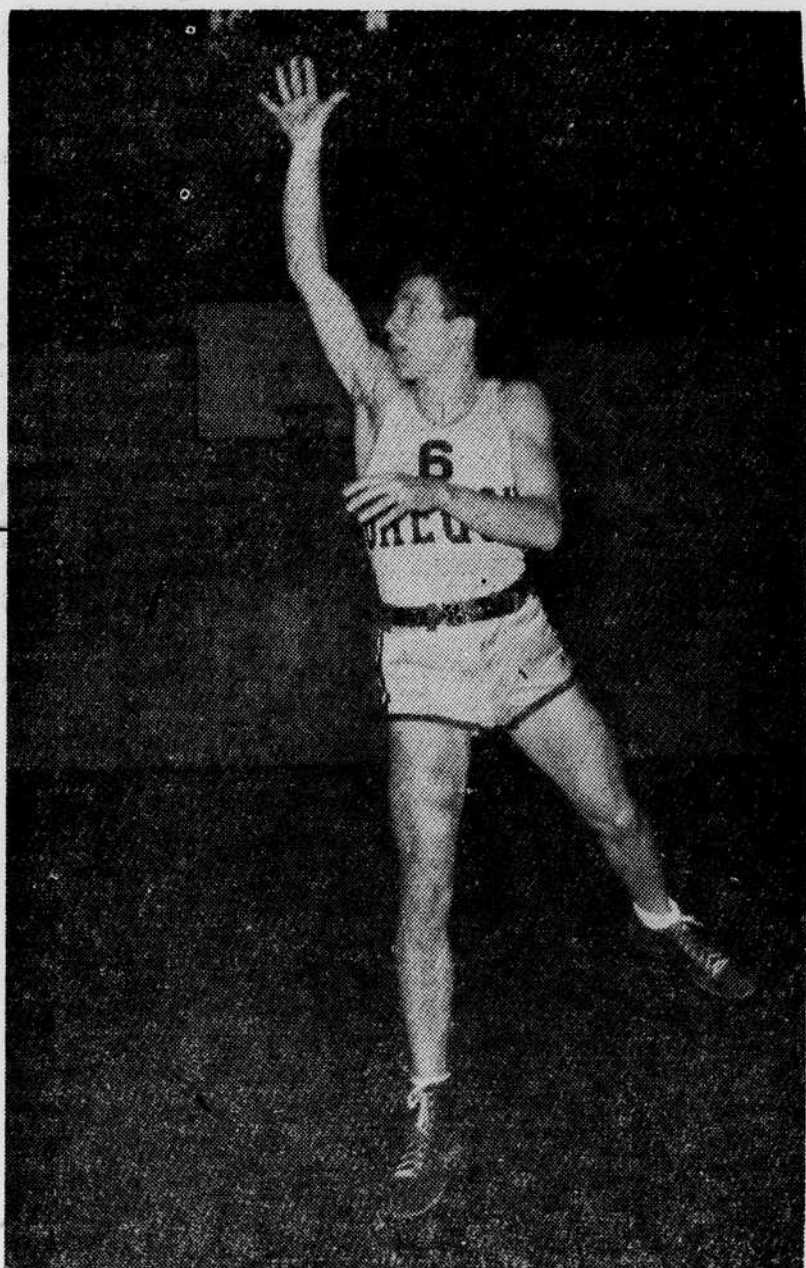
Granting that Hotbox is in the proper class, be sure and find out if he is suited to the distance. Some sprint horses will go 3/4 mile in 70 seconds and then fold up like an accordion if pushed an extra sixteenth. Others never really get warmed up until they've gone a mile, so in a sprint affair, a nag like this is better left alone.

Some horses are suited for a certain distance and will invariably run their best race at that distance. Anything shorter or longer may result in a sub-par performance. By way of economizing, find out how far Hotbox likes to run.

O.K., so Hotbox is in the right class and is well suited to the distance. A good bet? Well, if the track is muddy or sloppy, you'd better be hunting for some kind

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## FINAL TRIP FOR CAPTAIN BOB



Captain Bob Hamilton, long on the injured list, is hitting his stride, having scored 40 points in the two previous games with the Cougars. He seems intent on winding up his college basketball career in a blaze of glory. He is shown here making one of his typical one-handed push shots.