

# Orangemen Start Ball Sessions

By Bernie Hammerbeck

The promising Oregon State baseball nine opens its 1946 season this weekend with three tilts against the Salem Senators of the Western International League. Coach Ralph Coleman will exhibit his Beavers in a single game on Friday afternoon and again Saturday as the Staters and Senators square off in a doubleheader.

### Cecil Returns

Beaver supporters are much encouraged this week by the return of Don Cecil, recently discharged from the navy. Cecil was a mainstay of the 1943 team which tied for the northern division championship, winning four and losing one in conference competition that season. Also back this spring is Bill Frazer, another flinger from the 1943 team. Frazer will probably hurl the opener Friday.

Only other returning letterman besides Cecil and Frazer is Don Bower, hard hitting second baseman.

Grant Swan track coach is none too happy over track prospects with the Oregon relay only ten days away. The 1946 OSC cinder team can boast only three lettermen—Bob Stevens, Bob Reiman, and Bill Blackledge, all weight men. The Beaver trackmen are host to a three-way meet the week following the Oregon relays when they entertain Portland university and Willamette April 20.

### Tennis Team

Coach Irwin Harris's varsity tennis call resulted in thirty-three candidates for the 1946 net team. Ladder play for positions on the team is scheduled to start this week. Showing promise in early season practice include Hugh Findlay and Gay Chin of Portland; Max Carter, Charles City, Iowa; Dick Atwood, Corvallis; and Ralph Theus, Milton Moss and Jack Weaton, navy trainees. Coach Harris has no returning lettermen. The Beaver netters open their season April 17 against Willamette on the Corvallis courts.

The Orange golf team opens against Willamette on the Corvallis links April 13. Ken Roberts is the only returning letterman on the golf team, and Bill Webber and George Strong, both of Portland.

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# Duck Tracks

By FRED BECKWITH  
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Howard Hobson leads his gang of untested baseballers into action tomorrow afternoon against Pacific Univeristy in a doubleheader at Howe field. Coach "Hobby" has little knowledge of the prospective talent of his horsehide crew. Barring rain, however, the veteran mentor will have a few ideas at the conclusion of tomorrow's contest. In their last diamond foray, the Ducks (1943 vintage) split the Northern division title with Oregon State. Reports emanating from Corvallis indicate that the current Beavers are loaded with talent and anxious to grab off the championship laurels.

### DODGER VETERAN

Coach Hobson will be ably assisted by Barney Koch, who will coach the freshman squad in addition to serving as assistant varsity coach. Barney, a member of the 1943 bunch at Oregon, did a brief stretch as infielder with the Brooklyn Dodgers of the National League not so long ago. Meanwhile, the diamond Ducks have been busy with batting and pitching practice capped by intersquad games.

Latest major leaguer to desert the ranks of the national loops is Brooklyn Dodger backstop, Mickey Owen, just out of the service, has indicated that he will accept another one of those by-now-famous offers from the Mexican baseball league.

Jorge Pasquel, prexy of the south-of-the-border-loop, has evidently shelled out another nice hunk of cabbage. The swatmen of today are building plans for the future. They want the best cash deals obtainable on the market, and they apparently do not care whether they play for American or Mexican audiences. After all, friends, the cost of living is going up, and the professional athletes can continue their sheer love of the game on Pancho Villa's soil. Several things may happen out of this southern migration, however.

Big league owners may be forced to jump salary rates a few thousand smackers all the way up the line to match the Mexican competition. We understand that the Mexican representatives merely deposit the dough-ray-me (three years in advance) in banks in the United States. Some of the American boys are even grabbing off bonus in addition to their already fat salaries. Guys like Vern Stephens, Owen and others may get so fond of Mexican living that they will consider residence on a yearly basis.

The value of an American dollar is a bit higher in Mexico we are informed by our economics experts. It may be a problem for immigration authorities to worry about. But think of the other possibilities. Baseball has evidently caught on in shawland. Why not professional football and basketball, too? Mr. Jorge Pasquel, he of the bulging bankbooks, may well decide to "angel" a few other enterprises. The practice of "holding-out" for more money may develop into open labor-strike action for national baseballers. "Pay us more money, Mister Bossman, or we'll go down to Mexico and cash in!"

### TWIST TO THE DEAL

Another amusing twist to the whole situation is the fact that in the lean war years, baseball outfits like the Washington Senators were stocking their rosters with Latin American talent. The manpower shortage drained many of the leading figures in the national pastime, and club owners, in desperation, searched all available crannies for men. The answer came in unofficial lend-lease of Mexican and Cuban talent. So Mexico can now chant: "Senors, you took our players in the war years, why do you complain because we have hired your players in peace time?"

Even some of baseball's "old men" are being lured southward by the scent of freshly-minted greenbacks. "Red" Ruffing, veteran right-handed twirler for the New York Yankees has confirmed the report that he, too, has been approached by one of Mr. Pasquel's henchmen. "Red" has turned the ripe old age of 41, but he is confident of maintaining two successful seasons before the old soapstone gives away.

In all this melee of cash transactions, friend Turnbull and yours trully have only this to say: If so much money is being doled out to American baseball players in the Mexican league, surely the hacienda bigshots can afford to shell out a few peanuts to a couple of broken-down sports editors. Nope, we're not asking for a raise. Even a germ couldn't live on the salary we're drawing down at the present time.



Bill Anderson, 210 pound Webfoot center, is receiving congratulations from Ch.M.M. Leahy after signing up for a hitch in the navy at the Portland recruiting office.

# Elimination Tournney Sets Varsity Tennis Berths

By Carl Cluff

Pointing for the opening tennis match of the season with Willamette University April 18, Coach Paul R. Washke is staging a double elimination tournament to determine the top ten men for positions on the team.

In the championship bracket the competition has been whittled down to the semi-final matches. Yesterday's results saw J. Zeiger take two straight sets from D. Brunton 6-2 and 6-3, and C. Delano cop two out of three sets from C. Stamper 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. Zeiger and Delano will battle for the final position of the upper bracket this afternoon.

In the lower bracket V. McBride advanced toward the coveted title with 7-5 and 6-3 victories over W. Baird and N. Reed beat F. Forsythe 6-2 and 6-3. McBride will match shots with Reed this afternoon to see who will play the winner of the Zeiger-Delano battle for the number one spot on the team.

Fighting it out for fifth place in the consolation bracket will be H. Chin and H. Angel, who both

advanced to the semi-finals via default and in the lower division D. Van Zandt defeated C. Clark 8-6 and 6-0 and E. Ugiesich dropped C. Wilbur 6-2, 6-4.

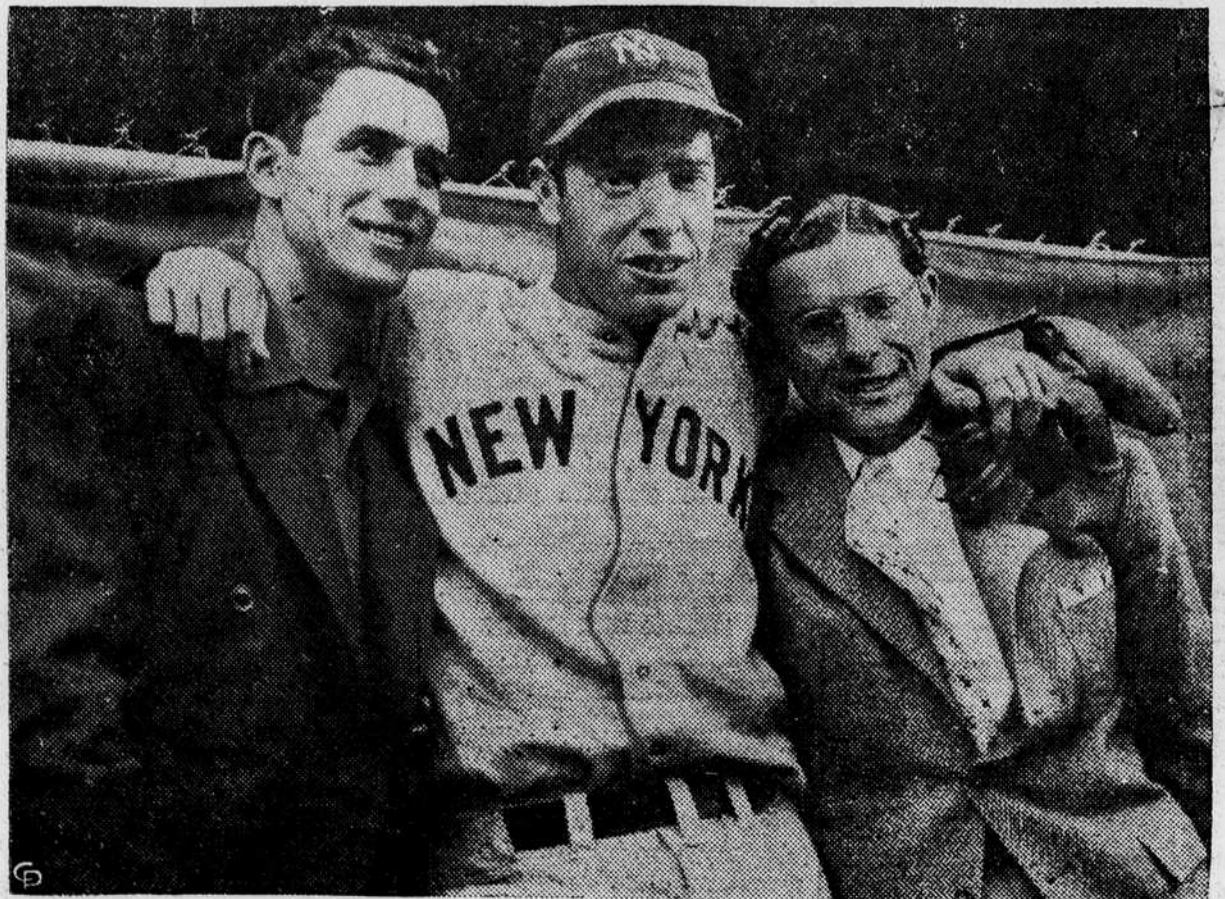
### WRITERS NECESSARY

Once again the beginning of a term finds the sports staff of the Emerald under-manned. Men are needed to cover the varied fields of athletics here at the University. All men interested are urged to contact either Tommy Wright or Leonard Turnbull or come to the sports room of the Journalism building any evening after 7:30.

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### BASEBALL'S GREATEST FAMILY



The three DiMaggio brothers will all be performing in the major leagues this year, Left to right in the above photo, Vince will perform in the outfield for the Philadelphia Phils; Joe will regain his old garden post for the new York Yankees, and Dominic returns to the outer pastures for the Boston Red Sox.