

Rain and More Rain Drowns Ball Games



Portland Next On Duck Sked

A steady drizzle yesterday forced the cancellation of the scheduled Oregon-Pacific University double header at Forest Grove. It was the second straight day the Duck nine had bowed to the rain.

If the weather clears before Friday, Portland University's strong club will invade Howe Field for a bargain bill. On Saturday, again with weather permitting, Oregon travels to the Pilot's diamond for a pair of games.

With half of this week's schedule flooded out, Coach Hobby Hobson will have a full staff of hurlers ready to throw against the strong Portland nine. Which of the chuckers will get first call has not been announced.

The squad spent yesterday afternoon checking out new uniforms and tossing the ball around in McArthur court.

Hal Saltzman, letterman right hander from the 1943 squad and a recent addition to the 1946 club, spent more than an hour loosening up his salary wing.

Bob Santee, the hard-hitting infielder who has yet to work out with the club, also spent the afternoon getting the kinks out of his arm.

Tony Crish, who played the outfield with the Oregon powerhouse in 1941, took a stiff workout on the basketball court and then spent some time trying his arm.

Crish, out of baseball for four years while with the merchant marine, has not checked out a suit and may not report.

Weather Hampers Gridmen As Spring Opener Nears

By Bernie Hammerbeck

Football fans are edging forward on their seats despite the continuing spring rains as the 1946 intra-squad opener nears. What are the Webfoot grid hopes for the coming season?

It is quite obvious to interested observers that the April 19 opener under the lights of Hayward field will find the gridgers in no condition to display their best talents. Only two practice sessions have been possible thus far, and the squad will be most fortunate if they have seven workouts under their belts when they take the field for the first tilt.

Conditioning is not the only problem, however. Consider the plight of the masterbrains—the coaching triumvirate of Oliver, Corley, and Mikulak. Theirs is the task of doing justice to some eighty odd musclemen who are battling for just eleven spots. The returning war vet has been off the field from one to five years. Exactly how many kinks can he iron out by fall?

On the other hand are returning gridgers from last year's eleven which showed sparks of class at various times. How many of these men are sufficiently versed in the many tricks-of-the-trade to hold down a berth in this tougher-than-ever 1946 PCC grid race.

These and other questions will not all be answered at the April 19 opener. But by the time the fifth intra-squad tilt rolls around late in May, a large number of

these queries may be satisfactorily answered.

At present the backfield situation reveals a number of potential speedsters, passers, and break-away backs. Indications are that the backfield material could stand a few more pounds in the weight department. Perhaps that trouble will be erased with fall registration if such stalwarts as Duke Iverson return to the Eugene campus.

As a matter of fact several candidates are out at present who may very well supply the added poundage to a speedy backfield. But the same question arises. Can these men shake off the wartime kinks and in some cases overcome the injuries received on the field of battle?

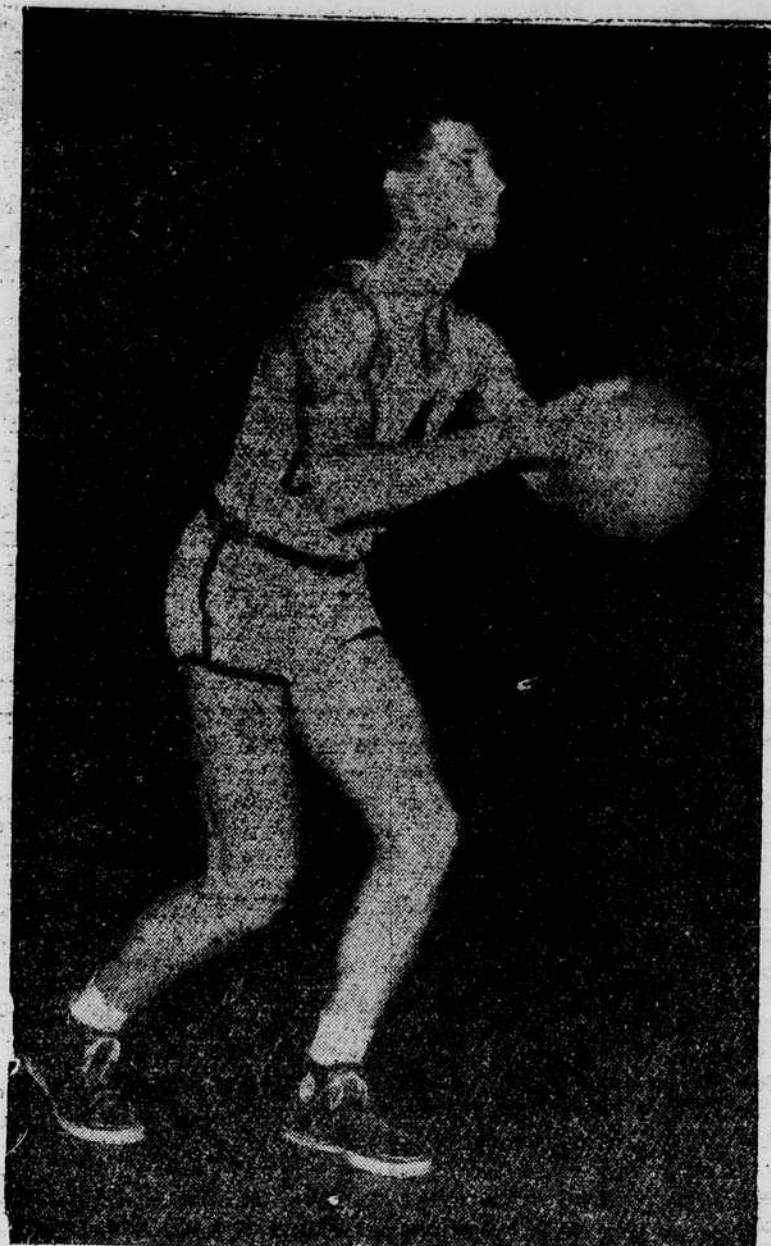
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35 Prep Teams Sign for Meet

Flooded with applicants, Colonel Bill Hayward announced that 35 Oregon high school track teams have signified a desire to participate in the annual Hayward Relays, slated for April 19-20. Colonel Bill, originator of the famous relays, expects to see one of the biggest meets in the history of the relays held this year.

The two-day parade of stellar prepsters will give local fans an opportunity to watch top athletes from Oregon's high schools strut their speed. Always an interesting affair, the relays should provide more excitement than ever this year.

Collegians will also participate, with University of Portland's Pilots and Willamette university's Bearcats sending their top trackmen.



QUICK SWITCH. Del Smith, one of Basketball Coach Hobby Hobson's ace forwards, is now Baseball Coach Hobby Hobson's leading hurler. Smith is unbeaten in two trips to the hill for the Duck nine.

Dyer, Greene Lead Duck Attack, Smith Top Hurler

The following statistics include the first six Oregon baseball games and were compiled by Russ Bagan, team manager.

PLAYER	G	AB	R	H	RBI	Pct.	PO	A	B	Pct.
Dyer, 3b	4	5	2	3	3	.600	0	2	0	1.000
Greene, c	3	10	2	5	3	.500	20	0	3	.869
Warner, p	2	2	1	1	0	.500	1	2	1	.760
Kirsch, 2b	4	12	7	5	1	.416	12	7	1	.950
Smith, R., ss	4	14	3	5	1	.357	4	8	4	.760
Dibble, cf	4	12	4	4	6	.333	3	0	0	1.000
Hlapcich, p	2	3	0	1	0	.333	0	3	0	1.000
Norvell, 3b	4	17	4	5	5	.294	3	6	1	.900
Johnson, 1b	4	14	2	4	0	.288	29	1	1	.968
Sheppard, cf	3	11	2	3	0	.272	1	0	2	.333
Long, cf	4	13	2	2	1	.154	1	2	0	1.000
Rodiger, c	4	10	5	1	3	.100	28	8	1	.973
Jones, cf	4	12	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	.000
Smith, D., p	3	6	0	0	0	.000	1	3	1	1.000
Aden, cf	4	0	0	0	0	.000	2	0	1	.666
Mazzer, c	1	1	0	0	0	.000	3	1	0	1.000
Varsity totals..	4	142	34	39	23	.274	108	43	16	.905

FROSH

McCullough, 1b..	2	5	3	2	0	.400	15	0	1	.937
Cohen, 2b	2	6	0	2	2	.333	5	2	0	1.000
Lehl, p	1	3	0	1	0	.333	0	7	1	.875
Lazoski, cf	2	6	1	1	2	.143	3	0	0	1.000
Gibson, ss	2	6	1	1	0	.143	2	2	3	.573
Smolish, cf	2	6	1	1	2	.143	0	0	0	1.000
Warberg, 3b	2	6	1	1	0	.143	2	1	1	.750
Bropst, p	1	3	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Frosh totals ..	2	41	7	9	6	.219	27	13	6	.870

PITCHING RECORDS

PITCHER	G	W	L	IP	SO	W	Pct.
Smith, D.	2	2	0	12	14	6	1.000
Bropst	1	1	0	7	10	3	1.000
Warner	1	0	1	7	7	4	.000
Hlapcich	2	0	1	5	4	9	.000
Lehl	1	0	1	7	6	3	.000
Greene	1	0	0	3	3	4	.000
Long	1	0	0	3	0	0	.000
Watkins	1	0	0	1	0	2	.000
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