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With the first Northern Division Pacific Coast conference baseball season since the diamond sport became a war casualty in 1943 just around that corner, the time has come to do a little speculating on what may happen. The University of Washington, Washington State college and the University of Idaho hold a little advantage over the two Oregon representatives in the conference because of the fact that the three teams managed to keep some semblance of baseball alive even after the Northern Division closed up shop on the sport.

Take Washington State for example. Buck Bailey, Cougar coach and notorious destroyer of water buckets and fungoes, has more than his share of lettermen this year and seems plagued only in the pitching department. According to our latest information Bailey had only one hurler who he felt competent enough to start. That one is Adrian Jonissen, who has pitched some fine ball in practice and pre-conference games to date.

But while "The Buck" has his troubles around the pitching mound, he is pretty well set at the other eight positions. Bailey converted Johnny "The Arm" McCallum from the infield to the outer garden to take full advantage of his speed and throwing arm. Bob Anderson has been clouting the ball all over the lot and has one of the other outfield spots pretty well sewn up. All around the Cougars have players stacked up three and four deep and fighting for all positions.

**THE BAILEY CIRCUS**

We couldn't leave the topic of Washington State college without spending a little time and a few lines telling about the antics of Buck Bailey though. When the Cougars roll onto the Oregon campus next Wednesday most Webfoots will have their first look at the wildest man in baseball. One doesn't even have to be a baseball fan to get a large charge out of the three ring circus Bailey puts on during every ball game.

Now take a water bucket for instance—just a plain ordinary water bucket. Those things really take a beating from Buck's cleated shoes when the going gets tough for the Cougars, and we just can't remember seeing a Webfoot-WSC encounter when at least one waterbucket didn't gasp its last from a boot of Buck Bailey's toe. He has his own particular finesse at ruining water buckets. The bats come in for their share of the destructive force of the Cougar mentor too. You see, Buck is a big roly-poly character resembling the famed "Angel" of wrestling fame and bats don't command anymore respect than tooth picks. It's rumored that the Washington State athletic department has a special budget for replacing of bats and buckets that crumble under Bailey's wrath.

He just can't seem to set quietly on the bench like most coaches in the profession, and even if the game is going smoothly he'll get up and circle the bench a few times or give and take with the fans in the stands. Well, like we said before, even if you don't like baseball, you'll be missing something if you don't catch Bailey in action next Wednesday and Thursday on Howe field.

**STICKWORK ENCOURAGING**

The Webfoot nine apparently wasn't taking much stock in Art's column yesterday concerning the hitting weakness of the current club. They certainly didn't show any bad spots in the lineup in the first game against Portland in collecting thirteen hits off of three Pilot hurlers. The stick work in Friday's game was certainly encouraging with everyone but Spike Johnson coming in for his share of blows.

Hal Saltzman, showing excellent form for this early in the season, had the victors over the professional Salem Senators handcuffed at the plate in his one-hit pitching performance and from here it looks as though the big right-hander can be counted on to win quite a few ball games for the Webfoots this year.

**DUCKS IN BIG TIME**

Chuck "Zeke" Clifford, the big precision first baseman for the Webfoots in 1940-41, has recently been farmed out by the Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast League to Tacoma. With Tacoma, Chuck should get a regular playing spot and a lot of good experience. With Los Angeles carrying a couple of top notch first-sackers, he probably would have been resigned to a spot on the bench for the season had he stayed with the Coast league club. Dick Whitman, who was practically "Mr. Baseball" at Oregon before the war, is catching a little action with the Brooklyn Dodgers but will probably be farmed out to the International league for further seasoning before the National league schedule begins. Another ex-Webfoot, Bill "the Face" Carney is still with the Portland Beavers, though he is slated to be farmed out to the Salem Senators.

# Coach Tex Oliver Says 'Team Encouraging'

## Six Teams Run Through Plays For First Tilt

"With only four practice sessions under their belts I'd say the boys look pretty good" commented Coach Tex Oliver yesterday as his gridders trotted to the showers. "We haven't given the squad much time to get in shape and from the looks of this workout today I'd say that the team as a whole looks very encouraging" added Tex, as his 1946 grid team completed its second week of practice.

With the first spring game only a week away, Coach Oliver sent his pigskin aspirants through a light scrimmage yesterday with the entire squad given an opportunity to play. Six different elevens were on the field during the afternoon and although the playing period was too short to produce any really outstanding performances in the line, several plays did click with beautiful results.

Letterman Jimmy Newquist and Glen Wilson teamed up in one combination for several nice gains. Newquist showed sparks of his pre-war grid prowess as he galloped downfield through big holes in the line. Wilson working from the fullback slot showed oodles of drive as he powered through small openings in the line for good gains.

Another outfit that produced several spectacular plays was the green jerseyed eleven with Norm Van Brocklin and George Bell in the ball carrying posts. Van Brocklin unleashed several beautiful passes though none went for long gains. Bell added spice to the workout as he intercepted a pass and galloped down field where he lateraled to Van Brocklin as a would-be tackler approached.

The white shirted eleven which ended the afternoon's play provided the longest pass gain of the day as Bill Behrens faded far back to toss a perfect aerial into the big hands of End Art Milne who had streaked down the field and into the clear.

Monday's workout is expected to find the gridders settling down to serious business as the battle opens up for starting positions on the April 19 nocturnal opener on Hayward Field. Though every man will be given ample opportunity to prove himself there is still plenty of fight expected for early season recognition.

Despite the large number of men turning out, there still remains a large number who are active in other spring sports and as a result, will not be displaying their wares on the grid this spring. Included in this group are a pair of backs who supplied the Webfoot offensive punch last season—Jacke Leicht and Walt Donovan. Both are running on Colonel Bill Hayward's track team.

Leicht set west coast sport sheets ablaze last year as he sparked the Webfoot eleven throughout the season. The New York Sun and Yank magazine both included Leicht in their All-American first team. The speedy Donovan teamed with Leicht at the other ball carrying post to win considerable recognition as a freshman back.

Also working out on the track squad and unable to attend the football sessions is Roy Erickson, backfield prospect from Portland who gained an additional two years valuable grid experience during the war while playing for the San Diego Navy eleven.



## Tennis Squad Preps for Opening Match Wednesday

The grueling elimination tennis matches continued in full swing today with all favorites winning their matches.

The acting coach, Jim Zeiger, has stated that a few more days of hot sun and practice will find the team in fine shape for the opening Northern Division conference match with Oregon State next Saturday.

Willamette university comes to Oregon's courts this next Thursday for a non-conference match.

The standings in the elimination matches so far find in No. 1 position, Zeiger; No. 2 Philan; No. 3 Anderson; No. 4 Reed; No. 5 Carey; No. 6 Stamper; No. 7 Baird; No. 8 Uglesich; No. 9 Delano and No. 10 Van Zandt.

Results of today's matches; Van Zandt defeated Chin 6-0, 6-0; Carey defeated Stamper 6-1, 4-6, 6-2; Anderson defeated Reed 6-1, 6-2; Baird defeated Uglesich 6-2, 6-0; and Van Zandt played two matches defeated Forsyth 6-0, 6-1.

## Golf Team Tackles U W At Seattle

The University of Oregon golf team resumes conference competition today after a three year lay-off as they meet the University of Washington divotmen in Seattle. The Webfoot sextet is without a single letterman as they open the 1946 play on the University of Washington course.

Leading the Oregon squad will be Bill Barash and George Kikes both of whom have chalked up 36 hole qualifying rounds of 154 over the Eugene Country Club course. The remainder of the squad traveling to Seattle for today's match includes Ralph Heustis, Ozzie Seida, Jack Nicholson, and Wayne Leigh. Heustis and Seida have posted qualifying rounds of 157 and 159 respectively while Nicholson and Leigh each posted 161's.

Also posting qualifying scores of 161 but not making the trip to Seattle are John Ekstrom and Bill Johnson. Wendell Wood, pro at the Eugene Country Club and coach of the Oregon linksters, revealed that Ekstrom and Johnson may break into the lineup prior to the next match against Oregon State on April 20 here at Eugene.

Adding to interest in the golf turnout this year is the fact that the Northern Division individual and team playoffs will be held in Eugene this year. The outstanding golf attraction is scheduled for May 25 on the Eugene Country Club course.

## R. D. Millican to Lecture On Advertising Sunday

R. D. Millican, assistant professor of business administration and journalism, will lecture to the Town and Campus group on "Advertising Our Religion" this Sunday evening, April 14.

The Town and Campus group meets every Sunday evening in the White room of the First Christian

## Idaho Nine Splits With Whitman Club

The University of Idaho Vandals diamond nine split a twin bill with the Whitman College club Thursday as the Vandals rallied to take the nightcap after dropping the opening tilt to the Missionaries.

Bill Carbaugh, starting guard on the Vandals basketball quintet which won the northern division crown this year, started on the mound in the opening tilt for the Idaho nine. He was touched for a run in each of the first three innings at which time he retired favoring a sore pitching arm. The Missionaries went on from there to win 9-4. The Idaho horsehiders rallied in the second contest as they emerged on the long end of a high scoring fray 12-10.

church at 6:15 p.m. A short devotional service will precede the lecture.

All Christian young people are invited to attend.

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