

DUCK TRACKS

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Though the University of Oregon has never been known for producing All-American or all-star athletes in any abundance, track coach Colonel Bill Hayward has been one of the most consistent producers of all-star material. Now beginning his 52nd year of coaching—44 of them at Oregon—Colonel Bill has coached a surprising number of track and field men of national and international reknown. Hayward is generally recognized as being one of the greatest coaches of all-time. A look at the record book shows why.



BILL HAYWARD

First of all, at one time or another, under Hayward, Oregon has held every track and field record for the northern division of the Pacific Coast conference. That fact in itself goes a long way to prove that if an athlete of ability enrolls at Oregon his track and field potentialities can be developed by canny old Bill.

Six Men Listed by Helms Foundation

Hayward has not only developed men that have dominated their events in the northern division, he has also produced national title holders and Olympic men that were far above average in their day. In 1938 the Helms-Olympic Athletic Foundation produced a book listing the outstanding track and field performances in the United States up to that time. Included in that book were six University of Oregon men. Considering the size of the school and the track turnout that is a pretty fair average.

Prominent on the list were Ralph Hill, Bob Parke, Carson Shoemaker, Warren Demaris, George Varoff and Mack Robinson. To the average student of the sport probably the only familiar names on that list are Varoff and Robinson. But the others in their day cut quite a figure.

Ralph Hill was holder of the American collegiate mile record, and in 1932 was one of the stars of the Olympic games. His time for the mile run, as listed, was 4:12.4. Bob Parke, who was also an outstanding football player for the Webfoots under Prink Callison in 1934, pitched a javelin the Hayward way for 220 feet 11 5/8 inches. This toss gave him the national collegiate title that year.

Varoff Held Two Records

Next man on the Helms list was Warren Demaris, who threw the javelin 218 feet 11 3/4 inches in 1935. Carson Shoemaker in 1935 ran a 20.8 220 that was considered a pretty fair mark. The next champion to show under the tutelage of Hayward was pole vaulter George Varoff. In 1937 Varoff broke the world's record with a vault of 14 feet 9 3/16 inches. At one time he held both the outdoor and indoor pole vaulting championship, but lost both to the well-known vaulting twins from Southern California, Earle Meadows and Bill Sefton.

One of the better known jumpers at that time, although not as prominent nationally as the other three, was a guy named Cornelius Warmerdam. His best effort at the time was 14 feet 7 5/8 inches. He was not, however, a Hayward coached man.

Robinson Shows in Olympics

One of Oregon's best-known Olympic runners was a dash man named Mack Robinson. He is listed as the top 100 yard man in the 1938 Olympic games with a 9.5 performance. Previous to this Robinson was at Pasadena Junior college where he chalked up a 20.8 222.

Final record breakers to wear the lemon-yellow and green produced by the Duck cinder wizard were Javelin man Boyd Brown and High jumper Les Steers. Brown came to Oregon with absolutely no track experience, and before he left in 1940 was holder of the National A. A. U. javelin championship. Brown set one of his marks in a dual meet between the Pacific Coast conference and the Big Ten in 1940. His toss of 232 feet 7 inches set a new meet record and an all-time Oregon mark. Incidentally the Pacific Coast won that meet 96-40.

Les Steers Tops High Jumpers

Last man to break records for Hayward, and Oregon, was Leapin' Les Steers who still holds the world's high jumping championship. Steers set a mark of 6 feet 11 inches on June 7, 1941 at Los Angeles.

Those men, though not all of the outstanding performers in Oregon's track history, are a few of the reasons why Hayward is so well-known and respected in track circles all over the U. S.

Frosh, JVs Slate Double Bill With Beaver Juniors at Igloo

With the varsity squad doing battle up north tonight the spotlight will be on the junior members of the Oregon hoop teams, the rampaging Frosh and the Jayvees. The former outfit runs against the Rooks from Aggieville at 7 p. m., and the JVs are slated to meet the junior varsity aggregation from OSC at 8 p. m. in McArthur court. This will be the closing phase of the "Little Civil War" series.

The freshman team will be gunning for the second win in two starts against the invaders, while the Jayvees will try to salvage a measure of revenge by knocking over their opponent for the first time. In three other tilts with the junior Beavers the local stars have been stopped dead.

Already winners in 23 of 24 games, the Frosh hoopsters will attempt to keep their record bright. The first year men are proud of the fact that they are the only Oregon squad that has been able to register a win against a Corvallis cage team. In the first meeting between the yearling squads the locals edged out their rivals 46-43, for the only Rook defeat this season.

Starting lineup for the Frosh is not definite, because it is doubtful whether guard Rod Downey will see any action because of blisters.

Tonight's contest is the closing game of the season for the Oregon junior varsity cagers, and they

Two Webfoot Athletes Claimed by Infirmary

Both football and basketball are duly represented in the infirmary this week. Bob Koch, fullback on the Duck football team, and Ed Dick, starting forward on the basketball team, have both called time out for awhile.

Additional Webfoots included on the infirmary blotter are Barbara Reeder, Marjorie Bernard, Jean Girts, Patsy Maloney, Suzanne Kisky, Gloria Smith, Robert Redmond, Donald Skoog, Howard Applegate, Davie Munro, Robert White, and Robert Wilcott.

Sigma Alpha Mu Wins

In the first of the quarter final handball matches, Sigma Alpha Mu defeated Kappa Sigma 3-0.

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The class of 1879 at the University of Oregon had six members, three men and three women.

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are anxious to top their independent league championship with a victory over their perpetual rivals from Beaverland. The junior Ducks have taken 21 of 26 games this year, while the Aggies have copped 11 out of 12 starts. Their only loss was to Vanport junior college, an outfit that the locals took when they played here.

Probable starting lineup for the JVs will be Ken Seeborg and either Freddy Wilson or Luke Bacceleri at guards, Jerry

Switzer at center, and Bob Don and Ed Devaney at forwards. Jim Bocchi who usually starts at one of the guard posts will probably not see action because of a bad knee.

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