

# Tracksters Prepare For Beaver Relays

Yesterday's mid-afternoon cloud-burst covered the Hayward field track with water but didn't stop part of the thinclad crop from taking their next-to-last workout before the OSC relays Saturday. The flash-flood left the track with more than an inch and a half of water covering the inside lane.

Colonel Bill Hayward grouped his men together in a corner of the Igloo and checked the men off who were scheduled to run against the highly touted Bevo track and field team. He was confronted with a training problem that would have perplexed any coach—the track was just about washed out as far as training on it went and the corridors of the Igloo were cluttered with construction material.

However some of the middle-distance and distance men put on rain hats and adjusted towels around their necks, indicating that they would continue training on the field, water or not water. Sprinters and hurdlers spent their time indoors warming up with light exercises and short runs in any clear spaces that they could find.

Bob Koch, the hard-crashing fullback from the football team, was the only shotput man around yesterday and continued prepping for the big job he will have tossing against State's top shot-putters. His teammates, according to Hayward, will be Howard Frary, Chuck Elliott, and Lou Robinson.

Robinson has been devoting most of his time to the javelin this season in an effort to master the cross-step throw. He has flipped the 16-pound shot before and can be counted on for it Saturday.

Oregon's biggest test is going to be in the high hurdle shuttle relay. Not a man slated to run in this race has had a chance to try more than two or three hurdles at a time due to the short time before this meet and recent stormy weather.

Jack Doyle, Wyn Wright, Art Milne and George Rasmussen are currently listed as the men who will carry the baton for the Ducks in this race. Doyle is the former state high school champ who ran for Hillsboro last year and just barely missed setting a new state record.

He and his brother, Jerry, who is still in high school, were the talk of local cinder circles last season when top prep hurdlers were under fire. So far this year, Jack has made the changeover from the high school height to the college level very nicely and will be a man for the fans to watch.

Wyn Wright is the standby for Colonel Hayward and the boy who gave Doc Swan gray hair last year when Oregon met State in the regular conference meet. Wright beat the best Swan had to offer then and came back in

the Division finals to place third in the lows.

Surprise man for the Colonel is Art Milne, the football end. Milne casually came out to the track one day last term and took a fling at the hurdles. Coach Hayward was amazed. He stated that Milne had better form right then than any of the men he was coaching at that time.

Versatile George Rasmussen, the brilliant high school pole vaulter who was tops in the national prep circles last year, has left the vaulting pit for a fling at the uprights. The Bend flash ran them in high school and can clip off good time.

Besides the hurdles, Rasmussen will also participate in the high jump relay with Bill Beifuss, Merc Brown, and Wyn Wright.

## Spring Practice Opens on Grid

Plenty of tough competition for positions on the 1947 grid squad is in store for the players turning out for spring practice, if a few of the returning names are any evidence. The biggest turnout on record is expected for the Monday session, which sets off the scheduled 30-day workout period, and plenty of experienced material is expected to be on hand when the roster is posted.

The full extent of veteran gridmen won't be known until the actual turnout, but a taste of what promises is already evident. Three members of the teen age 1945 squad, the first post-war football team fielded by Oregon, have drawn equipment, and show plenty of desire to make the squad.

Two of these, Deane Bond, former Eugene high star, and Bob Weber of Salem, are backfield men, while the third is Harry Reiton, former prep star from Portland. Both Bond and Weber were of the hard-running variety, which and this is the style of play that Coach Jim Aiken is interested in. Reiton, who at 240 pounds was the heaviest man on the team the year he played, has added 20 pounds to that weight and is working hard to round into condition.

All places on the team have been declared open by Aiken, with only one man, Jake Leicht, declared capable of holding down a spot. So with none of the old hands able to rest on their laurels won in past action plenty of new faces figure to be seen in the future lineups.

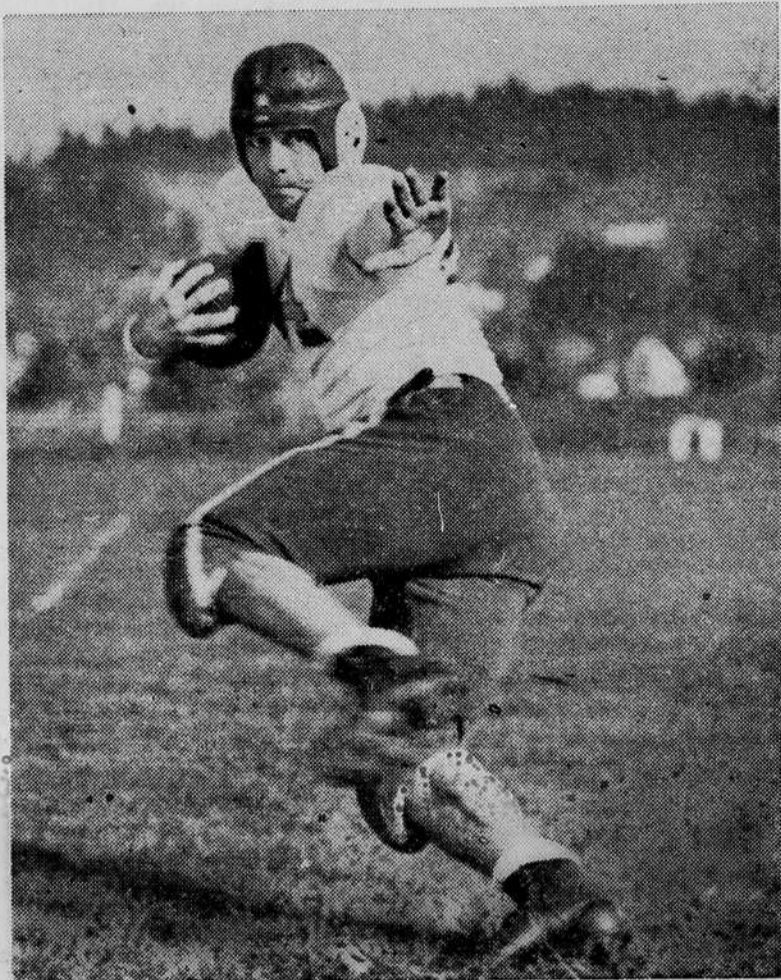
Top physical condition is one of Aiken's first requisites, and the spring workouts will be devoted largely to hardening the men. Aiken has said that no man on the fall squad will be carried simply because he is a specialist unless he is in as good shape as the regulars.

### Buddy Young Sought

CHICAGO, April 2—(AP)—Dan Topping, president of New York Yankees of the All America football conference, announced today that he had opened negotiations to sign Claude (Buddy) Young, former Illinois' Negro star.

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Jake Leicht . . . who is carrying a double athletic load this spring. He will be one of the outstanding dash men on Colonel Hayward's track squad, and at the same time will be working out in spring grid practice.

## Beavers Drop Second Game

Portland's lucky Beavers dropped their second straight game of the Pacific Coast conference yesterday, bowing 5-4 in 12 innings of the Los Angeles Angels.

The California nine bunched two hits in the bottom of the 12th off third Portland hurler Ad Liska for the winning run. The Beavers garnered ones in each of the first three innings for a 3-0 edge.

Los Angeles hopped on starter Roy Helser for four in the fourth, with Portland knotting the count 4-4, on a single marker in the sixth, the count remaining that way until Maddern singled in the tie-breaker.

Duane Crawford, Beaver first sacker, led his mates at the plate with three for six, including one double. Johnny Lazor, Portland centerfielder, also cracked out a pair of blows.

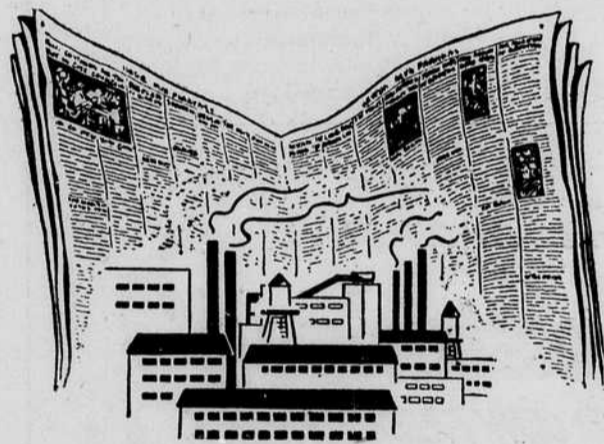
Maddern, Bill Ostrowski, and Rege Otero did the heavy-sticking for the Angels, each garnering a pair of blows. Ostrowski and Otero came up with a double included in their hits.

In losing their second tilt to Los Angeles, Portland outhit them 11 to 10, but couldn't bunch them as effectively as their opponents. Baker went the route for the Angels to hang up the win.

The Beavers will still be shooting for their initial 1947 Coast League win this afternoon when they tackle Los Angeles in the third game of a week-long series. Portland plays one more game in the south and then returns for a two-week stand on their home diamond.

Rally squad members have to buy their own sweaters.

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### Netters Ready For Initial Match

Coach Paul Washke's tennis team, slow in getting started because of the rain, opens its 1947 season on April 17 when it plays host to the Willamette Bearcat racquet squad on the University courts.

First match in northern division dual competition is slated for two days later on April 19 when the Oregon State Beavers invade Eugene.

Other early season matches include Washington at Eugene on April 26, and Oregon State at Corvallis on May 3.