

# DUCK TRACKS

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Boyd Brown, the thumbless javelin thrower who was setting records for Colonel Bill Hayward's track team a few years ago may possibly tryout for the 1948 Olympic track and field team. Brown is at present living in Portland, and as a result of urging by friends may follow the lead of high jumper Les Steers and begin working out. In 1941 he gained national recognition as A.A.U. javelin champion.



ROY S. KEENE

Don Johnson, the former Jefferson high school pitcher who is with the New York Yankees this season, is tabbed by Oregon Coach Howard Hobson as having a fine chance to go far in the majors. According to Hobby, "Johnson should develop into one of the major league's better pitchers." Hobson was especially impressed with Johnson's good, hard-thrown fast ball, and is of the opinion that this is of major importance in a young pitcher.

## Good Fast One a Requirement

Hobby believes that a young pitcher can learn the fancy stuff eventually, but should be able to toss a good hard one up there to begin with. The wily Oregon mentor believes that lack of a fast one is what caused Freddie Hutchinson so much trouble when he took the big step upstairs. While in the Coast league Hutchinson was considered a prize—but when he ran into a few of the big boys he was just another guy on the mound.

Johnson began his baseball career at Jeff and from there was signed by the Yanks. He was farmed out first to Newark and then moved to the Kansas City Blues. Both were second division clubs, but while working for them the Portland lad managed a better than .500 win-loss average. Last summer he tossed for the McElroy team in Portland.

Plans for the N.C.A.A. baseball playoffs are still rolling, and this season should see the first "College World Series." . . . Glenn Elliott, former Oregon State chucker, is with the Boston Braves and is evidently going to stay awhile in the bigtime. Elliott went to Boston with the provision that if he didn't make out that he was to come back to the Seattle Rainiers of the Coast league.

## Hayward Relays Roll Soon

Preparations for the Tenth Annual Hayward Relays are going ahead full steam. The meet is to be a two day affair held April 18 and 19. Duck Publicity Director Art Litchman says that 55 schools have already entered. Events for Class "A" schools will be held Friday and events for Class "B" and "C" schools will be run off Saturday. . . . According to O.H.S.A.A. rules a high school is classified "A", "B", or "C" according to enrollment. Class "A" schools have a daily attendance of 500 and up; Class "B," 150 to 500; and Class "C," 1 to 150. About five-hundred plus prep athletes are expected to participate.

Leo Grosjacques, the Portland first-sacker who pounded out the home-run with one man on in the second game of the Portland-Oregon series here, is the former all-state basketball player from Mt. Angel. He made the mythical outfit in 1942. Had yesterday's Duck-Willamette game gone the full nine innings the Webfoot stickers might have set a new scoring record. The most runs scored in a single game was in 1939 when Oregon State beat the Ducks 22-11, for a total of 33 runs. The greatest margin of victory by an Oregon team was marked up in 1943 when the Webfoots walloped Idaho 23-1—all of this according to publicity man Litchman's "Duck Dope."

## Bell Field to Be Improved

According to the Oregon State Barometer, "The possibility that Bell field will no longer be a quagmire should the Beaver football schedule call for several late season games at home was assured by Roy S. "Spec" Keene, new athletic director, recently when they think of improvements. Last fall on a clear dry, day before next season. . . ." Just for the record the Aggies have three games scheduled for Bell field next season. In October it's Idaho and Portland and Washington State hits the Beavers in November. No southern schools are scheduled for the Corvallis turf next year, but a lot of schools such as Stanford would agree with the OSC grid heads that they have something there when they think of improvements. Last fall on a clear dry, day the Beavers and Indians plowed around to no avail on what was seemingly a big, green sponge. Then, later in the year, when the Ducks and Beavers battled in the season finale it was pure gumbo. That turf could stand some improvement.

# Donut Bats Sound Off Again!

## Delts, Phisi, SPE Omega Come Thru

By ELWIN PAXSON

High scoring contests continued to dominate intramural competition yesterday, as the Sig Eps downed Stitzer hall 15-2, the Delts halted Delta Upsilon 6-2, the Phi Psis upset the Sigma Chi bunch 7-5, and Omega hall defeated Stitzer hall, 11-5.

## Idaho Loop Dark Horse

MOSCOW, Idaho, April 15 (AP)—If the Idaho Vandals can learn to hit they might open their northern division baseball season with a surprising flourish.

Coach Guy Wicks has nine lettermen and some unusually promising freshmen. With practice restricted by wet grounds, the Vandals have not yet found their batting eyes. Their progress in conference in conference play is likely to depend largely on their development at the plate.

John Robinson, Payette freshman, may become one of the Vandals' outstanding pitchers. He held the Bremerton Bluejackets in check for three innings and blanked Whitman 1-0 in practice games.

Francis Auer, John Dailey and Gerald Klink are the Vandals' letterman hurlers. Sophomore Arnold Beebe, one of the best pitchers on the staff, may still be out with a sore arm when the Vandals open a six-games-in-seven-days road trip to Corvallis, Eugene and Seattle.

Frank Viro, regular last year and Freshman Gene Rose are the Idaho catchers. Robinson and Rose, who played together at Payette high school, turned down pro offers to enroll at Idaho.

Henry Crowley, only letterman infielder, plays first base. He is one of Idaho's better hitters. Two other Payette newcomers—the Massingill brothers—are battling for infield jobs. Cliff plays shortstop and Roland is a third baseman. Oswald Kannikkeberg, another promising freshman, seems scheduled for second base.

Idaho has four letterman outfielders—Bill Ames, Ed Bybee, Charles Couper, and Bill Sweet. However, freshman Marvin Whitcomb and George Huffman are likely to win starting berths.

## Netmen Face Big Weekend

With a pair of tennis meets looming in the next three days—one with Willamette tomorrow and a second against OSC Saturday—Paul Washke's varsity courtment filled up their practice session yesterday with intra-squad matches, that saw the top five men on the varsity roster teamed against the second five.

At present, on the bases of an elimination tournament, veteran Jim Zieger heads the tennis ladder followed in order by Leland Anderson, Joe Rooney, Nick Reed, Fred Howard, Bob Carey, George Procter, John Trommlity, and Don Wells. Either Sol Lesser or Bob Swenson will fill the tenth and last spot on the list.

Oregon will play host to both the Bearcats and the Aggies. The matches with Willamette Thursday begin at 2:30, and face-off time against the Staters Saturday at two.

The Delts exploded for four runs in the first inning to put their game on ice and added another pair in the third for good measure.

The DUs broke into the scoring column in the third, but for the remaining innings Delt Hurler Charley Larson handcuffed the DU stickmen, allowing them only two hits.

### Sig Eps Win Easy

The Sig Eps had little difficulty in routing Stitzer hall, grabbing four tally advantage in the initial inning and then piling up five more in the second, four in the third, and two more in the fifth.

A host of Stitzer errors accounted for some of the SPE'S counters, and the remainder were garnered on seven bingles, including doubles by Pitcher Jack MacMann and Willie Christianson.

### SX Rallies Late

The Phi Psis almost turned their battle with the Sigma Chis into a rout by amassing a five counter total in the opening stanza on walks, a wild throw to first, Larry Lau's single, and three-base clouts

by Les Hickson and Vic Sillman. However Sigma Chi chucker Don Gassler settled down in the remaining innings, and the Phi Psi club could pick up only two more markers. His teammates fought back gamely in the last inning, after being goose-egged in the preceding four, to pick up five runs.

### Extra Base Knocks Help

The Sederstrom-Omega hall encounter was a free-hitting affair that saw Sederstrom twirler Pete Lorenz and Omega outfielder Bob Van Vactor bang out triples to help their respective teams.

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