

# Ducks Prepare For Opener

## Webfoots Win 10 Stright Pre-Season Games: Starting Berths Still Open

Howard Hobson's unbeaten Duck baseball team began workouts for its northern division opener tomorrow afternoon against the Idaho Vandals. The Palouse team, on a six-game road swing against Oregon, Oregon State, and Washington State, is of unknown quantity and may surprise the Webfoots.

In notching 10 straight wins in pre-league skirmishes, Oregon measured Portland and the Salem Senators three times, and Willamette and Montana twice. Closest game was the first tilt against Salem, when the Hobsonmen, garnering half as many hits as their opponents, eked out an 8-7 12-inning win.

Only almost sure position on the starting nine is nailed down by stubby Walt Kirsch, who has been an ideal leadoff batter, dangerous with the willow, and steady in his fielding. At first, Dick Bartle has the jump on the rest of the candidates, but outfielder Dick Burns may cause him trouble, should Bartle fail to hit.

At shortstop, both Ranny Smith and Bob Santee are sharing honors. Smith is the fielding half of the duo, while Santee's hitting may prove a deciding factor. Newcomer John Kovenz, Al Cohen, and Bass Dyer all are battling it out for the hot-corner position.

Roy Carlson seems to have the catching chores in tow, with vet Dick Rodiger ably backing him up. Hobson's real problem starts in finding the combination that will be the starting outfield.

Santee and Burns have both performed creditably in the outer garden, while Hal Zucher has turned in some sparkling defensive performances mixed with some long-distance clubbing. Charley Mickelson, the possessor of a cannonball wing from the outfield, has been the hitting the ball like a starter lately, and certainly not to be overlooked is Pat Wohlers who has been hitting well.

Powerful Tony Crish is another in the never ending line of outfielders strongly in the running for an opening berth. Crish, while still lacking in defensive play, has more than made up for this with his performances at the plate. Homer Parks, a heavy-sticker, and Don Dibble, noted for his fielding ability, are still in the running.

Hurling for the Webfoots is in good hands, with Hal Saltzman in the role of number one pitcher. Backing him up will be speedballer Harry Walker, and big southpaw John Day. Whitey Lokan and his big curve is also another possible starter.

Fred Kuhl and Norm Henwood look like relievers at this stage of the season, while Hobson has a lot of untried wingers in Sid Mills, Wally Scales, Jerry Switzer, and Jim Eckstrom.

### GOLF TEAM ATTENTION

Pictures of the entire golf squad are to be taken today at the Eugene Country club at 3:30 p.m. All team members are urged to be present.

## Golfers Prepare For Oregon State

Positions on the Duck golf team remained static yesterday as the squad worked hard for its match with the Oregon State Beavers Saturday in Corvallis.

The exact strength of the Beaver golf team is unknown. Although the Webfoots will be favored on the strength of their win over Washington, Coach Sid Milligan, taking no chances on an upset, has urged practice and the team has responded with some fine rounds.

Present team positions are: 1-Lou Stafford, 2-Glen Spivey, 3-Dom Provost, 4-Bob Sederstrom, 5-Jim Dunahoo, 6-Rod Taylor. These positions may change before the OSC meet for each man on the squad is open to challenge from the man behind him.



**HANK BOROWY . . .** former Yankee pitcher now with the Chicago Cubs who let Pittsburgh's Hank Greenberg touch him for a screaming double that won the ball game as Chicago and Pittsburgh opened the National League season.



## President Newburn and Dean Orlando Hollis Stellar Opening Day Pitcher-Catcher Combo

The University of Oregon's rabid and loquacious rooters are ready today—ready for an opening baseball game that takes on all the glory of pre-war at its best.

For tomorrow Oregon's own president, Dr. Harry K. Newburn, will deliver the first pitch that will put the Webfoot season underway. On hand to receive the first offerings will be the faculty representative, Dean Orlando J. Hollis. The Honorable Earl McNutt, mayor of Eugene, will lay the wood to the opening offering in an attempt to knock out a base hit.

A wide variety of other features is also on hand. The University band, under the directorship of Director John Stehn, will be on hand to aid in raising the colors.

An ROTC unit will be available to help in the actual raising of the colors.

The 1947 Junior Weekend

queen, Nina Sue Fernimen, will throw out the ball that will open the afternoon's activity.

Alpha Delta Sigma, advertising honorary, is cooperating in obtaining prizes for the opening day event.

Chesterfield cigarettes will also aid in the inaugural ceremonies with a "free distribution" program.

Opening ceremonies are under the promotion of the Daily Emerald sports staff.

According to "The Green Pastures," earth was created as a place to "dreen off" the excess firmament which was used in the custard at a celestial fish fry.

## Duck Netters Swing Today

Paul Washke's varsity tennis men will open their 1947 campaign this afternoon against Willamette university squad at 2:30 on the Oregon courts.

According to Washke, little is known about the Bearcats' strength but the Salemites suffered a pair of defeats at the hands of the Ducks last season, and many of the same courtsters that notched up victories in those matches will be on hand this afternoon.

Letterman Jim Zieger, top-seeded man on the Oregon team, Leland Anderson, runner-up man on the ladder, and Bob Carey will all wield their rackets in singles matches—for the second time against Willamette. Joe Rooney, fourth in the standings, and fifth man Fred Howard both played frosh tennis on Webfoot teams in pre-war encounters.

In the doubles event Zieger and Anderson, and Rooney and Howard will team together in an attempt to rack up a third straight win against their opponents.

## Milkman Enters Race

BOSTON, (AP)—Joe Smith, the Medford milkman who holds the course record of two hours, 26 minutes, and 51 1-5 seconds, just got under the wire today by filing for the 51st Boston A. A. marathon to be run Saturday. No more entries will be received for the race in which 178 have been listed as competitors.

## Weather Forecast

Oregon—Partly cloudy Thursday with a few scattered light showers. Cooler Thursday except on coast. Clearing Friday. Light local frost probably in valleys Thursday night.

### Sports staff this issue:

Wally Hunter  
George Skorney  
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## Hobby Eyes JV Horsehidors: Sked Opens With OSC Rooks

The jayvee baseball squad trotted through an easy workout under yesterday's warm sun as Varsity Coach Howard Hobson traded reins for the day with JV mentor Barney Koch to get a look-see at this season's new material.

Tomorrow afternoon the junior varsity will open its season with the Oregon State Rooks in Corvallis. On Saturday afternoon they slate a twin bill with the Lewis and Clark Pioneers.

Koch has chopped his original squad of 65 men to 27 and nine more are doomed for the ax before the season is long underway.

Hustling hard, the JVs went through a pepped-up infield practice session with the outfielders threw in long flies off the bat of

working-out as they fielded and Hobson. Both sets of men took four laps before heading for an early shower.

For hurlers Koch has a sizeable staff with Norm Henwood, Fred Kuhl, Sid Mills, Homer Davis, Wally Scales, and Horace DeBernardi.



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