

DUCK TRACKS

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All the glamour and color of the national pastime returns to Howe field this afternoon as Coach Hobby Hobson's plucky Ducks ankle forth on another title quest. The years gone by have contributed their share in thrills, color, and—a few good ball players too.

There'll be many a rooster perched atop those Howe field benches today who remembers, not without a touch of nostalgia, the fight, the guts, the talents of those Men of Oregon who went before. Hobby Hobson and his predecessor, Billy Rinehart, have produced a line of baseball men and teams that would make any American university proud.

The name of Joe Gordon must top any list, for Joe has proved himself among the best that America—to say nothing of Oregon—has ever produced. The likeable second-sacker played at Oregon under Rinehart, moved into organized baseball, and soon ascended to stardom with the New York Yankees. His is a name that ranks high in the University's hall of fame.



JOE GORDON

List of Oregon Greats Long

Time has erased many names from the public memory, but a random perusal of the past brings out Webfoot greats forever endeared to Howe field. Ford Mullen, also a member of the 1939 Alleycat NCAA hop champs, is currently battling for a berth in the Philadelphia Phillies infield.

... Dick Whitman, the Bird Dog, a wild flying outfielder farmed out from Brooklyn to the Montreal Royals earlier this week.

... Johnny Bubalo, labeled by Hobson as one of the greatest outfield prospects he has ever seen. Bubalo is now a doctor, refusing all offers to turn pro.

... Buck Berry, the wild third-baseman, that fielded with his chest and tore the cover off the ball when at bat.

... Elmer Mallory, fancy shortstop, who graduated to the Chicago Cubs.

... Whimpy Quinn, a solid fixture at first base, who this year retired because of injuries.

... Bob Carney, rubber-armed outfielder, with a respectable record in the Pacific Coast league.

... Barney Koch, current jayvee coach, who spent time with the Brooklyn Dodgers at second base.

... Don Kirsch, badly wounded during the war, who was labeled an outstanding second base prospect for pro circles.

And there are others, many others, who learned the values of spikes, dirt, guts, and speed. The fans present today will see another crop in the long run of Oregon diamond greats. To name them now and speculate how far they might rise is perhaps out of order at present. For today they are out to win, to earn victory in each game as it comes along.

So... when those 3000 Oregon jockeys settle down to work this afternoon, riding the opposition, shouting encouragement to the Ducks—all in the traditions of the great game... it might be remembered that the Ducks of today will become the heroes of tomorrow.

Hayward Relays an Outstanding Event

The Hayward relays which rival the baseball opener today, give the University of Oregon the top prep track show in the entire Northwest. The work of Colonel Bill Hayward, "Honest John" Warren, and others in the athletic department is certainly worthy of praise. This year marks the tenth running of the prep event with some 60 schools expected to be on hand. Some of the nation's top prep tracksters have appeared in past years, and this week should be no exception.

In 1945 Bob Anderson of Scappoose virtually led his team single-handed to the Class B title. Anderson held the national discus record until broken last year.

George Rasmussen, currently one of Hayward's Webfoot stars, performed for Bend high school last year and later went on to clear 13 feet 6 inches in the pole vault.

George Fullerton, red-haired Ashland miler, will be back again this year to lead his team. Fullerton last year was clocked at 4:20.5.

Alpha Tau Omega

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hurling of George Van Pelt to set down the Minturn hall crew without a score. Only once did Minturn get a man past second base, that in the second canto on Gruenings triple.

Theta Chi displayed a ball-hawking infield in shutting out the Sigma Nus 8 to 0. The Sigma Nus were unable to get a man in scoring position as Wright, Theta Chi hurler, held them to fruitless pop-ups and weak rollers.

State Prep Relays Get Gun Today in 10th Annual Meet

By **AL PIETSCHMAN**

Oregon's counterpart of the world-famous Penn prep relays, the Hayward relays, will get underway at 1:30 this afternoon on Hayward field. Many athletes from "A" division high schools started pouring into town this morning ready for the tenth running of the meet that is attracting 53 teams.

"There will be some exciting races today and tomorrow," said Colonel Bill Hayward, originator of the prep classic. "Each one of the boys competing is a potential champion in years to come and bears watching today," he added.

Twenty-four Prep Clubs

Twenty-four prep clubs will get the starting gun in today's opening performance of the two-day spectacle. Medford's last year winner in "A" competition is expected to repeat this year, but upsets have occurred regularly in this famous meet.

Entries kept flooding John War-

ren, Colonel Bill Hayward's assistant in the meet, late yesterday afternoon. Hayward warned that many of the teams, notifying him that they were coming for the meet, would find themselves sitting in the bleachers with the spectators. Fourteen teams that had indicated that they would enter the meet had not posted their official blanks—they will not be in the meet according to Hayward as all forms and programs are printed and can not be changed.

Portland Teams Enter

A large group of runners from Portland will defend the metropolitan's claim for track distinction today. Portland's prep czar Eldon Jenne and nine coaches are bringing 51 prep men from the city, the best two teams in each event of the recent city relays held in Portland.

Yesterday's rain slowed the track down from its speedy shape of early week days and records that were expected to be cracked by the runners this year will probably stand. If the weather had held and the track had remained in its perfect condition, some records

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Colonel Bill Hayward... renowned University of Oregon track coach will witness Friday and Saturday the Hayward relays, state prep extravaganza, originated by him in 1937.

might have gone by the boards.

This is the tenth annual running of the event. Colonel Hayward launched the show in 1937 with only a handful of entrants and now the yearly attraction is the biggest prep event in the Northwest, even rivaling Philadelphia's mighty prep contests in the Penn Relays.

The 24 teams slated for action today are: Milwaukee, Hillsboro, Grants Pass, Commerce, Medford, Bend, Klamath Falls, Lebanon, Albany, Benson, Grant, Lincoln, Springfield, Gresham, Corvallis, Salem, Eugene, Sabin, Roseburg, Franklin, Oregon City, Washington, Roosevelt, and Jefferson.

Baseball Openers Jinx For Hobson

According to the records Coach Howard Hobson's Ducks have had off-again-on-again luck in their northern division baseball openers. In the last pre-war season starter in 1941 they won their first game from Oregon State at Corvallis. The first home game—with appropriate festivities—found the Oregon men being nosed out 4 to 3 on the following day. Little Nick Begleries was the losing pitcher and Bill Calvert was his battery mate.

In 1942 the first game with OSU

was rained out and was moved to Corvallis the next day where the Orangemen dropped the Ducks 2 to 1. This time Begleries and Stater Glenn Elliott engaged in a hurling duel that found the bespectacled Elliott coming through.

When the Webfoots finally opened on Howe field Washington State's Cougars pounded out a 2 to 0 win.

The Lemon-Yellow and Green flag dipped in defeat in the initial conference tilt of 1943. The game was played on Howe field and found the Staters jumping on pitcher Bubalo for a 4 to 3 victory. The game was tied up until the 10th inning when the Orangemen pushed across the winning run. Both teams got nine hits, but five costly Oregon errors spoiled Bubalo's efforts. Catching was Roy Carlson.

Schedule of Events

- 1:30 Pole vault (1 man)
- Discus (1 man)
- Broad jump (3 man)
- 2:00 440 yd. relay (4 men—110 yds.)
- 2:15 2 mile relay (4 men—880 yds.)
- 2:30 Shot put relay (3 men)
- High jump relay (3 men)
- 2:35 880 yd. relay (4 men—220 yds.)
- 2:50 Distance medley (1 man 440 yds, 1 man 880 yds., 1 man ¼ mile, 1 man 1 mile)
- 3:20 Shuttle hurdles (5 low hurdles, 324 yds., 3 men)
- 3:35 Mile relay (4 men—440 yds.)

Taylor Leads Fijis in Golf Win Over SAE

Chuck Taylor fired a one under par 71 yesterday to pace the Fijis in their 7½ to 4½ golf victory over the SAEs. The intramural contest was played at the Laurelwood course.

Individual scores:

C. Taylor 71, E. Anderson 83, W. Davis 79, W. Dickerson 83, K. Anderson 86, S. Colts 86, D. Swanson 89, B. Ballard.

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