

DUCK TRACKS

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One of the best-remembered baseball teams that Howard Hobson ever coached at Oregon is the 1937 Northern Division championship squad. As Hobby remembers them—and he remembers all of his ball players—they were quite a gang. Though they won the conference title that year, they didn't get really excited about anything but umpires. And Hobson says that they needed very little in the way of an excuse to make things tough for an umpire.

Typical of the teams actions with league officials was in a Washington series at Seattle. It seems that the man in black made what the Ducks considered a bad decision and the team arrived en masse, encircled the umpire and began to give him its opinion of his abilities as an ump. The official, one George Klink, took a dim view of the spirit shown by the Webfoot athletes and ordered three of them to take leave of the ball park.



STAN WILLIAMSON

Hobby Used Diplomacy

At this point Hobson arrived on the scene protesting the decision also, but when he found what drastic action the umpire had taken he changed his tactics immediately—told the ball players to leave the man alone and go back to their positions. Then in a diplomatic manner he explained to the seething Klink that boys will be boys. The upshot of it all being that he forgot his original decision to toss the complaining lads out, and let them finish the ball game.

Familiar names on that Webfoot squad were numerous. Bill Sayles and Bob Hardy were doing most of the pitching, Chief McClean was taking care of chores behind the bat, Jim Nicholson, Ralph Amato, and Andy Hurney were in the outfield, Ford Mullen was at third, Gal Smith was at first, and Jack Gordon was at short.

The following year a few new names were added to the Duck roster, and though it was potentially a great ball club they ended up in third place in division standings. Their only fault was that they failed to hustle. In 1939 Hobby had another hot one that did go all of the way, and it was a fine outfit. The lineup read like this: Elmer Mallory shortstop, Ford Mullen second base, Gale Smith first base, Wimpy Quinn third base, Jim Nicholson center field, Cece Walden catcher, Bill "Whizzer" White left field and Jack Shimshak in right field. Top pitcher that year was Bob Hardy.

Wimpy Quinn Seriously Ill

Hobby was reminded of the exploits of the '38 and '39 ball clubs just a few days ago when he received word that Wimpy Quinn, who is one of the better-known Webfoot greats, is very seriously ill in Los Angeles. Quinn's ailment has been diagnosed as cancer of the lung and his chances of recovery are not considered good. Hobby has written to him and suggests that should anyone else care to do the same the letter should be addressed to Don Stewart, president of the Los Angeles baseball team.

Wimpy made a great start in baseball and still had a promising career ahead of him. After leaving Oregon he went to Tacoma of the Western International league, from there to Los Angeles in the Coast league and then to the Chicago Cubs. During the war he served in the marine corps and was starring for a team in Oahu. After his discharge he returned to Los Angeles.

Williamson Mentioned . . . But Not Officially

Though the Oregon State Barometer and the Portland Oregonian have carried bits about Oregon State's Lew Beck and Oregon's Stan Williamson both running for student body president at their respective schools, it's only a half truth. The "Salmon's" name has been mentioned frequently in connection with nominations—but he has yet to actually run. Incidentally Beck and his party were soundly thumped in elections at the State college.

The Duck golf squad this year is one of the strongest in University history but it hasn't a single letterman on the first five. The way it stands now Lou Stafford is No. 1, Glenn Spivey No. 2, Jim Dunahoo No. 3, Bob Sederstrom No. 4 and Dom Provo No. 5. George Kikes, No. 1 man last year, was edged out of the No. 6 position earlier this week by Roy Taylor.

Sigma Nu, Theta Chi, ATO, Phi Sigs Win Donut Contests

Burns Tops UO Batters

Co-captain Dick Burns paces Coach Hobby Hobson's Webfoot nine after the first six northern division games with a .391 batting average.

Ranking next at the plate for the impotent stick Ducks is Walt Kirsch with .292. Pat Wohlers is hitting .333 but has only been in two games.

John Day leads the pitching staff with three wins as against no defeats.

	AB	H	RBI	Ave.
Burns	23	9	0	.391
Wohlers	6	2	1	.333
Kirsch	24	7	0	.292
Cohen	15	4	1	.267
Crish	4	1	0	.250
Santee	14	3	3	.214
Smith	5	1	0	.200
Kovenz	17	3	1	.176
Zurcher	20	3	1	.150
Carlson	14	2	2	.143
Day	10	1	2	.100
Bartle	14	1	2	.071
Saltzman	6	0	0	.000
Burgher	5	0	0	.000
Henwood	2	0	0	.000
Walker	2	0	0	.000
Mickelson	0	0	0	.000
Totals	185	37	13	.200

	W	L	SO	ERA
Day	3	0	19	0.67
Saltzman	1	3	20	2.91
Walker	0	0	3	0.00

Wright Hurls 2-Hit Shutout

By CLARK GABLER

Theta Chi took over undisputed possession of first place in league IV softball standing yesterday by blanking Sigma hall 8 to 0, while the Phi Delts lost to Sigma Nu 8 to 3.

In league V play the ATOs maintained their hold on first place as they banged out a 15 to 0 decision over an ineffectual Sherry Ross nine. The win was the third in a row for the ATO boys in the second round of intramural softball play. In the other league V game the Phi Sigs ran over a weak Phi Kappa Sigma team by the runaway score of 16 to 1.

Baughman Homers

In blanking Sigma hall, Tom Wright pitched a two-hit game for Theta Chi which was marred only by an error and a walk. Meanwhile his teammates were collecting eight runs on seven hits including a homer by left fielder Roy Baughman which drove in three runs.

A walk and an error permitted another run in the third, two more were tallied in the fourth, and the final two runs came in during the final stanza.

Phi Delts Lose

In the other league IV game the Sigma Nus loaded the bases in the initial stanza but failed to come through in the clutch when Hank Steers whiffed, Ed Dick popped out

to third baseman Bob Lavey, and Kimsey grounded out short to first.

In their half of the first frame a triple by Grosbie and a homer by Pitcher Bill Phillips put the Phi Delts temporarily in the lead.

Phillips' wildness plus homers by Jake Leicht and Al Grey enabled Sigma Nu to score one run in the second, three in the third, and four in the final frame to put the game on ice.

Van Pelt Hurls

In league V, the offerings of ATO's George Van Pelt proved too much for the Sherry Rossmen. While Van Pelt was curdling the opposition his ATO teammates were having a field day at bat as they drove across 15 runs.

In the other one-sided contest Phi Sig's Rus Hawks fanned five as he faced only sixteen batters. The Phi Kaps scored once in the first inning and from there on it was Phi Sig's ball game as they went on to amass a total of 16 runs.

Theta Chi 301 202—8
Sigma hall 000 000—0

Wright and Harber, Bult and Dority.

Sigma Nu 013 40—8
Phi Delts 210 00—3

Leicht and Kimsey, Phillips and Metsher.

ATO 731 14—15
Sherry Ross 000 00—0

Van Pelt and Hall, Carson and Perkins.

Phi Sigma Kappa 405 61—16
Phi Kappa Sigma 100 00—1

Hawks and Calvert, Gilmore and Cassell.



HEAVY STICKERS . . . Johnny Mize (above) and Stan Musial (below) are this year supplying the hitting punch for their respective teams, the New York Giants and the St. Louis Cards. Yesterday Mize hit his eighth homer of the current season.

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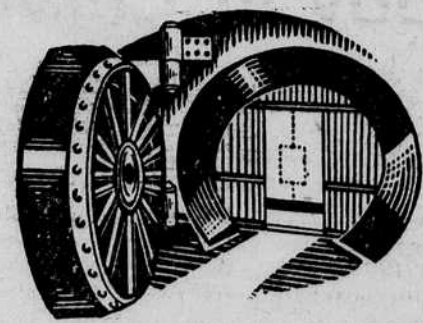


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