

# Cindermen Meet OSC Saturday in Eugene

By ELWIN PAXSON

John Warren's varsity trackmen will open their 1948 Northern Division campaign Saturday when they hit the cinders against Oregon State in a dual relay meet set for 2 p.m. on Hayward field.

Warren will assume head coach duties this year with strength in the sprints and field events and noticeable weaknesses in the middle-distance and distance races.

Frosh sensation Dave Henthorne will bear the brunt of the burden for the Ducks in the 100 and 220-dashes, assisted by Leo Rubstello, a promising speedster who was unable to compete in 1947 because of injuries, and several newcomers.

## Henthorne Undefeated

Undefeated in ND competition last year, Henthorne is expected to better his times this season. The Klamath Falls chunner climaxed his successful showing in his first year of college track by copping first in both the 100 and 220 in the conference meet at Seattle.

Another first-year standout, George Rasmussen, is expected to continue his meteoric career in the pole-vault this year. The slim sophomore broke two dual-meet records in conference battles last season, and went on to tie the first in the NCAA nationals in Salt Lake City. He is considered a strong prospect for a berth on the American 1948 Olympic squad.

Added strength in the pole vault is furnished by another sophomore letterman, Don Pickens, who picked up his share of points in both that event and the broad jump.

## Good Javelin Men

The Webfoots will also be strong in the javelin with four veteran spearmen on hand for the current season. Heading the list are Jim Porter and Lou Robinson, who both heaved the stick better than 200 feet last year. Also strong contenders are 1948 letter winner Dick Shelton and varsity halfback Keith DeCoursey, who has yet to face college competition.

Lettermen in the broad jump include Skiles Hoffman, Mercer Brown, and Don Pickens, in addition to Leo Rubstello, newcomer Lloyd Mitchell, and Bob Weber, a member of last year's varsity team.

## Heidenrich in Discus

Top man in the weight contests will probably be Ray Heidenrich, defending ND champ in the discus. Completing the weight squad will be non-letterman shot-putter Dick McClintic and DeCoursey, who competes in both.

Hurdlers include two-year letter winner Wen Wright, Jack Doyle,

# Duck Nine Slates Cats

by DICK CRAMER

Coach Don Kirsch sent his Oregon horsehiders through an intra-squad game yesterday afternoon in preparation for the opening game of the season next Friday against Willamette university in Salem.

The frosh held their first practice yesterday under the mentorship of Barney Koch who guided the Jayvee diamond squad last year.

The intra-squad game was the first good workout the varsity has had so far this year. Although the catchers and pitchers worked out inside Monday, the hitters were farther along and looked more ready for the opening games.

## Workouts Depend on Weather

If the good weather holds out, Kirsch will continue to workout outside the rest of this week. He plans Thursday to name the traveling team for the trip to Salem and Portland. The Ducks will play a double-header against Willamette Friday and a double-header against Portland university Saturday.

The rest of the preseason schedule with home games to be played at the Civic stadium, includes:

April 5 and 6—Salem Senators here.

April 9—Willamette, two games, here.

April 10—Portland university, two games, here.

Herb Lawrence, and Wally Moore, while Brown, Wright, and Jim Bocchi appear to be the top three high jumpers.

Warren's greatest problem this year will be plugging the gaps in the 440, 880, mile, and two-mile events. The Webfoots were weak in these departments last season

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## Oregon to Rose Bowl?

# Aiken Clarifies Statements

Oregon to the Rose Bowl, January 1, 1949?

Webfoot football coach Jim Aiken has been getting much publicity in the Pacific Coast papers lately about his alleged statements to the fact that the Ducks would play in the Rose Bowl game, come next New Year's Day. The rumor all started brewing in Seattle when the Washington newspaper men put the question bluntly to Aiken.

He answered, "Sure we're interested in the Rose Bowl. Oregon's one of the 10 teams in the Pacific Coast conference, isn't it?" But Aiken denied ever saying that the Webfoots were all but playing on the Pasadena turf.

The whole story had its beginning during basketball season, when Oregon and Washington were playing at McArthur court. At half-time of one of the games, George Bell and Norm Van Brocklin, a pair of backfield top-notchers for Oregon, were interviewed during the radio broadcast of the contests.

## Bell, Van Brocklin Talk

At that time Bell and Van Brocklin stated that the Webfoots had a good chance of playing in the Pasadena classic next January 1. When Aiken went to Seattle recently, he was immediately cornered by the pressmen about Ore-

gon's playing in the Rose Bowl. But Aiken made it clear that he had made no promises to the effect that his team would be a post-season participant.

Genial Jim also disclosed to the reporters that perhaps a Northern team could do better in the Rose



JIM AIKEN

Bowl, since the Southern football squads hadn't been showing up well. He had reference to Illinois' 45-14 lacing of UCLA in 1947, and Michigan's 49-0 shellacking of USC in 1948.

## Oregon will be Trying

"I would be crazy to predict Oregon in the Rose Bowl, even if I figured that I had the best team in the nation. We may lose every game; no promises however about

any Pasadena game," Aiken emphasized.

With spring grid practice to start April 5, Aiken expects an initial turnout of around 100 candidates. Seven lettermen are gone from last year's second-place squad—Jake Leicht, Bob Koch, Jim Newquist, Larry Stoven, Wayne Bartholomey, Pete Torchia, and John Kauffman.

## Newcomers, Transfers to Help

The Webfoot mentor, however, said that the remainder of the '47 squad would be back, along with promising newcomers up from the Frosh ranks. In addition, Aiken announced that he expected approximately 20 transfers to report for the spring workouts.

With this as a backbone for next fall's eleven, Aiken, along with assistants Dick Miller, Frank Zazula, and John Warren will mould the '48 version of the Webfoot football machine.

Oregon to the Rose Bowl in '49? Only time will tell.

## Frosh Ball Meeting

Frosh baseball coach Barney Koch announced that any freshman wishing to turn out for the Frosh diamond sport should come to McArthur court this afternoon to draw equipment and work out. The Yearlings will play several games, including the traditional series with Oregon State's Rooks.

# Golf Team Faces Qualifying; Stafford Cards Six Birdies

Sid Milligan, Webfoot golf coach, said that anyone interested in turning out for the divot team should phone him at Eugene number 227, or Lou Stafford, team captain, at the Sigma Nu house.

The qualifying round will be 72 holes at the Eugene Country Club, and this must be completed by April 11. Returning lettermen for the defending Northern Division titlist Oregon team are Stafford, Rod Taylor, Dom Provost, and Bob Sederstrom. A darkhorse per-

former for the golfers is Al Crosbie.

In qualifying rounds yesterday, Stafford posted a scorching 65, including six consecutive birdies on the first nine. Crosbie totaled a 71.

First match for the Oregon golfers is April 16 at Pullman against Washington State. April 17 at Moscow, the niblickers draw Idaho. The Northern Division playoffs will be held in Eugene later this spring.

Milligan stated that plans for Frosh golfers will be announced later.


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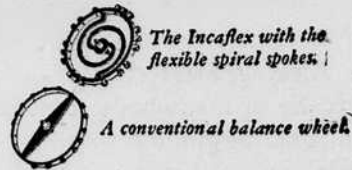


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