

Record Grid Turnout Expected Monday as Aiken Issues Call

Over 100 gridders are expected to report for action Monday afternoon, when Coach Jim Aiken begins the 30-day spring football practice session.

Already 90 uniforms have been issued to hopefuls, and more are expected to draw their equipment Monday morning. Players who have not drawn uniforms must get them before 3 p.m. Monday afternoon, however, so they will be ready to turn out.

Only in case the weather is so bad that it prevents an outside practice will the opening day be postponed. Aiken is anxious to get the spring session started as soon as possible, so that he can size up the material on hand.

New Men Present

At least 21 new comers will be among the gridmen turning out Monday. These are junior college transfers and transfers from major colleges who have not played football for a season. Some sparkling talent, if judged by their past records, will be on hand for the early work. Several former all-conference junior college men are already on the roster, along with

notables from various other leagues.

The first-stringers from Oregon's second-place conference team will be out for practice, minus seven graduates. Aiken has promised that these holdovers will have a hard scrap on their hands keeping their posts this spring, because every position is wide open to all comers.

Competition Due

Aiken figures he will have two top-flight men fighting for every position on the forward wall, without taking into consideration the unknown quantity—the junior college newcomers. And the number is even greater in the battle for backfield places, with at least seven players trying for the left half-back spot, left vacant by Jake Leicht's graduation. Leicht, incidentally, will help Aiken and the backfield coach Frank Zazula pick his own successor. Jake is going to work with the left halves during the spring, and try to teach them the tricks he knew so well.

Several of the gridmen who will report are participating in other sports, but will devote part of their time to training for the gridiron.

DeWayne Johnson and Dick Wilkins are both pitchers on the baseball club, and Lou Robinson is a javelin thrower on the track team. Wilkins, who is going to try out for the right end spot, was declared ineligible last year before the season started. Aiken compared the basketballer as a pass-catching end to the great Don Hudson, and said that Oregon's aerial attack would benefit greatly by his presence.

Frosh Stars Out

A number of good players from last season's frosh football team are also expected to turn out for spring practice. Chet Daniels and Art Harris, guards, Dick Mobley and Doug Coghill, ends, and Dave Gibson, center, were all strong boys on the Duckling eleven last season, and are expected to provide plenty of competition for the varsity men.

Bobby Locke Hints Africa Golf Golden

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., April 2—(UP)—South Africa isn't exactly the worst place in the world to look for gold and Bobby Locke of Johannesburg said today that the lure of big-money golf in his native land may draw him away from the 1948-49 U. S. winter circuit.

"My country is getting golf conscious and I don't want to miss out on it," he said.

"South Africa is my home and there's money involved," said Locke, who is the number two money-winner in the United States this season despite his absence from the Charlotte and Greensboro opens.

He has won nearly \$8,000 during the past three months. This added to the \$24,000 he won during his first swing around the U. S. circuit last year puts him ahead of America's top professionals for the two seasons.

South African golf promoters have planned an 11-tournament program starting next January, Locke said. To attract top talent, they're offering some \$44,000 in prize money.

"The thing's going to be big enough so that some of your boys may be coming to see us instead of the other way around," said the big pro.

Openers Flooded; Ducks Go Monday

The Oregon baseball team's opening game of the season yesterday with Willamette, scheduled for Water's field in Salem was rained out. The local nine held a workout in McArthur court instead of traveling to Salem.

Coach Don Kirsch announced that if the weather takes a turn for the better, the Oregon diamond squad will leave for Portland this morning. The Webfoots have two games scheduled with the Portland Pilots at 1:30 p.m. at Columbia park.

The Willamette double header which was washed out may be made up sometime next week, Kirsch explained. Already the Ducks schedule for next week includes single games with the Salem Senators Monday and Tuesday, and twin bills with Willamette Friday and Portland Saturday. All games are to be played at the Civic stadium.

The Duck diamonders will stick to the same starting lineup today if the two games are played. Whitey Lokan will open the first game on the mound and Jim Kays is slated for hurling duties in the second

contest. Both tilts are for seven innings.

The Webfoot infield stacks up with Dick Bartle at first, captain Walt Kirsch at second, Al Cohen at short and Don Kimball at the hot corner. The outfield, from left to right is Johnny Kovenz, Hal Zurcher, and Pat Wohlers.

Pilots Untested

The Portland nine is also reasonably untested, although Mush Torsion's team has played some practice sessions with the Rose city high school squads.

The Monday and Tuesday contests pit the Webfoots against the highly regarded Salem outfit of the Western International circuit. The Senators are a farm team of the Portland Beavers, are stocked with much ex-Coast league talent. Managing the Salem team is Jack Wilson, who spent several seasons as pitcher for the Boston Red Sox of the American league.

Grapefruit League Action Hot, Heavy

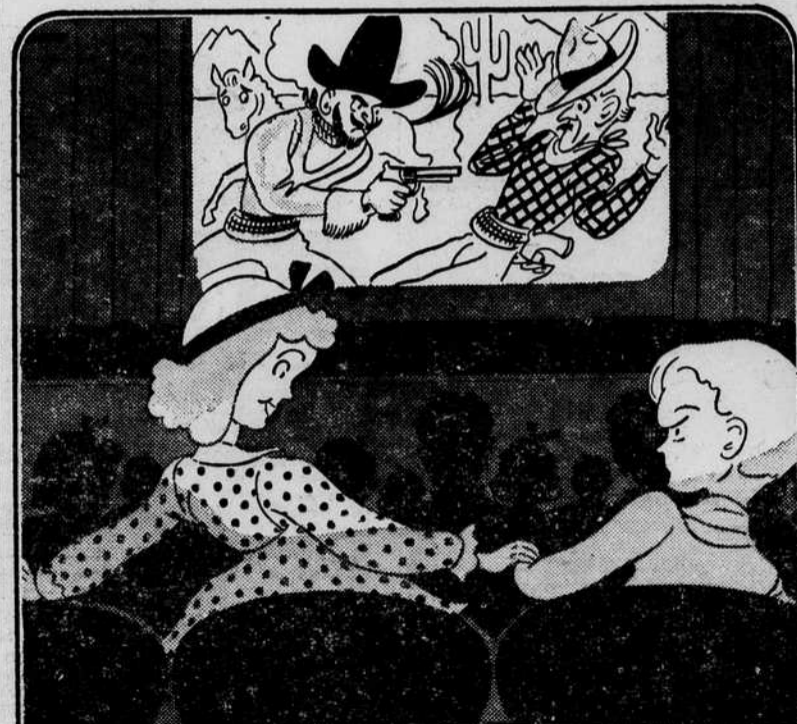
By UNITED PRESS

Phoenix, Ariz., April 2.—The Pittsburgh Pirates battered four Giant pitchers for 12 hits and a 12 to 7 victory here today.

It was a see-saw battle of slug-ging. Ralph Kiner broke up a 7 to 7 deadlock with a homer in the eighth. And in the same inning, Ed Stevens poked a two-runner out of the park. Whitey Lockman and Clint Hartung walloped circuit blows for New York.

Tucson, Ariz., April 2.—The Cleveland Indians routed Joe Haynes in a seven-run fifth inning today to crush the Chicago White Sox, 12 to 4.

It was the 17th beating of the spring for the hapless White Sox, who made only five hits off Al Gettel and Edgar (Special Delivery) Jones, the Cleveland Browns' halfback who is attempting a pitching career.



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Prep Splashers Perform Today in Reed Meet

The cream of the Oregon prep swimmers will perform today, starting at 10 a.m., in the men's pool, in the first annual state high school swimming meet.

Preliminary heats are set to begin at 10, and the finals will start at 3:30 this afternoon. Racing in the latter event will be the five entrants who register the top times in the early round.

Spotlight of the meet falls on three squads of the 13 teams entered. West Linn high, with a well-balanced aggregation, is rated the favorite, but Grant and Lincoln of Portland will be hot contenders also.

The meet, called the Jim Reed championship, after the captain of

the 1937 Oregon Pacific coast conference champion swim team who died in the service in 1942, will become a yearly affair. Trophies have been donated by Eugene and Portland alumni from the University, and permanent possession of the cups will be awarded to the outfit capturing one three times.

An admission of 60 cents for the morning round, and 90 cents for the afternoon action will be charged.

Wet Weather Halts Netters

Yesterday's rains halted temporarily action in the varsity tennis tryouts which have been going on this week. Weather permitting.

Thursday's quarterfinals saw two lettermen nab victories with comparative ease. Saal Lesser defeated John Trommlitz 6-2, 6-0, while Fred Howard defeated Feasley 6-2, 6-1.

Warren Fleming defeated Dick Reed 6-4, 6-2, and Bob Corgan defeated Howard Chin 6-1, 6-0 in other quarterfinal results Thursday.



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