

Between Innings....

Nine Holds First Rough Practice with Frosh

By BOB REED

The weatnerman finally smiled down upon Mentor Don Kirsch and his varsity baseball squad yesterday. Under blue skies, a warm sun, and chilly winds, the varsity nine took the field for their first actual game this season. The Oregon Frosh, led by Barney Koch, were the victims, on the short end of a 5-1 score.

Kirsch was deeply interested in the way his four moundsmen performed. Since it will be the pitching that will hold the key to the 1948 Duck hopes in the Northern Division baseball race, Kirsch paraded four men to the hill to take their turn against the Frosh.

Lokan Starts Game

Whitey Lokan opened the game on the mound for the varsity and hurled two innings. The game was not exactly a regulation affair, since each team stayed at bat for two innings, instead of alternating after each three outs. Dick Wilkins followed Lokan for two, then Dick DeBernardi hurled the so-called fifth and sixth innings, and a left hander, Willard Stradley finished the game for the varsity.

Kirsch was impressed by the way Lokan and Wilkins performed on the hill. If they show up well in the next four exhibition games, they will more than likely be the one and two pitchers on the Oregon squad.

Hitting Off

In the hitting department, the varsity did not find its stride

until late in the game. During their last turn at bat, long and sharp hits rang from the bats of practically every man in the line up. Al Cohen, Don Dibble, Walt Kirsch, and Pat Wohlers connected for good hits. Wohlers lifted a drive over the hedge in right field during one rally.

However, Mentor Kirsch isn't to worried about the team's hitting as yet. The varsity has had a long lay-off in hitting practice and has not reached top form

Positions Shape Up

Even though the team has been somewhat inactive, especially in the way of actual games played, Skipper Kirsch has a pretty good idea about his players in all departments. At present, here is the way the positions can be summed up.

Infield: The least of Kirsch's
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Harris to Depart For PCC Meeting

Athletic Director Leo Harris will leave today for the Pacific coast conference meeting in Los Angeles. Harris will stop in San Francisco and attend the meeting Monday and Tuesday.

Uniformity of contracts and accounting procedure will be discussed at the meeting. Others attending will be Wilbur Johns, UCLA athletic director, Willis O. Hunter, USC, and Victor Schmidt, conference commissioner.

OSC Captures Relays

Beavers Sweep Entire Eight Events for Victory.

By ELWIN PAXSON

The small band of spectators in the Hayward field grandstand had little to cheer about yesterday afternoon as a visiting band of OSC tracksters romped away with every event to soundly defeat the Oregon squad 8-0, in a postponed relay meet.

Although several outstanding individual performances were turned in by the Duck cindermen, their opponents were superior in depth. A lack of Weebfoot reserve strength was noticeable throughout the one-sided affair, and as a result, two relays, the 4-mile and shuttle hurdle, had to be forfeited.

Ducks Weak in Distances

It was evident that the Ducks will be very weak in the distance races this season, as the Beavers won both the two-mile and mile relays with no difficulty.

The sprints, however, were a different matter. In the program opener, the 440-relay, both Skiles Hoffman and Dave Henthorne gained rapidly on their opponents after the Beavers had built up wide margins in the first two legs, but the deficit was too great. Henthorne's blazing finish fell short by a scant five yards and OSC jumped into an early lead that was built up steadily thereafter.

Again in the 880, the locals were barely edged out by their traditional rivals, this time on an accident. Hoffman, running in the number three position, slowly crept up on his competitor till only a few feet

separated them. Then, as he was handing the baton to anchor man, Henthorne he slipped and fell, and the Klamath Falls flash was never able to catch the flying feet of Cole, although he narrowed the gap considerably.

The shot and high jump relays were also Aggie dominated, but George Rasmussen, Oregon's pole vaulting expert, provided the greatest surprise of the afternoon as he high-jumped 6 feet and one-half inch by actual measurement. This mark excelled that of either Merc Brown or Jim Bocchi, regular Duck competitors in that event.

440-yard relay—Won by OSC (Edmunson, Schlavin, Cole, Laidlaw). Time, :44.4.

2-mile relay—Won by OSC (Bowler, Runyan, Leonard, Hughes). Time, 8:17.2.

880-yard relay—Won by OSC (Edmunson, Radcliff, Schlavin, Cole). Time, 1:32.6.

Shot-put relay—Won by OSC (Rinearson, 39 feet 3 inches; Delay, 43 feet 6 inches; Soval, 42 feet 4 inches; Austin, 40 feet 4 inches). Distance, 164 feet 11 inches.

High jump relay—Won by OSC (Alexander, 5 feet 10 inches; Barber, 5 feet 11½ inches; Laidlaw, 5 feet 8 inches; Elliott, 6 feet ½ inch.) Height, 23 feet 6 inches.

Mile relay—Won by OSC (Lahart, Clark, Leonard, Hughes). Time, 3:30.3.

4-mile relay—Oregon forfeited. Shuttle hurdles—Oregon forfeited.

Sports Writers Needed

There will be a meeting for everyone interested in working on the Emerald sports staff, tonight at 7:30 p.m., in the basement sports room of the journalism building. Experience is not necessary, although helpful.

Baseball Skipper



Guiding the destinies of the Oregon baseball team is Don Kirsch, in his first season as varsity coach. Kirsch is a former Duck diamond star.

Aiken Looks at Backfield Men As Two Former Frosh Shine

Coach Jim Aiken sent his veteran gridmen to the showers early yesterday, and took a good look at his new backfield material.

Out of the number of potential ball-carriers that paraded their stuff before the head mentor four men looked especially promising, two of them transfers and two up from last fall's frosh football squad.

The two transfers, Woodley Lewis, 185-pound left half from Los Angeles J. C., and John McKay, 170-pounder trying for the same spot, have shown up well in previous scrimmages, but it was the first time the two freshman gridgers had exhibited their turf prowess.

Dick Morrison, 172-pound half-back, slipped through the defensive line for two of the longest runs of the day, as well as reeling off several shorter plunges. The other Duckling was little Dick Maudlin, 155-pound ball carrier, who managed to squirm through the forward wall for a number of short trips.

Bill Abbey, rugged little quarter-back who dropped out of football last season because of the aggravation of an old injury, took a turn a packing the ball from the full-back spot with a pair of newcomers, and in his usual jolting, jarring form racked up some yardage. Abbey also cut loose with a beautiful long pass that nailed the receiver on the spot.

Aiken is trying to find out exactly what prospects he has among the mass of new material that

showed up for the spring practice session, and the get-acquainted drills will continue until the cream is brought to the surface. Although no one will be cut from the squad during spring practice a nucleus of three or four top elevens will be sifted out, and the attention will be chiefly devoted to them.

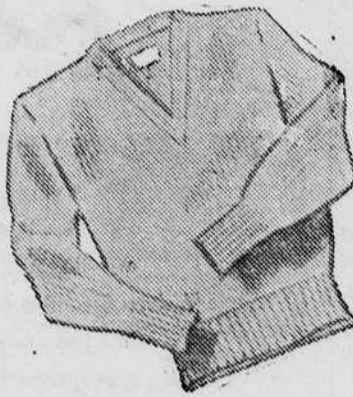
Yesterday the coach at one time had four full elevens running through plays on the field, with plenty of men standing around, a novel sight to Oregon fans accustomed to seeing a scant three teams

on the gridiron.

Two gridmen will be out of practice until Monday with minor injuries. Bill Murphy, letterman guard on the 1946 team, hurt his leg in Tuesday's practice, and Darrell Robinson twisted his knee last night.

On the offensive line, which remained about the same during the practice, were former frosh players, Chet Daniels, husky little guard, and Dave Gibson, 6 foot 3 inch center. Sam Nevills, 242-pounder at left tackle, also did a bit of crunching from his spot.

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