

Flashes Form



COGWHEEL — That's Johnny McKay, ace Duck back, who has been clicking off healthy gains during spring grid drills so far.

Webfoots Sweat Out Second Gridiron Drill

With only two days of scrimmage behind them, the Oregon varsity gridgers are already shaping into what looks like another crack ball club. The standout players have started to show their heels to some of their 116 colleagues, and the fine showing of several of the new transfers has warmed Coach Jim Aiken's hopes.

IN THE BACKFIELD, faced with the problem of plugging the gap left by the departure of All-America Norm Van Brocklin, the

Webfoots are turning in remarkably smooth performances. Woodley Lewis, for one, looks faster and trickier than he has ever been.

The fact that he exposed himself to a hard winter of indoor track instruction from Bill Bowerman may provide at least part of the answer for the improvement, but the speedy Los Angeles back has been hitting through on quick openers with flashy precision.

Earl Stelle has been gaining more and more favor as possible

successor to Van Brocklin, especially after his showing of Tuesday afternoon. He seems to be the most impressive candidate for the quarterback slot to date, and has uncovered a passing arm which recalls shades of the past season. Ted Lea, another quarterback hopeful, shows plenty of promise.

THE ABERDEEN, Wash., boy, billed as a "T" formation passer, has not as yet had a chance to learn Coach Aiken's plays. The possible sleeper is freshman Jim Calderwood.

The most noteworthy of the new transfers, on the basis of Tuesday's scrimmage, is Dick Gaulden, formerly with the Compton national junior college champions.

Gaulden switched over to center for the scrimmage, and turned in a hard-hitting afternoon of football.

Lou Robinson, returning letterman tackle, took a crack at guard, and won special rave notices from Coach Aiken, as did Gaulden, Nick Stevenson, formerly with Santa Ana J.C., Gene Snider, Don McCauley, freshman guard, Harold Simmons, and Darrell Robinson, end with last year's Cotton Bowl squad.

BIG PETE De Santos, transfer tackle from Glendale Junior college, was the first injury since spring practice began.

De Santo sprained his knee during the Tuesday scrimmage, but should be ready to go soon.

Famed Finn Eyes Duck Thinclads

Armas Valste, famous Finnish Athletic and Olympic coach, visited the University of Oregon campus yesterday and spent the afternoon watching Head Coach Bill Bowerman's 1949 Webfoot track team prepare for the Oregon State relays this Saturday.

The Finnish mentor is on a tour of American colleges to compare the methods of conditioning and form in the United States with those now being used in Europe.

HE IS also a representative of the Organizing committee of the Olympic games which will be held in Helsinki, Finland during the summer of 1952.

While in the Duck camp, Valste showed particular interest in Bowerman's javelin men and pole vaulters.

The Finnish coach watched Lou Robinson, PCC champion; Chuck Missfeldt, state high school king; Bus Newcomer, and Earl Stelle go through their javelin routine and gave helpful tips to the Webfoot spearman.

JAPIO RAUTAVAARA, one of Valste's star pupils, won the 1948 Olympic javelin throw with a toss of 75.6 meters, or almost 248 feet.

As Valste watched George Rasmussen, Oregon pole vaulter who broke the Texas Relays record last Saturday, he commented, "He's great he'll do better than 15 feet if he continues to improve during the season."

Oregon Pounds Pioneers 9-1; Pacific Badgers Slated Today

Air-tight pitching and timely hitting proved to be a magic formula for Don Kirsch and his baseballing Webfoots yesterday afternoon when they snapped a two game losing streak by putting the clamps on an outclassed Lewis and Clark team, 9-1.

Sid Mills will go against Pacific University in a game here today at 3 o'clock.

The Ducks, jumping away to a quick four run lead, never were headed yesterday nor even seriously disturbed as Homer Bropst took care of the pitching situation in masterful fashion during his seven inning stint while his mates were getting large lumps of mileage off nine well

bunched hits. The Pioneers' Don Wright, who was tagged with the defeat, worked a creditable ball game, but sloppy fielding support, a brief epidemic of "walkitis", and, of course, a smattering of Oregon safeties sent him to his downfall.

AS THE MAJOR siege gun in the Ducks big scoring spurts, Short-stop captain Al Cohen had quite a day for himself. Among his collection were five hits (including a double and a triple) in as many trips to the plate, three stolen bases, two runs, and a like number of RBI's.

He also turned in a sterling performance afield, accepting nine out of ten chances and generally handling himself in pretty good style.

However, it was the very baffling Mr. Bropst that had Kirsch grinning from ear to cheek. While fanning six and issuing only two passes, Bropst had things pretty much as he pleased. The only run scored against him by the visitors was unearned, and altogether he surrendered only three hits.

WHICH IS to say that one Homer Bropst was quite a pitcher yesterday and if his work continues along these lines, then Kirsch's curving corps should receive a big lift.

Cohen, the second Duck batter, started the fireworks in the first frame with a grass-cutting single to right.

Hal Zurcher, who later hurled two shutout innings, worked Wright for a walk, and then Don Kimball cleaned things up with a healthy two-run triple to right center.

The pattern was little different in the second inning. Second baseman Walt Kirsch walked and came all the way around on a sacrifice

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and a two-base error by the Pioneers' Fred Wilson on Johnny Kovenz's infield splat.

KOVENZ himself then registered on the tote board when Cohen whacked out his second one-baser.

Oregon couldn't reach Wright again until the lucky seventh, but it really didn't matter considering the way Bropst was rocking along.

It was in that frame that the Pioneers themselves cracked through the layer of calcimine that was being applied to them. And they did it in a rather unorthodox manner—without a hit.

WITH TWO OUT, Fred Wilson reached first on Cohen's high throw to the same bag, and he completed the circuit a few short breaths later on an error by Catcher Hal Torkelson.

EXCEPT for that brief, and not very formidable uprising, the Pioneers were as tame as a bunch of Scotty poodles on show.

In any event, all doubts were erased when the Ducks took bat in hand in their half of the seventh.

Doubles by Cohen and Dick Bartle accounted for one marker, and the latter, one hit batsman and a strikeout later, scampered home on Kirsch's singleton.

Oregon further stacked up its lead with a three-run pageant in the eighth. Ray Stratton took a stroll to first and returned to his embarkation point shortly thereafter as Cohen laced out a solid drive to left center that was good for three bases when the ball struck one of the numerous gulleys in that sector and bounced off at an awkward angle.

COHEN THEN tallied standing up on a fielder's choice that saw Wells go into a juggling act with the ball at home plate.

Pitcher Zurcher added to the day's fun in the way he maneuvered the inning's second run. Hal decided to do it the easy way.

Taking first on the aforementioned fielder's choice, he jogged the rest of the route on two balks that

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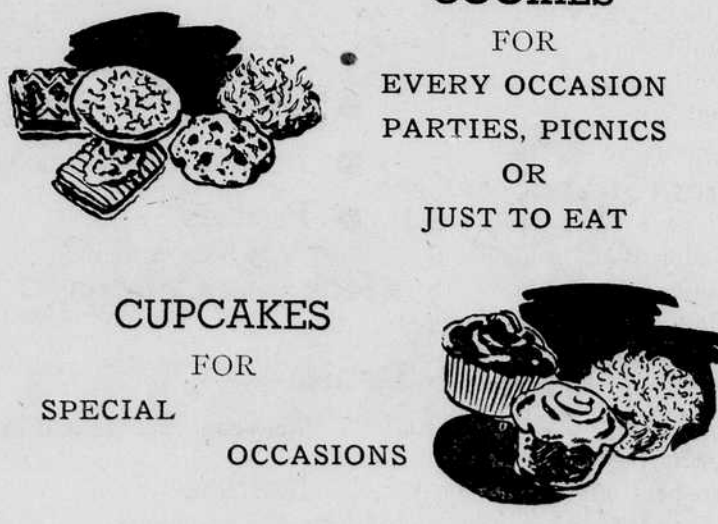
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