

# Ducks Set Diamond Opener With Powerful OSC Squad

The University of Oregon baseball team will open its 1954 season this afternoon, Thursday, when they host their traditional rival, Oregon State, in a 3 o'clock diamond clash at Howe field.

The Ducks, defending Northern Division champions, will be out to get off to a winning start in their opening tussle against Ralph Coleman's powerful Beaver nine. The game will be a non-counting one as far as N. D. play is concerned. The Ducks open defense of their league crown in a two game home series with Washington State, Apr. 16-17.

Oregon State has already played one game this season, that being Tuesday afternoon. They walloped the Lewis and Clark Pioneers, 11-0, behind the one-hit pitching of strong-armed Norb Wellman.

### Many Veterans

The Beavers will bring to Eugene a team composed of many veteran players from last year's squad which finished second to only Oregon in N. D. action. Besides Wellman for hurling duties, the Orangemen can boast such outstanding lettermen as Jay Dean, first base; Chuck Fisk, second base; Bob Buob, shortstop; Ray Rothstrom, third base; and Jim Ruggles, left field.

Several outstanding newcomers will no doubt see plenty of action for the Corvallis crew. Sophomore Jerry Exley has looked especially good in practices to date and is just about a sure starter in the center field position.

Two more inexperienced men have been battling it out for the starting job in right field. Dick Isbell and Tony Vlastelica, OSC basketball star, are just about equal in ability and will probably both see some action for the visitors.

### Thomas Missing

In the catching department, where big John Thomas is missing because of graduation, Jack Ste-

phenson will get the opening call. Starting on the mound for the Beavers will probably be one of two sophomore hurlers, Dick Wilson or Ralph Carroll. Wellman could possibly see some action, also.

For Oregon, coach Don Kirsch will more than likely start one of his lettermen chuckers. If he chooses to do this, either Norm Forbes, Bill Blodgett, or Trenton Hulls will get the call.

### Probable Starters

In the other starting spots Kirsch will probably have either

Neil Marlett or Don Hedgepeth at catcher; Dick Schlosstein, first base; Jimmy Johnson, second base; George Shaw, shortstop; Pete Williams, third base; Ron Phillips, left field; Jerry Ross, Jim Archer, or Ron Leland in center field; and Bernie Averill, right field.

After this game the Ducks will have two more frays before the end of the week. On Friday afternoon the Webfoots tangle with Portland University and on Saturday they take on Lewis and Clark college. Both games will be played in Portland.

# Entry List Nearly Full For Willamette Relays

As of Monday, a total of 63 high schools and 16 colleges were officially entered in the fourth annual Willamette Relays, set for McCulloch Stadium in Salem, Saturday afternoon, starting at 1 o'clock. Ted Ogdahl, director of the mammoth cinder carnival, says that last-minute entries might swell the high school list to as high as 75 schools.

In addition to the colleges and an AAU contingent from Seattle, Mather Air Base reports that it will send 12 of its top track stars to the classic. The Mather men will compete in the collegiate division and are a real threat for honors. Among others, the air base squad includes Kenneth Mischall, a highly talented sprinter and hurdler from Baldwin-Wallace. Mischall has run the high hurdles in :14.3 and consistently hits :23.9 in the 220 low sticks. Obviously he will be a favorite in the invitational hurdles feature Saturday afternoon.

The Mather crew also boasts Prince Warner, who's done 9.8 in the century. An old familiar face will return to McCulloch Stadium when Bob Hall competes in the javelin event for the Mather contingent. Hall broke the Northwest

Conference record while a Willamette cinder star several seasons ago.

High school entries thus far received for the relays: Albany, Beaverton, Burns, Canyonville, Cascade, Centralia, Wash., Central, Chemawa, Coburg, Columbia Prep, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Culver, Dayton, Dallas, Days Creek, Oregon Deaf school, Drain, Elmira, Estacada, Gates, Gervais, Gresham, Hermiston, Hill Military, Hillsboro, Jefferson, Lake Oswego, Lebanon, Lowell, McMinnville, Madras, Mohawk, Molalla, Monroe, Moro, Mt. Shasta, Calif., Newberg, Newport, Parkrose, Perrydale, Pleasant Hill, Queen Anne, (Seattle), Redmond, Sacred Heart of Salem, Salem High, St. Joseph's (Pendleton), Scio, Seaside, Sherwood, Silverton, Sisters, Springfield, St. Helens, Sweet Home, Taft, Vancouver, Wash., Willamette (Eugene), Milwaukie, Crook County (Prineville), Stevenson, Wash., North Marion.

The college list: Clark College, Lewis and Clark, Linfield, Mather Air Base, OCE, Pacific, Portland State, Seattle Pacific, Seattle Track and Field club, St. Martin's, SOCE, University of Oregon, Portland U., University of Washington, Whitworth, Oregon State and host Willamette.

# Mannex to Miss Cinder Schedule

Russ Mannex, University of Oregon trackman, will be ineligible for competition this season because of a disciplinary probation period which has been placed on him for spring term.

Mannex's penalty came about as a result of his being picked up by the police for being drunk in a public place recently. Mannex was found wandering through the Eugene Hotel at 3:20 a. m., Saturday, March 20.

Mannex will not be permitted to take part in any social activities for the entire spring term and will also be prevented from playing for Bill Bowerman's Duck track team.

Bowerman had been counting on Mannex adding much needed strength to the team in the field events. Mannex made his letter last season as a pole-vaulter.

When the "College All-Stars" defeated the Harlem Globetrotters, Monday night, it ended a 263 game winning streak for the colorful negro quintet.

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