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Duck Tracks

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Highlighting the baseball news of the past week is the selection of Joseph Edward Cronin and Henry Benjamin Greenberg for baseball's highest honor—The Hall of Fame.

Cronin is now general manager of the Boston Red Sox and during his 30-year baseball career has been a player, player-manager and field manager. Joe broke in with Pittsburgh in 1927 and was tossed out after a brief trial.

He suffered from that occupational disease of inability to hit a curve ball but mastered the wrinkler so well in later years that Joe McCarthy once said he was the best curve-ball hitter in baseball. Cronin was picked up by Washington where he stayed, a player-manager his last two years, until 1935.

Bosses Bosox for 13 Seasons

Then he was sold to the Red Sox for \$250,000 and shortstop Lyn Lary. The Irishman from San Francisco piloted the Red Sox for 13 years. He was player-manager until he broke his leg April 19, 1945. Cronin managed from the bench till 1948, when he gave way to Marse Joe McCarthy, moving into the front office.

"Your boy never will be a ball player," John J. McGraw told Greenberg's dad after a workout with the Giants. But Hank, one of the hardest workers toward self-improvement in baseball history, broke in to the Main Tent for good in 1933 as a first baseman with Detroit.

In 1938, Greenberg threatened Babe Ruth's home run record of 60, but stopped short at 58. He also led the league in home runs in 1940 and 1946 and in runs-batted-in four times, with 183 in 1937 tops. His best batting mark was .348 in 1936.

Old Voting Method Unfair

Both Cronin and Greenberg possessed the first qualification for enshrinement at Cooperstown—an outstanding record over a number of years. Both were humble and grateful at being chosen, each praising the other.

But overshadowing the fine accomplishments of these two immortals is the antiquated method of voting for this greatest of baseball honors. A writer must be a member of the BBWAA for 10 years to qualify as a voter. Many of these writers show carelessness and lack of responsibility in casting their ballots.

No player is eligible who retired before 1930 or within the past five years, managers and coaches, to be voted on by the BBWAA. A special old-timers committee headed by J. G. Taylor Spink, considers those who retired before 1930.

Voting From List Suggested

Why not a special committee of six or seven responsible members of the BBWAA to submit a list of 50 candidates in alphabetical order each year after a careful screening? Voters would not have to rely on their sometimes wavering memories for selections as this year, when a record 130 candidates were named.

91 votes were wasted on Max Carey and Zach Wheat, both ineligible, in a glaring example of careless voting. Carey and Wheat will be considered by the Old-Timers committee, who can vote in two players every other year.

The procedure will have to be drastically revised before the 1957 elections. Many BBWAA members, such as Gordon Cobbledick, refrain from voting at all under the present system. Cobbledick also points out that such greats as Bill Bradley, Addie Joss and Billy Evans, who passed away last week, are being forgotten because they were not "Colorful Characters."

Joss "Perfect" Gamer

The only names heard in any discussion of third basemen were Bill Bradley and Jimmy Collins, till Pie Traynor came along. Joss was an ace Cleveland pitcher back in the old days, and is credited with one of the six "perfect" games in baseball history.

It is probably true that Joe Tinker is in the Hall of Fame because Franklin P. Adams wrote the deathless prose "Tinker to Evers to Chance" concerning their alleged double play ability. They weren't the most prolific twin-killing experts in their league at the time but Cobbledick notes that not even Lord Byron could have rhymed a eulogy about Peck to Pratt to Pipp of the Yankees.

Ducks, Trojans Tangle In Weekend Cage Pair

By Jack Wilson

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USC's competent basketball veterans invade McArthur court Friday and Saturday nights for a crucial doubleheader series with the tumbling Webfoots. Trowned in their last three outings, Ore-

gon's Webfoots must win both from the galloping Trojans to salvage an otherwise bleak season.

Forrest Twogood's classy club, which lacks height but makes up the difference in speed and shooting ability, will show the home forces some of the toughest competition they have seen all year. Owners of a 5-1 record in PCC play, the Trojans are knotted with Washington for second place in the conference. Over the season they have compiled a 9-6 record.

The Ducks flunked their last two tests, both against Stanford, and now sit uncomfortably near the league's cellar in sixth place. Oregon has a 2-4 conference record and an even-steven 8-8 mark on the season.

But all is not darkness in the Oregon camp, for rising rookie stars are taking some of the pressure-to-produce off veterans like Max Anderson and Jerry Ross. Most talented of these newcomers to varsity spangles is Charlie Franklin, the 6'3" forward from Los Angeles who performed so well against Stanford.

The constantly improving Franklin hustled, shot and rebounded so well that he pulled himself into the top ten scorers in the conference and took over the rebound leadership, with 68, for the Ducks. Franklin has paced Oregon's scoring in the last two series, hitting 39 against Idaho and 32 against the Indians.

Other Ducks who have been coming along well include Forward Bill Moore, Center Hal Duffy, and Guards Wimp Hastings and John Lundell.

Injury cut down the effectiveness of senior Guard Jerry Ross, but he still managed to put in 23 points against the Indians. Ross



BILL MOORE
New Duck Weapon

Bell Equals Taft With .545 Mark

Ray Bell of Oregon has moved into a tie with UCLA's Morris Taft in shooting accuracy while Dave Gambee of Oregon State has assumed the scoring lead in the Pacific Coast conference basketball race, according to figures released by the PCC Commissioner's office.

Taft and Bell have hit 54.5 per cent on their floor shots, Taft having hit 42 of 77 attempts and Bell 12 of 22. Each has played in four games, Bell having missed two contests due to illness. Other shooters above 50 per cent are Carroll Adams, UCLA, 53.3 per cent, and Jack Lovrich, Southern California, 50.9 per cent.

Gambee has scored 139 points in his first eight games for a 20 point lead over Larry Beck of Washington State. Gambee has scored 52 field goals and 35 free throws and has averaged 17.4 points per game. Bill Bond, Stanford, has scored 116 points and teammate George Selleck, 115.

Taft ranks fifth in scoring with 105 points and has the best game average, 26.3. Others in the top ten include Max Anderson, Oregon, 104; Barry Brown, Stanford, 97; Bruno Boin, Washington, 96, and Willie Naulls, UCLA, and Charlie Franklin, Oregon, 92.

Bob Blake of California has assumed the lead in free throws even though his team has drawn a two-week bye because of final exams. He has made 18 of 21 attempts for 85.7 per cent. Idaho's Bill Bauscher, the former leader, has slipped to 82.9 per cent, and is followed by Karl Voegtlin and Doyle Perkins, both of Washington, 80 per cent and Naulls, 79 per cent.

Naulls holds a commanding edge in rebounding having captured 19.6 per cent of all rebounds in UCLA's four conference games (71 recoveries out of 363 opportunities). Jim Coshaw, Washington, has a 15.8 per cent rebounding mark followed by Franklin, 13.8 per cent; Anderson, 13.6 per cent and Brown 12.8 per cent.

The top ten scorers:

	G	FG	FT	PF	TP	Avg.
Gambee, OSC	8	52	35	26	139	17.4
Beck, WSC	6	38	43	19	119	19.8
Bond, Stan.	8	38	40	21	116	14.5
Selleck, Stan.	8	46	23	18	115	14.4
Taft, UCLA	4	42	21	11	105	26.3
Anderson, Ore.	6	29	46	21	104	17.3
Brown, Stan.	8	38	21	10	97	12.1
Boin, Wash.	6	28	40	14	96	16.0
Naulls, UCLA	4	31	39	9	92	23.0
Franklin, Ore.	6	29	34	16	92	15.3

Three Teams Get Faculty Triumphs

Three teams took wins Monday night in the Faculty Bowling league. The Flying Saucers beat the 8-Balls 3-1, the Vitamins blanked the Jets 4-0, and the Physical plant edged the Webfoots 3-1. The Markers-Grenadiers duel resulted in a 2-2 deadlock.

The Flying Saucers' George Hopkins bowled the evening's high game with a 237. His 576 series total was also tops for all bowlers.

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IM Schedule

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Basketball

3:50 Delta Tau Delta A vs Beta Theta Pi A, court 40.
4:35 Phi Gamma Delta A vs Theta Chi A, court 40.
5:15 Tau Kappa Epsilon A vs Sigma Chi A, court 40.

Handball

4:00 Beta Theta Pi vs. Hale Kane, courts 42, 44, and 46.

Ballot Finds Eugene In State Prep Lead

By the Associated Press

The defending state champion, Eugene, climbed from second to first place in this week's Associated Press high school basketball poll, changing places with Portland's Jefferson, last week's leader.

Jefferson's fall from favor was due to a 60-59 overtime loss at the hands of Franklin last week. The victory helped in Franklin's advance from the No. 4 spot last week to No. 3.

The sports writers and broadcasters who took this week's poll took into consideration Eugene's hard-fought victory over Roseburg Friday night when the Axemen scored 12 points in the last two minutes to win, 50-46. Eugene beat Cottage Grove easily the following night for its 12th win against two defeats this season.

The weekend's action pits front-running Eugene against formidable North Bend.

The two leading Portland League teams are not expected, to have much trouble maintaining their standings, but South Salem will be threatened by strong teams at Corvallis Friday and at Bend Saturday.

The poll, with won-loss records:

	POINTS	W-L
1. Eugene	12-2	134
2. Jefferson	11-2	139
3. Franklin	11-2	137
4. Marshfield	10-2	123
5. South Salem	12-3	94
6. Medford	12-4	85
7. Milton-Freewater	12-2	84
8. Milwaukie	8-4	26
9. Pendleton	9-3	22
10. Bend	10-5	20

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