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Pilot Nine, Trackmen Prepare For Openers

The University of Portland sends its spring teams into action next weekend on two fronts, baseball and track.

The baseballers kick off a 25-game schedule Saturday in a doubleheader with Linfield College at McMinnville.

The Pilot track team opens Saturday at Corvallis in a dual meet with the Oregon State University Beavers.

Joe Etzel, new head coach of the Pilot diamond forces, has 13 lettermen and seven newcomers on his squad. Among the returnees are pitcher Tom Eder, hitting stars Frank Dierickx and Tom Campbell and defensive stalwarts Mike Adams, shortstop, and Tom Hacking, second baseman.

Pitcher Dave Weese and

outfielder Dick Irvine, who batted .347 last year, are junior transfers from Clark College in Vancouver, Wash. Games with San Jose State, St. Mary's, San Francisco State and Santa Clara dot the Portland schedule.

Harley Lewis is starting his second year of coaching the Pilot cindermen. The team posted a 7-1 record last year.

The university's tennis team, coached by Bill Rose, opens at home March 28 against Pacific University. Four home meets precede a swing through California in which the netters will oppose Chico State, Modesto Racquet Club, Sacramento State, University of the Pacific and University of California at Davis, in addition to Southern Oregon College.