

### Webfoots Stale? Something Wrong As Huskies Win

#### Heavy Schedule Weighs On Lemon-Yellow, Mangum Thinks

#### Fears Oregon on Skids With Playoff Nearing

By HAROLD MANGUM  
Oregon fans have tasted defeat, and they do not fancy the experience. Not since 1925, when O. A. C. won the first of a three-game playoff series in the armory, has an Oregon basketball quintet met defeat before an Oregon crowd, so the sensation is new to the majority of the student body. Comments have been as varied as they have been numerous.

Two opinions seem to have overshadowed the others, though. The commonest belief is that the Webfoots were stale from too much basketball. The other is that they have not been taking things seriously enough, and have deteriorated from lack of practice.

Certain it is that the lemon-yellow five which bowed ignominiously to Washington last Saturday night was no more like the Webfoot quintet that smothered the Huskies, 50 to 25, at Seattle than an organ grinder is like a symphony orchestra.

#### Team Looks Stale

The team played lackadaisical ball Saturday. There are no arguments there. The men missed shot after shot that would have been easy three weeks ago, and were puzzled by a defense that proved simple at Seattle. The men were tired and overdrawn. Their eyes lacked lustre, and their demeanor was that of a gang of second-raters rather than a crew which had just won a championship.

There are many reasons to explain this showing, or which would appear to explain it, and not one of them is intended as an alibi. Heaven forbid! The Huskies played superior ball last Saturday night, and deserved to win.

#### 24 Contests Won

For one thing—that lemon-yellow team, even though it looked bad in losing, has piled up a record this year that is hard to beat. It has won 24 out of 26 games, and has scored a grand total of 1078 points against 575 for all opposition. Translated to averages, Oregon has an winning percentage of .962, and has scored an average of 42 points a game as against 22 for opponents. That's not bad.

The terrific strain of this schedule, which has stretched from late in December, 1926, to March, 1927, may be seen in comparing it with the competition met in other sports. Approximately seven football games are played, including two practice mixes. Six swimming meets were staged during the past season, but the times of competition were very small as the men were limited to three events each, and most of them participated in only one or two. Not more than ten or eleven baseball games are played, and no one will say that baseball is as strenuous as the court sport. A track team that has three or four hard meets considers itself overworked.

With this in view, it is safe to say that basketball requires as much energy, exclusive of practice, as all the other sports put together.

Another factor is the attitude of the student body. It is used to winning, and can't adjust itself to a loss. The team has won for so long, that winning has come to be taken as a matter of course, like cream on the cereal. Dozens of good features have been overlooked in the rush for the good old gavel. A team that can pile up 1078 points in one season can't be wholly a loss. We could babble right along, but tomorrow is another day.

## SPORTS

### by the Emerald Sport Staff



### Tracksters Held Competition on Field Saturday

#### Ed Crowley Shows Good Form in Pole Vault; Wetzel Wins Shot

The University of Oregon freshman and varsity track men held their second weekly competition Saturday on Hayward field. The drizzling rain that fell during the afternoon kept the men from showing anything unusual in the way of distances or time.

Ed Crowley, veteran vaulter, showed good early season form in his event by clearing the bar at 11 feet 6 inches. Crowley won his letter in his affair last year and looks as if he may be a good point gatherer this season.

The varsity weight event went to Vic Wetzel at 45 feet 7 inches. He also tied for first place in the high jump at five feet five inches. Bill Crawford and Ralph McCulloch, who are eligible for competition as soon as they re-enter school, also took part in the high jump. McCulloch cleared the bar at 5 feet 9 inches before he was forced to retire. Both these men will probably be in school next term.

Because of the cold weather and because races were run over unusual distances no time was taken in those events.

The results:

75 yard dash varsity: Bill Pendergast and Vic Wetzel tied for first; Alex Scott, third; Don Hendricks, fourth. 150 yard dash varsity: Joe Price, first; Joe Standard, second; Don Jeffries, third; Paul Clark, fourth. 440 yard run for half milers, varsity: W. Rutherford, first; Jim Manning, second; D. Cruikshank, third. Three-quarter mile for mile men, varsity: Ed Jensen, first; Clarence Hill, second; George Kelly, third; John Niedmeyer, fourth. Pole vault varsity: Ed Crowley, first; Allen Bracher, second; Tom Rann, third. Height 11 feet 6 inches. High jump varsity: Vic Wetzel and A. Boyden tied for first. Height 5 feet 5 inches. Shot put varsity: Vic Wetzel, first; Ed Moore, second; George Stager, third. Distance, 45 feet 7 inches. Discus varsity: George Stager, first; Vic Wetzel, second; Ed Moore, third. Distance 118 feet 2 inches. 75 yard dash frosh: Browne, first; Thompson, second; Maginnis, third. 150 yard dash frosh: Browne, Atkinson, H. Kelly, third. 300 yard run, frosh: Hammill, first; McCarty, second; Plangus, third; Reinhardt, fourth. Pole vault frosh: Brethauer, first; Grimes, second. Height 8 feet. High jump frosh: Maginnis, first; McKeannon, second; Reed, third. Height 5 feet 6 inches. Shot put frosh: Stadelman, first; Hildreth second; Campbell, third. Distance 43 feet 10 inches. Discus frosh: Hildreth, first; Campbell, second. Distance 112 feet.

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### Courts to See First Workout of Varsity Tennis Squad Today

Aspirants for varsity tennis will receive their first workout of the season today on the University courts. Coach Abercrombie expects about 20 men to report.

Competition will be keen for letters this year as almost all the varsity men of last year are back, and several new players will make it difficult for the veterans to retain their places on the squad.

Clare Hartman and Henry Neer, mainstays of the 1926 freshman team, are practically certain of placing themselves among the first S. Ralph Edge, a California product, who showed well in the fall tourney last term, and Peterson of the previous frosh squad are also dangerous.

Following are some of the strong players who are expected to make themselves noticed in the tennis courts: Hal Hutchinson, Mel Cohn, Bill Powell, George Mead, Tom Cross, Bill Adams, Edge, Hartman, and Neer.

Harry Coffin, who made the trip east with Roy Okerberg last summer, is not eligible this year, but will turn out to furnish competition for the varsity men. Okerberg will report at the close of the basketball season. Ivan White, sophomore from Willamette University, who is also eligible until next year, will also be out to aid the varsity.

The call for freshman candidates will be issued about April first.

### Swimming

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but Davis of Oregon held a small lead over him until the final drive. The score was 90.6 to 89.4. Thompson of Oregon placed third by almost as small a margin.

Fletcher won the 200-yard breast-

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stroke, while Smith again came from behind to place second.

#### 440 Finish Close

The 100-yard dash which followed saw Peterson of O. A. C. finishing in the record time of :57 flat, while McCook of Oregon finished ahead of Markuson of the Aggies for second. Reid of Oregon lost the 440-yard freestyle by less than ten feet when Hover of the Aggies spurred at the finish and passed him.

At this point Oregon was leading, 33 to 30 with only the relay remaining. At the start of the final lap, Boggs had a small lead over Peterson of the Aggies but was unequal to the task and lost the race by less than three feet.

The frosh-rook meet was productive of few thrills as the frosh were too good for the O. A. C. youngsters. Sheehan of the rooks won the initial race, the 40-yard freestyle, and was the only rook to capture a first.

#### Anderson Wins Easily

The expected battle between Johnny Anderson of the frosh and Sheehan in the 100-yard freestyle failed to materialize as Anderson took a good lead at the start and came in far ahead of the field in the record time of :57.4.

Silverman of the frosh swam the 220-yard freestyle in 2:44, which bettered the varsity 220 by a good margin. Anderson was high point man with ten points.

#### Varsity Results:

40-yard freestyle—Peterson, Aggie, first; Greulich, Oregon, second;

Boggs, Oregon, third. Time, :19.8.

150-yard backstroke—Smith, Oregon, first; Kier, Oregon, second; Wernmark, Aggies, third. Time, 2:05.4.

220-yard freestyle—Hover, Aggie, first; Boggs, Oregon, second; Johnson, Oregon, third. Time, 2:46.4.

Dives—Jordan, Aggie, first; Davis, Oregon, second; Thompson, Oregon, third.

200-yard breaststroke—Fletcher, Oregon, first; Smith, Oregon, second; Savory, Aggie, third. Time, 2:57.

100-yard freestyle—Peterson, Aggie, first; McCook, Oregon, second; Markuson, Aggie, third. Time, :57.

440-yard freestyle—Hover, Aggie, first; Reid, Oregon, second; Rake, Aggie, third. Time, 6:07.4.

Relay—won by Aggie; Markuson, Hover, Foyle, Peterson. Time, 1:25.2.

#### FROSH-ROOK RESULTS:

40-yard freestyle—Sheehan, rooks, first; Mathers, frosh, second; Hatton, frosh, third. Time, :20.6.

150-yard backstroke—Allen, frosh, first; Waldron, frosh, second; Disbrow, rooks, third. Time, 2:15.4.

220-yard freestyle—Silverman, frosh, first; Jubitz, rooks, second; Sheehan, rooks, third. Time, 2:44.

Dives—Anderson, frosh, first; Mathers, frosh, second; Martin, rooks, third.

200-yard breaststroke—Raley, frosh, first; Covington, rooks, second; Ray, rooks, third. Time, 3:25.4.

100-yard freestyle—Anderson,

frosh, first; heehan, rooks, second;

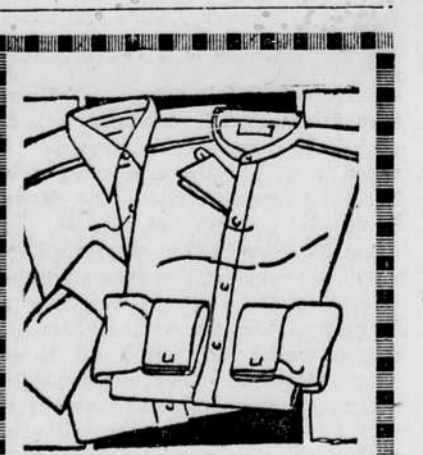
Silverman, frosh, third. Time, :57.4. Relay—won by frosh; Mathers, Hatton, Abele, Anderson. Time, 1:30.

### Biology Classes to See Lantern Slides of Italy

Lantern slides from pictures taken by Dr. A. R. Moore, head of the department of Zoology, will be shown in Willard hall, Thursday evening at 7:30. The pictures were taken in Europe, principally in Italy, during Dr. Moore's stay there and are being shown especially for members of the elementary biology classes, although anyone who is interested may attend.

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