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The Tip-Off

By BILL PHIPPS



ERE'S news! Mr. William Reinhart's Oregon varsity hoop outfit which meets Oregon State at the Igloo Saturday night will not even give the Beavers a contest—that is, of course, if you are willing to take the opinion of no less an authority than Mr. Chuck Buxton. And who, you might logically ask, is this noted prognosticator, Mr. Buxton? It appears that Mr. Buxton is the sports editor of the Oregon State Barometer, and from his column we quote:

"No better than a split series with Washington State was the fare for the Orangemen this year in the opening games on the home court. Never fear lads and lassies for the Orangemen will have a couple of games with Oregon to help the batting average along and it will be a much different club for the long jaunt to start with a fracas against Idaho in Moscow, January 23, another the next night and a pair more against the Cougars a couple of nights later.

"The duo of Oregon games—the first Saturday night and the second here a week from Friday night—should do much to weld the Orange quintet into a smooth-working and highly effective outfit."

With such a send-off from such an eminent deopster there probably is no use for the Oregon five to take the floor at all tomorrow evening. Perhaps Mr. Buxton would suggest that Mr. Reinhart, since he has to lose to Oregon State without a battle anyway, would do better to substitute the freshman or super-varsity quints for the game with the coast champions so he and the members of the varsity club could devote their entire efforts toward preparing, without interruption, for the road trip into the north the last week in January.

It might be possible that Mr. Buxton is under the impression that the year is 1933 A. D. Perhaps he thinks of Oregon's basketball prowess in terms of their last year's record—two victories and 14 losses. The sad part of it all is that this is 1934 instead of 1933, and Mr. Reinhart's team is a very different combination from that which he put on the courts last winter. No doubt Mr. Buxton recalls memories of Messrs. Robertson, Olinger, Berg, Watts and Miller, but I wonder if he is acquainted with Mr. Willard Jones and Mr. Budd Jones. And does Mr. Buxton know the different infusion of new blood in the proper proportions makes in an athletic machine?

Perhaps an experienced ball club made up entirely of capable veterans who have not lost their youthful enthusiasm for the game is the realization of the dreams of most coaches. On the other hand, however, on many occasions a youngster or two, who are full of fire and who are somewhat talented players can instill new life into a listless lower-division outfit.

Regardless of which is the better layout, the addition of the two Jones boys to the Webfoot roster has had anything but a detrimental effect on the effectiveness of Mr. Reinhart's team, and disappointing as it may be to Mr. Buxton, we are afraid that he will not

Beaver Leader



"Skeet" O'Connell, high-scoring forward, who will perform on the Igloo floor Saturday night as captain of "Slats" Gill's coast championship Oregon State five when the Orange meets the Webfoots for the first time this year.

Women's Athletics

By BETTY SHOEMAKER

FIVE women's houses have entered into the competition for the Seller cup which is offered to the house winning the most events in the inter-house contest.

Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta and Alpha Omicron Pi promise to be close competitors for the cup, which is on display at the Co-op this week.

Jean Burnett, Nancy Jeffery and Helen Payne are three stiff contenders for the diving championship.

Kappa Alpha Theta, holder of the Seller cup for 1933, late last evening, had failed to enter their swimming team in the intramural contest.

Letters concerning basketball for 1934 have been sent to all women's living organizations on the campus. Any house planning to enter a team should get in touch with Dorothy Bergstrom, newly appointed basketball manager, at Hendricks hall next week if possible.

Interclass practice is held every day from 4 to 5 p. m. Good turnouts have been reported.

Social swim tonight at 7:30 in the women's swimming pool. Towels and suits furnished. Admission free.

find this year's Oregon five quite the gang of grammar school ball players he evidently expects them to be.

All of which does not mean that it is in the bag for Oregon to calmly step out tomorrow night and hand a trouncing to the defending coast titlists. But when Mr. Buxton pops up and summarily insinuates Oregon will not even offer class AA competition this season, it is a bit hard to swallow.

True enough the Staters may fatten their average at Oregon's expense but the Ducks' potentially powerful and fast-improving outfit will make it a real ball game.

Duck Cagers Prepare for OSC Invasion

Teams to Play First Tilt Of Series Saturday

Olinger and Robertson, Veterans Of Duck Squad; Watts May Start for Webfoots

By BILL EBERHART
Coach Amory T. "Slats" Gill and his team of hoop veterans will invade Eugene tomorrow night for the first of a four-game basketball series with the Webfoots. The second tilt will be played a week from tonight in Corvallis.

The Oregon squad has been practicing behind locked doors since the Washington State series, and Bill Reinhart, coach of the Ducks, hopes to catch the Beaver napping in the forthcoming tilt. Bill dropped the series to the Staters last year, the first since Reinhart took up the hoop reins at Oregon in 1924. He's out to win this year, and, contrary perhaps to biological law, the Ducks are growing louder and more ominously than ever before.

Gill's System Familiar
All members of Oregon's first team have played against the Beavers before. Gil Olinger, captain, and Jack "Spook" Robertson, who leads the scoring for the locals thus far, have faced Gill's men in eight varsity contests during the last two years. Bill Berg, husky forward, saw some action last year, and Budd and Willard Jones participated in Oregon State games last year with Southern Oregon normal.

Upon the shoulders of Olinger and Robertson rests the greater share of responsibility for Saturday night's contest; Olinger, as captain, for his floor generalship and superior experience, and Robertson for his point-getting ability.

Duck Combination Clicks
Berg and the Joneses are fitting in nicely with the Oregon system, however, and will exhibit their share of the basketball tomorrow evening. They are particularly valuable in the rough stuff, and if former games with northern neighbors are any criteria, this game will be no tea party. Budd Jones was an end on Prink Callison's very good football squad this fall, and Berg is a former footballer himself. Willard Jones' size is enough of a testimonial for him. These various qualifications will come in handy during the heavy scrimmages.

And if these five boys can't turn the trick tomorrow night, Reinhart has some hoop experts languishing on the bench who can be called into service. Ron Gemmel, the dark-skinned boy from Helix, got a taste of conference play Tuesday night against the Cougars, and showed his worth. Bob Miller also was drafted in the last half of the same game and came through with four points in a very short time.

Watts Fully Recovered
Jim Watts stood out in the Oregon State series last year. Jim is a dyed-in-the-wool regular, but hasn't seen much service yet, due to a fractured cheek bone early in the season. He has fully recovered now and his play shines in practice. He will probably get the first reserve call tomorrow night and may be named in the starting lineup.

Ed Kunkle, center, La Grande

Chi Psi Handball Team Wins From Omega Hall Boys

Kappa Sigs Get Easy Games From Phi Psis; Reserve Furnishes Only Opposition

TODAY'S HANDBALL SCHEDULE
4:00—Theta Chi vs. Phi Delta Theta.
5:00—Sherry Ross Hall vs.

Alpha Tau Omega.
Winning all three games from Omega hall, the Chi Psis last night entered the third bracket of the donut handball elimination tournament. In the other scheduled contest Kappa Sigma also won three straight from Phi Kappa Psi.

The Chi Psis had little trouble in winning their games, with Jim Wells and McCall winning their singles games from Smith and Steinmiz 21-7, 21-13, and 21-6, 21-8. The doubles match was also a slow affair, with Landy and Calef furnishing little opposition for Schloth and Haberlach, who won 21-13, 21-8.

Meserve was the only Phi Psi to furnish any trouble for the Kappa Sig mit experts but lost to Calavan 21-10, 15-21, 21-13. In the other singles game Johnson gained a 21-4, 21-7 victory over Wellington. Bobbitt and Kotchik had an easy time against Talbot and Riddle, and came out on the long end of a 21-1, 21-4 score.

Huntley McPhee Paces Scorers With 31 Markers

Huntley McPhee, driving Washington State forward, tops the scorers in the northern division of the Pacific Coast conference with 31 points as the teams are poised ready to go into action in the second weekend of the league race. McPhee fattened his total sufficiently to give him first-place honors in the second game of the Oregon series, when he picked up 17 tallies.

Another Cougar, Ken Wills, captain and guard, is pressing McPhee closely, following in the standings a mere two points behind his teammate.

Jack "Spook" Robertson, sharp-shooting Webfoot forward, leads Bill Reinhart's contingent in fourth place with 21 markers just below Bob Galer, stellar Washington guard, who holds the third position with 25.

Following is the scoring summary to date, including all northern loop players who have amassed 10 or more points:

Player	Games	Fg	Ft	Pf	Ttl
McPhee, W.S.C.	4	13	5	8	31
Wills, W.S.C.	4	12	5	2	29
Galer, Wash.	2	8	9	1	25
Robertson, Ore.	2	8	5	2	21
Johnson, W.S.C.	4	6	9	8	21
O'Connell, O.S.C.	2	10	1	3	21
Klumb, Idaho	2	6	2	3	14
Houston, W.S.C.	4	6	2	6	14
Lenchitsky, O.S.C.	2	4	5	4	13
Grenier, Idaho	2	6	1	6	13
Scott, W.S.C.	4	6	0	4	12
Cook, Wash.	2	5	1	0	11
Hibbard, O.S.C.	2	5	1	2	11
B. Jones, Or.	2	4	3	4	11
Olinger, Ore.	2	2	6	1	10

Houghton, Rolly Rourke, and Lavant Holden, forwards, and Arne Lindgren and Glenn Sanford, guards, are all capable men, though without much experience in conference play. Any of them may be needed against the Beavers.

Science Faculty Meets
The science faculty of the University met informally Thursday evening at the Marigold.

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Coach Gill's Championship Hopes Rest on New Center

Editor's note: This is the first of a series of articles by Dan Clark, Emerald sports writer, concerning the relative strength of each of the basketball teams which the Oregon Webfoots will play in the northern division Pacific coast conference race this season.

By DAN CLARK
Verne Harrington, manager of the Union Oilers, thinks the Oregon State five should be the outfit to cop the Northwest conference gonfalon again this year.

The Oilers have played Oregon, Oregon State, and Washington and rank the three of them at the top of the heap with the Beavers first. In three games with the Staters the Portland club came out second best with one win to the Beavers' two. They split two games with Oregon and lost a single contest in the last few seconds of an overtime to Washington 36-37.

"Slats" Gill has a veteran team with the exception of Wilbur Kidder, center. Every other regular played on the Staters' Coast championship team of 1933. Hibbard at forward was a little wild last year, his first, but this season he has settled down and has been sinking his shots with a consistency that has been disconcerting to the opposing team. His floor work has been well polished up since last year.

At the other forward berth is Captain "Skeet" O'Connell, two-year veteran and one of the most brilliant men on the basketball floor in the Northwest conference.

O'Connell's guarding ability is superb and he handles the ball nicely. Holding down the regular guard positions are Carl Lenchitsky and Red McDonald, no less dangerous than the two above. These men can always be counted on for their share of the baskets in any game and form two major cogs in the Beavers' airtight defense.

The center post seems to be one which will make or break Oregon State's team this year. Without the invaluable services of lanky Ed Lewis, All-American center, who led the Northwest's scoring to set a new conference record of 173 points last season, the Beavers are indeed in a tight spot. Whether they can continue playing the brand of ball they displayed last year now that they have 6-foot-3-inch Wilbur Kidder at the pivot post remains to be seen. In Cliff Folen, Coach Gill has a giant three inches taller than Kidder, but this tall lad has failed so far this season to show the style of basketball that Gill demands of his players.

In their pre-season campaign the boys from Corvallis lost only one game to Union Oil. In these training games, Kidder led his teammates in the scoring, which argues well for Gill's choice at center.

Although the Corvallis mentor has not uncovered much of his reserve material, he has some good men on hand. Many of his up and coming players, who are trying hard to get into the "A-1" class with the regulars, are former high school all-stars and last year's room luminaries.

The present Beaver lineup is a powerful one, and if Kidder can get a little more spring into his legs, the combination should finish at, or near, the top of the conference heap this year.

Yeomen Plan for All-Campus Ping Pong Meet, Dance

Virgil Esteb Elected Treasurer; Howard Lee is Appointed As Membership Head

Plans involving an all-campus ping-pong tournament, under the direction of George Telford, and an Independent dance were formulated at a meeting of the Oregon Yeomen in Gerlinger hall Wednesday night.

The ping-pong tournament will act as a preliminary to an all-campus handicap tournament to take place later. Vernon Wisarson the championship in the tournament staged last term.

Virgil Esteb, junior and transfer from Linfield, was elected to the position of treasurer, which has been recently vacated. Howard Lee was appointed membership chairman for the coming term.

A discussion was held as to the advisability of having entertainment at the business meetings. Previous to the regular business of the meeting, a brief summary of the work done fall term was presented to members by George Bennett, Yeoman president.

Yeomen Sponsor Ping-Pong Contest

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Bears Open 1934 Campaign Against Trojans Tonight

Game to Start Season in Southern Division; Trojans Feel Loss of Nemer

BERKELEY, Jan. 11.—(Special to the Emerald)—Meeting in what may be the "crucial" series of the Pacific Coast conference, southern division, the U. S. C. Trojans and California Bears are scheduled to open the 1934 conference season tomorrow night on the Berkeley pavilion.

Because these two teams have completely dominated the basketball picture in the south for six years, the Friday and Saturday games may turn the balance in favor of either team. The Bruins of U.C.L.A., usually a contender for the crown, have failed to convince observers that they will be a serious threat, although Caddy Work's men are apt to turn up with a few surprises. Stanford, likewise, has a poor pre-season record, being crushed twice in a row by the invading Utah teams, while California was winning by large scores from the Rocky Mountain teams.

The Bears and Trojans have similar pre-season records, both having lost to the United Athletic club of San Francisco, and winning most of their other games.

The Trojans boast practically the same lineup as that which won the southern division crown last year, losing only their 1933 leader, Jerry Nemer. This loss, however, may be too big to fill, as "Little Nemo" was a great inspirational leader, time and again pulling the Trojans out of a tight spot with a long field goal. Added to his goal-shooting ability, Nemer speeded up the Trojan offense, and often decoyed men out so that one of his teammates could slip under the basket for easy crumples.

The lineup that opens against the Bears will contain Captain Sax Elliot, reputedly fastest man in the southern division of the conference, at one forward; Ward Holcombe at the other forward, although this may be changed before game time; Lee Guttero, springy center of the Trojans; Julius Bascos, who played football under Howard Jones, at one guard; and Joe Kelly at the other guard post.

Captain Hal Eifert and Greg Englehard, forwards on Nib Price's team, have recovered from injuries, and will start for the Bears. Eifert is one of the high scorers of the southern division. Dave Meek is the only other player certain to start. He will hold down the pivot post.

The first results of research work with climates ever made public in this section were presented recently in a talk before the geography council meeting of the Oregon State Teachers' association by Miss Ruth Hopson, graduate student in geography.

Miss Hopson described and explained the various climatic zones in the state of Oregon, which has a wider variety of temperature and rainfall conditions than almost any other state. How these different climatic areas are classified was one phase of the talk.

William Ernest McKittrick, another graduate student in geography, and Harry T. McCallum, sophomore in physical science, exhibited at the same time a series of continental relief maps they have prepared. The maps are among the best of their kind, it is said.

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Donnelly vs. Povey	135 pounds
Gibson vs. Goodnough	145 pounds
Mountain vs. Stoddard	155 pounds
Owen vs. Wilson	165 pounds
Cross vs. Kendall	175 pounds
Smith vs. any challenger	heavyweight

Following three elimination bouts last night, the finals of the all-campus boxing tournament will start this afternoon at 4 o'clock on the main floor of the men's gym.

Last night's events provided plenty of pepper for the crowd attending, with one technical knockout included on the program, when Comet Gibson got going after a weak start and had his opponent, Ben Swanson, almost off his feet, as the referee halted the match just before the final bell.

Action Is Fast
Swanton started hard and during the first round was on even terms with Gibson. However, in the second and third rounds Gibson's punches started to tell and as the action got hotter he had his opponent at his mercy. Both men were in the 145 pound class.

In the second bout at the same weight Ed Goodnough and Walt Swanson tangled in a match that had little action in the first round but speeded up in the last two, with the veteran Goodnough receiving a clean cut decision over his less experienced but hard fighting opponent.

Extra Round Necessary
In a bout that took an extra round for the judges to make their decision, Tom Mountain received the final decision over Watson. Although this bout had more action than the others it was more of the roundhouse swinging variety with both fighters wide open most of the time.

Mountain, just off the wrestling mat, provided the spectators with several laughs during the match, especially with his "pardon me," in the final round, when he lost his glove and accidentally slapped Watson. With the match a draw at the end of the third minute and a half round, both boys went hard and fast in the final period, but the decision went to Mountain.

Smith Unchallenged
Today's matches include a bout for every title except the heavyweight, where Sanford Smith remains unchallenged. Eddie Vail, last year's lightweight champion, decided late yesterday to defend his title and will be the only crown holder to enter the ring.

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