

THE Firing Line

By PAT FRIZZELL

It's funny how fast basketball season creeps up. No sooner do we stagger back to the campus than we find the first northern division games right under our noses. They're scheduled for McArthur court this very weekend.

Of course, you and I and everyone else have known all about these games the seventh and eighth of January for a long time, but somehow it's hard to comprehend the fact that they're only five days away.

Just five days! Oregon and Washington State knock off the season's lid here Friday night and then finish the series on Saturday. On the same nights, Idaho and Washington tangle at Seattle.

Oregon State is idle on the opening dates, as Oregon was last year. The Beavers open their slate a

week from today against Washington State at Corvallis.

Almost universal opinion around the northern division is that Washington and Washington State are the teams to beat. Washington has everything, and on paper, the Huskies ought to be odds-on favorites. Washington State loses only one man.

Reports hint that Hec Edmundson's Washington outfit isn't hitting the pace it set last year. That can be taken with several grains of salt. Unless Chuck Wagner, Ed Loverich, and Bob Egge have slipped a long way in the past ten months, that trio alone will keep the Malamutes up around the top.

Edmundson's wealth of material doesn't stop with the three veteran regulars. He has four letterman reserves—Jack Gannon, Hunt Paterson, Ross Werner, and Walt Kastner. In addition, he has a couple of transfers and a pair of stand-out sophomores, all of whom are touted as aces.

Washington State? Naturally, the lads from the Palouse hills command the greatest current interest here, for they're the first foes of our Webfoots.

Only Jack (Dutch) Holstine, captain and big gun of last year's crew, is missing at the Cougar institution.

Jack Friel's lineup bristles with

Oregon Five Takes 6 of 9 Practice Tilts

Hobson's Crew Loses to Union Oil and Two California Teams as Silver Scores Most

Oregon's "Driving Ducks" completed their pre-season schedule here Friday night by losing to Union Oil. The other defeat was the third in a nine-game practice slate for Howard Hobson's promising hoopers.

The Webfoot squad, composed of four veterans and four sophomores, piled up far more points than opponents in the nine games. Offensively, the team was strong, averaging 46 points per game. Defensively, weaknesses were apparent.

Silver Scintillates
Big Dave Silver scored more than a fourth of all points tallied by the Ducks. Other leading scorers were Ken Purdy, sharp-shoot-

ing guard, and Slim Wintermute, fast-improving center.

Pre-season games were marked by the fine showing of several sophomores. Wally Johansen and Bobby Anet, Astoria's gifts to the squad, demonstrated varsity form and seem likely to take over starting berths in the coming conference season. Laddie Gale is another sophomore star, and big Wintermute is still another.

The veteran brigade includes Silver, Purdy, Johnny Lewis, and Bill Courtney. Lewis' shooting and floor work and the generalship of Courtney were important aids to the Webfoots in their successful early campaign.

Wagner's Dropped First
Hobson's crew downed Wagner's all-stars of Corvallis here in its first test, 45 to 31. The following night the Ducks drove to victory over Multnomah club, 57 to 49. A week later the Oregon basketesters made their best showing by romping over UCLA in an inter-division game here, 56 to 30.

Southern Oregon normal at Ashland was the first opponent of the Webfoots as they began a brief holiday barnstorming tour into California, and the Sons fell, 38 to 31.

Next came two games against major California teams. Santa Clara was the first opponent, and the Broncos came from behind to edge out the Ducks, 51 to 47. The following night at Berkeley, California dropped Hobson's clan in a high-scoring clash, 54 to 44. The Webfoots downed Chico State, 42 to 33, and then hit for home.

Get a shake at TAYLOR'S.—adv.

veterans. Returning are the Carlson brothers, Sewell and Corky. Then there's Ivar (the Terrible) Nelson, the mighty center. There's Orv Johnson, Cassius Dalquist, Frank Hooper, and, not by any means least, Captain Bill Dahlke.

Also, we're informed, the Cougars have numerous sophomores of better than average ability. As if they needed them!

There's Johnny (Hook) Kesch, a 6-foot-4-inch young giant who led the scoring for last season's frosh team. Then there's Al Hooper, brother of Frank. Frank Hooper, incidentally, is the earnest-looking young guard who potted so many long field goals in one of the Washington State games here last winter.

Holstine was the temperamental type of player, and, despite his poisonous one-handed scoring thrusts which helped so much a year ago, his loss will by no means wreck the Cougars.

Over at Oregon State Slats Gill is placing all emphasis on perfecting an offense, something the Beavers haven't developed thus far. Oregon State's defense is airtight. Ever see a Gill-coached defense that wasn't?

Anyway, the Staters don't, on paper, loom as title winners, even though they have a flock of lettermen. Art Merryman, Earl Conkling, Hub Tuttle, Sir Howard Watson Lyman, and a few other dangerous young men are lurking around the Corvallis campus, and they're certain to cause the rest of the pack a heap of trouble.

Idaho seldom has much in the way of a hoop team, but you never can tell. Every year the Vandals check in with a few surprises.

Meet me at TAYLOR'S.—adv.

We're mighty glad you're back to the UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

The Whole Towns Seems Livelier

and somehow its more like home. By the way, "Thar's snow in them thar mountains" and they tell us that the skiing is just prime.

All right, let's go. We've got the famous—

AFALDA SKI CLOTHES
Jackets, Trousers, Caps, and complete suits—in just right colors and styling. We invite you to see them soon. As always, the prices are consistently low.

THE BROADWAY, INC.
30 E. Broadway

DeNeffe's Winter Clearance Is a Knock-out

It is a store-wide sale,

"contract goods and Tuxwear excepted"

- Suits
- Overcoats
- Slacks
- Hats
- Sweaters
- Shoes
- Shirts
- Ties
- Pajamas
- Robes
- etc.

all greatly reduced.

Hurry... Hurry...

DeNeffe's
McDonald Theatre Bldg.

Hobson's Hoopmen Ready for Opening Of Conference Race

Cougars Have Veterans; Both Teams' Offense Colorful; Oregon Five Has Possibilities

Opening the 1937 northern division conference hoop season, University of Oregon and Washington State college hoopers will gather in McArthur court Friday and Saturday nights at 8 o'clock to drive for the elusive northwest championship.

The Ducks and Cougars will pick up where they left off last season, when each team won two games in a torrid series. The Cougars finished one notch above the Webfoots at third place in the final standings.

The high scoring, fast break offense featured by both teams, indicates that the season openers will be spectacular affairs. Speed on the floor and precision in shooting have been stressed by both

coaches during pre-season training.

Rated as one of the teams to beat in the coming race, the Cougars lost only one man from their lineup of last year. Coach Jack Friel has been more than able to fill the gap by drawing several brilliant sophomores from the ranks of last year's crack frosh five.

Six veterans retained from last year have led the Cougar offense in pre-season games. They include Sewell and Corky Carlson, Ivar Nelson, Bill Dalilke, Tiny Johnson, and Frank Hooper. Cassius Dalquist, John Kesch, and Al Hooper have scattered their way into the varsity ranks from the frosh squad.

Washington State's quintet took decisive victories from UCLA, Gonzaga, and leading Inland Empire teams in pre-season fracasces. Two sophomores, Kesch, and Dalquist, have led Cougar scorers in practice tilts.

A Balanced Program

for an Active Student Body

all here on the campus

SPORTS:

Basketball

- 2 games, Washington State
- 2 games, U. of Washington
- 2 games, U. of Idaho
- 2 games, Oregon State College

CONCERTS & LYCEUM:

Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd
Explorer, Lecturer, History maker.

The Monte Carlo Ballet Russe

The finest attraction on the stage. 150 people. Colorful costuming. Superlative dancing.

The Eugene Gleemen

ACTIVITIES:

Forensics, Symphony Orchestra, Band, Oregona, Sport Managers, Athletic Participation, the new University of Oregon Women's Rifle Team.

All of these and more are yours on your winter Student Body Card—now reduced from \$7.00 to \$5.00.

Also a subscription for your Oregon Daily Emerald.

GET YOUR CARD TODAY
Only \$5.00 \$5.00 Only

THE ONLY GENUINE RUSSIAN BALLET IN AMERICA

is to be here on your campus February 4th... the largest single attraction ever brought to the University... Dance, music, rhythm, beauty, glamour... a symphony of color and movement... the Monte Carlo Ballet Russe playing here in Eugene, the only city with a population under fifty thousand presenting this attraction... This thrilling group has been playing to capacity crowds throughout the country.



The Greatest Spectacle Ever Presented by the A.S.U.O. for Its Members...

Your Student Card Reduced from \$7 to \$5

Get Your Card Today

and enjoy its benefits

A Balanced Program for an Active Student Body

Arrangements can be made to substitute...

RIDING

for
PHYSICAL
EDUCATION
CLASSES

AN INVITATION

Before you register, come and see our stables and covered riding ring.

EUGENE HUNT CLUB ACADEMY

13th and Monroe at the Fairgrounds

A Typewriter

WILL HELP TOWARDS BETTER GRADES

For typed papers do help—they influence you—they influence your professors.

And there is no time like the first of the term to start.

Rent a Typewriter — Put It to Work

We allow all rentals paid on purchase.

Office Machinery & Supply Co.
1047 Willamette St. Phone 148

Thank You

Happy New Year

for your generous patronage in 1936. Be assured of the same good service in 1937.

Medo-Land Creamery
Telephone 638

LEARN TO DANCE

Why miss the social events of the season by not being able to dance. Good dancers are always popular at social functions. You learn the latest collegiate steps quickly and easily at Merrick's. Each lesson followed by an hour of dancing for practice.

You'll Dance in Your First Lesson!

NEW BEGINNERS CLASS

Starts Wednesday, January 13
8:00 p.m.

8 Complete Lessons \$5.00

PRIVATE LESSONS BY APPOINTMENT

LOUIS MOFFETT, Director

861 Willamette

Phone 3081

MERRICK STUDIOS