

THE Firing Line

By PAT FRIZZELL

Critics of basketball have for many years converged upon what they term excessive whistle-tooting. It can't be very well avoided, but that's beside our point for today.

John Kiernan, who does "Sports of the Times" for that king of American newspapers, the New York Times, offers an interesting comparison of whistle-tooting in our two fastest forms of organized physical endeavor, basketball and ice hockey.

On the basis of counts made during a national league hockey game and during one of Madison Square Garden's big time double bill basketball programs, Kiernan found that the hoop sport rates tops in whistle-tooting.

In the three 20-minute periods of a hockey game between the New York Rangers and Detroit Red Wings, the referee exercised his mouthpiece 78 times—26, 24, and 28, by periods.

In a basketball battle between Long Island university and Washington and Lee, Kiernan counted 49 whistle toots in each half, or a grand total of 98. In another game, with New York U, and the University of North Carolina doing the business, the officials went to town with a total of 124 toots.

Which is interesting enough, but, after all, who's afraid of a whistle? Unfortunately, interpretation of basketball rules is not uniform throughout the country. This means more whistle blasts per game in some sections than in others.

Many fans protest against over use of the whistle, but the same fault-finders raise their voices in a Bronx chorus when an official fails to call 'em close enough on the "enemy." Apparently little can be done about it.

Anyway, the figures are interesting. Some enterprising lad might draw up a comparison by checking the toots in some of the coming frays at the Igloo.

The other day we were spouting a bit about Forrest Twogood, who does the coaching (hope it's not too good for our Webfoots) up at Idaho and who is also a baseball pitcher and shorts.

Now a line about Mr. Barry himself, who deserves any lines scribbled about him. Barry has coached Trojan basketball to 61 conference victories against 20 defeats in his seven seasons at Troy. In these seven seasons he has placed first in the southern division four times and second on the other three occasions. And he has captured a couple of playoffs for the Pacific coast crown.

That's quite a record, and it automatically tops everything else in the southern division by miles, kilometers, and fathoms. But up here in the northern division we have a methodical, bespectacled gent whose record is as good if not better.

Hec Edmundson, whose Washington Huskies are once more in line to cop the northern division bacon, is the man concerned. In the last nine seasons, Mr. Edmundson has the not-to-be-sniffed-at record of seven northern division titles and two Pacific coast championships. Once in this period the Huskies finished second and once they slipped to third.

Edmundson's nine-year record follows: 1928—Northern division championship.

1929—Ditto. 1930—Northern crown again. 1931—Coast title.

1932—First in northern division. 1933—Slipped to third.

1934—Back with a coast championship. 1935—Second.

1936—Northern division gonfalon.

Frosh versus rooks at the Igloo tonight! You'll have a chance to compare Honest John Warren's great trio of Ted Sarpola, John Dick, and Matt Pavalunas with Howard Maple's gang of ex-all stagers, and what a fight it should be.

Three-fifths of Corvallis high's state championship crew of 1936 is performing under the rook banner. Stew Warren and Merle Kruger, both all-stagers, and Roy Plugrad, an all-star of the uncrowned variety, are regulars. And there'll be all-state Tommy Hanson from Franklin high and all-state Jake Hergert from Jefferson.

It ought to be slam-bang.

Dashing Ducks Take Overtime Battle From Idaho, 32-29

Phi Delt, Sigma Chi 'A' Teams Garner Fourth Donut Win

Beta B Squad Smothers Sigma Chi B, 19-4; SAE B Beats Sigma Nu B in Rought Contest

The strong Phi Delt A basketball team romped through the Sigma Nu A team to win their fourth straight game in this year's intramural tournament, 23 to 4.

Missing Bingo Crosbie and Ed Strohecker from their lineup because of influenza, the Phi Delt started their usual slow game and only led 4 to 2 at the end of the first quarter. With Will Watson hitting the basket with his one handed shot, the defending champion piled up three more buckets to lead 10 to 2 at the end of the half.

In the secondhalf, the Phi Delt speeded up their offense, running rough shod over the hapless Sigma Nus. Using a zone defense, the Phi Delt was able to keep the Sigma Nus from working the ball in and forcing them to shoot long ones.

Watson, substituting in this game for Bingo Crosbie, was high point man with 10.

Summary: Phi Delt A (23) (4) Sigma Nu A Wilson, 2 ..... F..... Cass White, 6 ..... F..... 2, Battleson Sprague, 3 ..... C..... Healy Milligan, 2 ..... G..... 2, Hockett Watson, 10 ..... G..... Guisse Referees: Gordon and Ward.

Betas 19, Sigma Chi 4 The Beta Theta Pi B team eliminated the Sigma Chi B team from championship playoffs in a 19 to 4 win in a one sided rough game yesterday afternoon.

In the first half, little Bill Harrow, Beta forward went wild to score nine points to put his team far in the lead, 11 to 2. The Sigma Chi lone score was a long basket by Jack Gorrill late in the second half.

With Harrow out of the game in the second half, Dale Lasselle, varsity footballer, led the winners to victory scoring three of the four field goals.

Harrow, playing only the first half of the game, led the scorers with nine points.

Summary: Betas (19) (4) Sigma Chi Kestly, 9 ..... F..... Amato Harrow, 9 ..... F..... Burlingame Conrad, 2 ..... C..... 2, Gorrill Lasselle, 6 ..... G..... Corey Walcott, 2 ..... G..... 2, Breckenridge Smith ..... S..... Gammon Neuman ..... S..... Vale McGowan ..... S Miller ..... S Bittle ..... S King ..... S Referees: Gordon and Ward.

SAE 28, Sigma Nu 8

In a wild and wooly game from start to finish in which three Sigma Nus were put out of the game on account of fouls, the SAE B team walloped the Sigma Nu B team 28 to 8 in the third lopsided game of the afternoon.

Starting right out in the first quarter the SAEs piled up a seven to nothing lead, and then continued on in the second quarter to score seven more points to lead 14 to 2. Bill Van Dusen, sinking one from a little past the center of the floor, accounted for the Sigma Nus only score.

The second half was the same as the first with Ed O'Reilly, SAE forward, leading the attack. He scored a total of 14 points, exactly half of his team's points. Late in the fourth quarter, Woody Robinson, Dick Watson, and Bill Van Dusen left the game with four personal fouls.

Summary: SAE (28) (8) Sigma Nu O'Reilly, 14 ..... F..... 4, Eichner DeArmand, 1 ..... F..... Dungan H. Hardisty, 2 ..... C..... Robinson McCoy ..... G..... Watson Clements, 5 ..... G..... 4, Van Dusen Conger, 2 ..... S..... Stretcher Van Scoyac, 2 ..... S Smith, 3 ..... S Helleg ..... S Referees: Gordon and Brown.

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Ducklings Dump Rooks, 40 to 32

Frosh Annex First Game of 4-Tilt Series

Dick Buckets 12 Points, Tops U.O.; Pflugrad Leads Baby Beavers; Teams Meet Tonight

John Warren's hard driving freshmen opened the "little civil war" series with a close 40 to 32 win over the Oregon State Rooks last night at Corvallis. The two teams meet again tonight at McArthur court.

Following the example set in former years the game was very rough with three Oregon men and two Rooks being ejected on personal fouls. The Frosh led at half time 23 to 21.

Immediately after the opening of the second half Roy Pflugrad dropped in a bucket to tie the score 23 to 23. From this point on the game was nip and tuck.

With only 9 minutes left the Frosh led 29 to 28. But from this point on the driving power of Warren's men began to tell and they ran the Rooks into the ground to win 40 to 32.

Pflugrad took individual scoring honors for the evening with 13. John Dick and Ted Sarpola came close behind with 12 and 11 respectively. Bob Blenkinsop, Stan Short, and Matt Pavalunas of the Frosh led the game on four personals, as did Tommy Hansen and Bill Baughman of the Rooks.

Ducklings Face OSC Rooks at Igloo Tonight

Rival Yearling Quintets Clash at 8 o'Clock in Second Tilt of Annual Four Game Series

Oregon's versatile Ducklings and the Baby Orangemen of Oregon State will clash on maple boards at McArthur court tonight in a game for which Eugene fans have long been waiting.

The contest is slated to start promptly at 8 o'clock, and is free to holders of ASUO tickets. General admission tickets will be on sale at the gate. There will be no reserved seats.

Fireworks Expected Fireworks aplenty are expected at the Igloo tonight when the two quintets lock in battle.

A full half-dozen all-stagers are expected to cavort on the Igloo floor. The frosh have two, and Howard Maple, rook mentor, blessed with the best Orange Babe team in years, has no less than four big guns ready for action.

Rooks Have All-Stagers Heading the list are Stew Warren, elongated center, and Merle Krueger, forward, both of Corvallis high. Tommy Hansen, Franklin guard, Jake Hergert, Jefferson, and Roy Plugrad, former Spartan forward are other hot shots.

Ted Sarpola, three times all-state forward at Astoria high, is one of the main cogs in Warren's hoop machine. Matt Pavalunas, twice all-state for Raymond high in Washington, and John Dick, lengthy pivotman from The Dalles, are a pair of well-drilled mainstays.

Paul Jackson, midget guard, Bobby Blenkinsop, forward, and Stan Short, guard, are certain to see action in tonight's game. Ralph Coleman, Oregon State, will officiate.



These five hoopsters dribbling toward the camera are the S-men of the Syracuse basketball varsity. Left to right: Wilmet Sidat-Singh, reportedly the only Hindu in American basketball, Bob Stewart, Ed Sonderman, Johnny Schroeder, and Captain John Simonaitis.

Husky Track Squad Opens Season Grind

Edmundson's Men Show Strength in Sprints; Material Lacking for Weights and Jumps

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Jan. 21.—With the opening of track and field practice at the University of Washington this week in preparation for the 1937 season, indications are that the Huskies will be weak in the jumps and weights and particularly strong in the flat and hurdle races.

Once more Coach Hec Edmundson must endeavor to bring forth enough talent to bolster his broad jumping, pole vaulting, shot and discus throwing departments, while from the sprints through the two-mile he has a wealth of material.

In the broad jump, Bert Anshutz, two-year letterman who has never bettered 22 feet, is the sole standout. Eddie Gross, member of the Olympic games tumbling team, will be turning out as a sophomore and has come close to Anshutz' best mark.

Childs Standout

Boyd Childs, who hit 13 feet once last year, is likewise the only pole vaulter of merit, with no help coming up from last season's frosh squad to strengthen the event.

Vic Markov, the 205-pound tackle, has a bad knee injury suffered in the Rose Bowl, and will lose several weeks of practice as the No. 1 discus tosser. Markov has never bettered 140 feet in college competition. Leon Bjorklund, a 6 foot-5 inch sophomore, is a promising candidate, but lacks poise and experience.

Again in the shot-put, Hec has no stellar performer. Johnny Buckley is not back in school as expected, leaving Markov and Merle Miller, the sophomore halfback, to share duties. Neither has bettered 43 feet.

Not All Gloom

Sprinters Bruce Humber, Olympic semi-finalist, and Marion Hay, powerful junior, rank tops among Northern Division dash men. Both ran one-two in '35 and with Dick Montgomery, who has shaded even time in the century, to help them

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL SUMMARY Monday's Schedule 4:00—Court 38—Oregon Freeman (A) vs. Phi Kappa Psi (A). Court 43—Abba Dabba (A) vs. Pi Kappa Alpha (A). 4:40—Court 38—Yeomen (A) vs. Delta Tau Delta (A). Court 43—Canard Hall (A) vs. Zeta Hall (A). 5:20—Court 38—Alpha Tau Omega (A) vs. Theta Chi (A). Court 43—Chi Psi (A) vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon (A). Yesterday's Scores Phi Delta Theta A 28, Sigma Nu A 4. Sigma Chi A 15, Gamma Hall A 13. Sigma Alpha Epsilon B 28, Sigma Nu B 8. Beta Theta Pi 19, Sigma Chi B 4. Theta Chi B 20, Gamma Hall B 10. Phi Kappa Psi B 8, Pi Kappa Alpha B 5.

Beavers Bow to Huskies, 37-31

Washington Keeps Victory String Unbroken, Tops Northern Conference

The Oregon State Beavers virtually eliminated themselves from the Northern division championship last night when they dropped a close 37 to 31 decision to the Washington Huskies at Seattle. Washington is the defending champion and leads the league this year with three consecutive wins.

This game made the fourth straight loss Slat's Gill's men have dropped this year. They opened the season with two losses by the Washington State Cougars, followed by a thrilling encounter with the Oregon Webfoots last Friday night, losing 35 to 34.

The two teams meet again tonight and then Washington comes down to Corvallis to finish up the four game series.

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But it is the hurdle events that the Huskies will present their competing ace, Art Morgan, the supple junior. Morgan ran 14.4 for the lows last year and was almost as good in the 120-yard high barriers.

Jim McGoldrick and Jack Flagg, two promising sophomores, will be up for varsity duty along with Fred Stutfield, letterman.

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Webfoots Open Vandal Series With Victory

Urgel Wintermute Tops Ducks With 10 Points; Johansen Gets Victory Basket

Forced to play a 5 minute overtime, Oregon's dashing Ducks squeezed out a 32-29 victory over a hard fighting Idaho Vandal team last night on the Moscow court.

Dave Silver, southpaw high-scoring, opened Oregon's scoring with a free throw. The game then developed into a tight battle with Idaho coming out on the top 15 to 10 at half time.

Vandals Hold Lead The Vandals continued in the lead until Wally Johansen, substitute Duck forward, tied it up at 21 to 21. The Webfoots then forged into a three point lead but Belko came through with two field goals to tie the game again 25 to 25.

With one and a half minutes left, both teams bucketed another field goal to tie the score for the third time 27 to 27 as the game ended.

Ducks Score Twice In the overtime period Johansen and Urgel Wintermute scored for Oregon to give them the victory. Wintermute and Belko led the scorers with 10 points each, with Johansen and Silver of Oregon following closely with 9 each. Bill Kramer was outstanding for the Vandals with his freak shots.

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Idaho, 29 Fg Ft Pk Tp Smith, f ..... 0 0 1 0 Belko, f ..... 4 2 3 10 Johnson, f ..... 1 3 4 5 Bohman, c ..... 1 0 1 2 Kramer, g ..... 3 2 1 8 Jacobs, g ..... 0 0 1 0 Winter, g ..... 1 2 4 4 Totals ..... 10 9 15 29

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