

THE Firing Line

By PAT FRIZZELL

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Making the Vandals tougher is addition of a lad named Lavigne, who wasn't eligible until the Washington State series.

Will Hobby Hobson send the Ducks against Idaho using a zone defense, or will he return to man-to-man?

Man-to-man tactics worked fairly well against the Vandals up at Moscow, and a sneaking suspicion prevails that Hobby will return to them against the Vandals here.

The University of Washington Daily runs a weekly tabulation of leading northern division players, adding more each week as new men shine on the hoop horizon.

Named in the "big eight" last week were four Oregon players—Dave Silver, Slim Wintermute, John Lewis, and Ken Purdy.

Neglect of Anet and Johansen is surprising, but more astounding is the fact that among the missing in Washington's own Bob Egge, Chuck Wagner is on the list, along with Ivar Nelson of Washington State and Art Merryman and Mal Harris of Oregon State.

For two seasons the sprightly Mr. Egge has been Washington's main cog in games played here. This winter he was superb. Maybe he isn't that way always, but he can't fail to be good.

So, Mr. Stump, do your own Huskies justice and include Egge. His performances in the two games here alone puts the lad in the all-star class.

Howitzers. . . . Wally Johansen, now up and around, will be ready for the Idaho series. . . . Wally Geraghty and Norman Iverson, shining lights of Idaho's 1936 basketball teams, are topping two leagues in scoring this winter. . . . Little Wally is using a Spokane commercial league and Iverson collects the most points in a Tacoma circuit.

Follow-ins. . . . Idaho's Coach Twogood is still the baseball property of the Cleveland Indians. . . . He received a notice of spring practice a few weeks back. . . . He sent regrets. . . . We'll have a turf field yet. . . . All credit to the zealous few who drive for turf while the mob expects. . . . In case you don't know it, spring football practice for freshmen begins February 15. . . . Which is next Monday. . . . Quite a ball game the ATOs and Abba Dabbas put on yesterday afternoon. . . . Even two postponements couldn't kill the interest. . . . Last year it was the Phi Deltas who grabbed off a double, winning

Alpha Tau Omegas Shade Abba Dabbas for Donut Title

Hobson Points Webfoots for Idaho Series

U. O. Sophomores Run Over Frosh in Long Scrimmage; Johansen Out of Infirmary

Main task confronting Coach Howard Hobson this week is to keep his Oregon Webfoots up to the pace they showed against Oregon State last Saturday.

The Duck Mentor figures a tough week-end for his basketball team when Idaho comes here for two important northern division games.

Jubilant, but far from over-confident, the Webfoots raced to a 93-to-41 over John Warren's driving Ducklings in a lengthy scrimmage yesterday afternoon.

Johansen Recuperating All but Wally Johansen, recuperating guard, of Oregon's big eight, went into action in the practice. Johansen is out of the infirmary, but won't be back in action until later this week.

Coach Hobson is definitely pointing his booming sophomores for the Idaho series three days in advance. "We're taking them as they come," he stated yesterday.

But three home games and three on the road, remain for the hustling Webfoots in this year's heated race. Friday and Saturday will wind up the Idaho series, and a contest February 26, in Eugene, against Oregon State, will be the final home stand.

Weaknesses Studied Oregon exhibited several weaknesses against the Beavers last Saturday and work in this week's practices are expected to iron those out. The team showed raggedness on tip-off plays, and somewhat erratic from the foul line.

Frosh Prepare For Coast Trip

Warren's Quintet Faces Varsity Hoop Team in Practice Contest

Oregon's Duckling quintet, preparing for a two game coast invasion this weekend, scrimmaged the varsity last night and will perform the same task again today.

Honest John's fast-moving freshmen got the jump on the Ducks last night, taking a 5 to 0 lead, and later on were out in front 9 to 5.

They could not keep up the killing pace set by Oregon's Webfoot aggregation and fell far behind, finally losing out 93 to 41 in the end.

A tentatively scheduled contest with the Oakridge Townies, which was set for tonight, has been cancelled indefinitely.

Sigma Delta Psis Takes In New Men

Bert Meyers New Prexy In Athletic Honorary; Snow Meet Scheduled

Admission of seven new members and election of officers were the highlights of a meeting of Sigma Delta Psi, national physical education honorary, held last night.

Those who completed a series of tests required for initiation were Maurice Ward, Don Lewis, Douglas Ramsey, Bob Chilton, Frank Lloyd, Comet Gibson, and Bob Samuels.

New officers elected were Bert Meyers, president; Talant Greenough, historian, and Frank Lloyd, secretary. Jim Rummel is the retiring president.

In the business meeting, plans for a snow trip, tentatively scheduled for the 21st of this month, were discussed. Plans for the banquet dinner in the near future were discussed, but no definite date has been set.

both A and B championships. . . . This year the ATOs dittoed.

Varsity Swimming Team Determined, Says Coach

By JOHN PINK

"Oregon's 1937 varsity swimming team is not looking for any alibis because of their handicapped training program this year, but will be right in the thick of the fight for the championship during the coming season," said Mike Hoyman, coach of the Webfoot mermen, defending northwest champions yesterday.

There is a decided case of pessimism on the part of the students as the intercollegiate swimming season is nearing its opening. The press and student body are offering explanations concerning the training handicaps with which the Oregon squad is confronted, pointed out Hoyman.

"It will be granted that there is some basis for this attitude, as the team is under a decided handicap with their pool incomplete. But it will not be granted that this handicap is so great that it is impossible to overcome. A championship team is one that can win despite handicaps," Hoyman went on to say.

Oregon opens the dual meet season on February 20 at Seattle, said the mentor, adding, "The team that beats Oregon will have to do it in the water and not on pre-meet dope. The competitive payoff comes at the tape, and the Oregon swimmers intend to be somewhere near the finish line when the races are completed."

The varsity squad is not pessimistic about the coming season, they are fully aware of their adverse circumstances, and of the fact that they will have to fight hard to maintain the record of the past few years, stated Hoyman.

"Oregon has six capable free style swimmers in Jim Hurd, Harold Sexton, Jack Levy, Jim Smith, Len Scroggins and Tom Hayashi. Hurd is undefeated on the Pacific coast at 50, 100 and 220 yards. Last season Sexton swam the 420 consistently under five minutes and 15 seconds, and is a good performer in the shorter distances. Len Scroggins is the most versatile man on the squad; he can turn in good times in the free style, back stroke, and breast stroke, and wherever an extra man is needed, Scroggins can be counted on. Levy, Smith and Hayashi are all new to intercollegiate swimming but show possibilities of developing into competitive men. "These men are all under 2 minutes and 35 seconds for 220 and under 1 minute for 100 yards," Hoyman stated.

Oregon's two divers, Bob Chilton and Bert Meyers, who finished one-two in the northwest championships last year are showing good form this year and should be able to retain their crowns, added the coach.

"In the back stroke Hurd, Scroggins and Hoffman head the list, while of the breast stroke, Chuck Reed, two-year letterman, has not as yet exhibited the form that has made him one of the finest in the northwest during the past two years. In the coming meet with Washington it is doubtful that Reed can place better than third. This means that the Huskies' two breast stroke, Caddy and Erikson, would score eight points to one for Oregon, which would be a severe handicap to overcome," explained Hoyman, who pointed out that Hurd and Scroggins have also made good times in this event.

"Competition this year is stronger than ever. Oregon State has one of the strongest teams ever assembled on the Beaver campus. Most of their men lack competitive experience but will improve rapidly as the season progresses. Washington gave concrete evidence of

its powerful squad by its defeat of Oregon State last Saturday. Although they are missing Jack Medina this year, the Huskies have developed several other outstanding men and now present one of the strongest teams on the Pacific coast," said Hoyman.

The Idaho and Washington State squads, while not as strong as the Huskies and OSC, have men who will probably annex quite a few points in the northern division championship meet, he said.

"Oregon will have to defend its title against these four teams in the northwest division meet. The team's success depends directly on the individual swimmer's determination to overcome handicaps and go on to victory. The Webfoots are favorites on past records, but under the present circumstances are the dark horses in this year's race," he stated.

Oregon will be hard pressed to keep her dual meet record clear in early season competition. The team will develop rapidly during the season's grind and should be at its peak for the championships in March, Hoyman said.

If the 1937 Oregon swimming team fails to retain the northwest title it will not be because of training handicaps. Potentially this year's squad is of championship caliber. On March 27, at Pullman, Washington, they will demonstrate whether or not they should be ranked with Oregon teams of former years," Hoyman concluded.

The event was won by Sueo Oye of Japan, who climaxed his American debut by clearing 14 feet, 3 inches to beat Earl Meadows, Olympic champion, of Southern California, who came second.

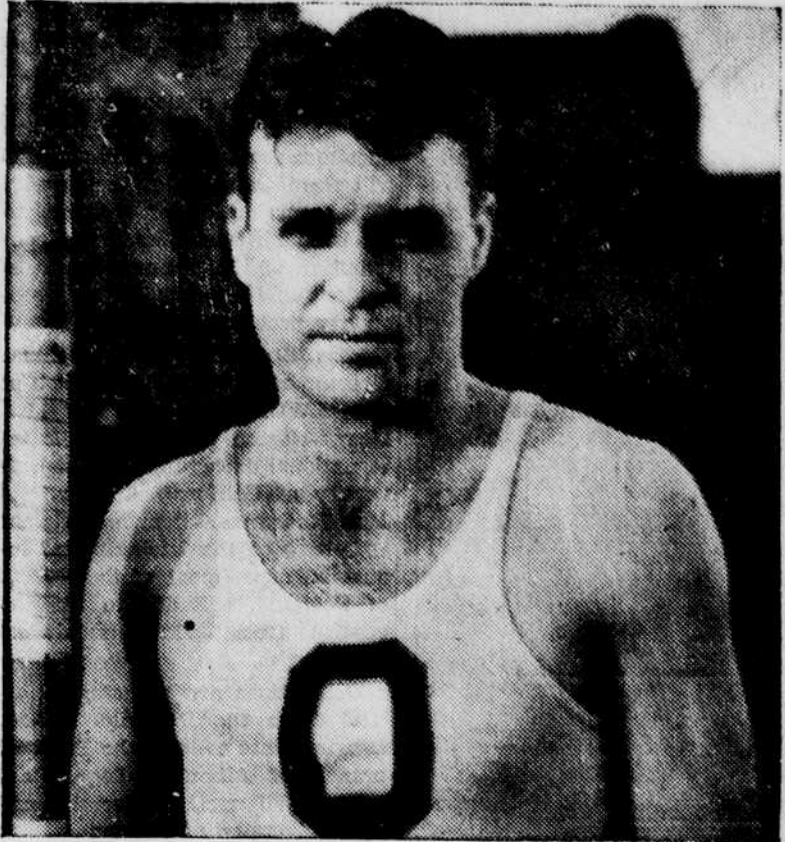
Varoff apparently unaccustomed to jumping indoors vaulted only 13 feet 9 inches, far below his record of 14 feet, 8 inches which he set in Boston last year before the Olympic game tryouts.

Varoff will get an opportunity of evening things up this Friday night when he goes to Boston to compete and will probably meet the same jumpers.

This Friday night Varoff will compete in Boston in his final eastern appearance. With one indoor meet under his belt Varoff should flash in his old form which has made him one of the outstanding vaulters in the country.

After the Boston meet Varoff will return to the Oregon campus and go into training for the coming varsity track season.

Oregon's Varoff



George Varoff, above, is representing Oregon in Eastern indoor track and field meets this week. Varoff holds the world's pole vault record at 14 feet, 6 inches.

Alpha Chi Omega, Volleyball Tilts Orides Take Wins Are One-Sided

Independent Girls Romp Over Chi O Sextet, 23-10; Tri-Delts Lose

The hard-driving Orides II hoopers romped over Chi Omega, 23 to 10, yesterday afternoon for a second victory in the women's basketball tournament.

Chi held a three-point lead during the opening minutes, until the Orides' passing attack began to function. Field goals by Sprague and Clark put Orides ahead 4 to 3, and from that point forward their lead was never seriously threatened.

Scoring honors were annexed by Edythe Sprague, Orides forward, who scored 11 points.

Summary: Orides II (23) (10) Chi Omega Clarke 8 F 6, Boulter Sprague 11 F 4 Foster Cnochson 4 F Nichols Davis G Kurtz Hunt G Boothers Hutchison G Hutchins Esh S Donaldson S

Alpha Chi Omega 15, Tri Deltas 9 Alpha Chi Omega's fast-playing sextet defeated Delta Delta Delta, 15 to 9.

The Tri-Delt team held the lead for a few minutes in the third period, but fell back into second place after a series of Alpha Chi baskets.

Marian Brookings, tricky Alpha Chi forward, led the scoring with a total of eight points, while Bernice Vadnais of the Tri-Delts followed with five points made in the game.

Summary: Alpha Chi O (15) Tri-Delta (11) Hulser 2 F 2 Merrell White 1 F 5 Vadnais Brookings 8 F 4 Wolcott Ross G C Dudley Cleator G M. Dudley Duffy G Thurmond Porter 2 S Driscoll 2 S

Officials: Branthover, Mislley, Martin, Van Dellen.

The schedule of remaining games in the tournament follows: February 11—Kappa Gamma Gamma vs. Hendricks hall; Orides I vs. Susan Campbell hall.

February 15—Susan Campbell vs. Alpha Omicron Pi; Pi Beta Phi vs. Gamma Phi Beta.

February 16—Kappa Alpha Theta vs. Alpha Omicron Pi; Alpha Chi Omega vs. Chi Omega.

February 17—Susan Campbell hall vs. Gamma Phi Beta; Pi Beta Phi vs. Orides I.

February 18—Alpha Delta Phi vs. Gamma Phi Beta; Orides II vs. Alpha Chi Omega.

Finals will be played February 23, 24 and 25.

Pi Lambda Theta Entertained by Dean Schwering

Pi Lambda Theta, women's educational honorary, met at the home of Mrs. Hazel P. Schwering, dean of women, Monday evening.

Discussion of "Understanding Other Women's Problems," was led by Mrs. Elizabeth Montgom-

Come From Behind To Capture Bitter Play-off Tilt, 17-16

Twice-Postponed Game Finally Played; Tough Defensive Tiff Waged By Rival Teams

Meet the new donut champions. A driving, fighting Alpha Tau Omega quintet came from behind in yesterday's championship tilt to ring up a 17-to-16 victory over the Abba Dabbas.

Bitterly fought from start to finish, the game furnished a record crowd of intramural fans with by far the season's most stirring contest.

The ATO basketeers after trailing by a narrow margin through half the ball game, turned aggressors in minutes of the final half.

They erased a three-point Abba Dabba half-time advantage and changed it to a four-point lead of their own in nine minutes of inspired ball.

Evenly Matched In typical championship fashion, the two evenly-matched quintets kept within four points of each other to the very end. It was one of the tightest checking contests of the play-off.

Eight minutes of brilliant play found the teams tied up at four all. The Abba Dabbas stepped out in the second period to nab themselves a 9 to 6 advantage which soon melted before the smooth, methodical ATOs.

The winners tied things up at 11-all within four minutes after the third session ended, and raised it to 15-11 early in the last quarter before an Abba Dabba uprising finally checked them.

Hayashi Injured Tom Hayashi, brilliant Abba Dabba forward, was taken from the fray late in the third period with his team trailing for the first time by a 13 to 11 count.

The pestiferous Jay Graybeal, driving cog of the ATO attack, took things into control at this point, pushing in a short shot out of a wild melee under the Abba Dabba basket to make it 15 to 11.

Graybeal, individual star of the game, teamed with Darrel Miller, standout center, for 12 of the ATO points. The pair dominated play for the winners, and figured strongly in the final outcome.

Graybeal's buckets gave his team a four-point advantage, but a fighting Abba Dabba, Stuart Marsee, teamed with Tom Jacobs a moment later to snip the lead to two points.

Marsee stole the ball in mid-court, dribbled down into scoring territory, and then passed to Jacobs who converted it into an easy lay-in shot. Four fleeting minutes were left in the scrap when this shot rolled through the hoop.

Stafford, ATO guard, rose out of a heap of players to hole Graybeal's rebound shot making it 17 to 13, but back came the Abba Dabbas on a long howitzer by Ed Jacobs to get within one point.

Jacobs swished the heap beautifully from far out near center-court along the sidelines in an astonishing bulls-eye. A bare two minutes of play were left when this bucket was registered.

A free throw by Andy Karstens made it 17 to 16, and anybody's ball game.

Up and down went the fighting hoopmen until with 45 seconds to go the Abba Dabbas gained possession of the ball. They cut loose three times from out past the foul line, and then lost it again.

The ATOs attempted to stall the remaining seconds away, but lost the ball on an out-of-bounds play just before the gun. A lone shot, far out, at the end, failed, and Alpha Tau Omega had captured the championship.

Summary: ATO (17) Fg Ft Pp Dunn, f 1 0 3 2 Graybeal, f 2 3 1 7 Miller, c 2 1 2 5 A. Karstens, g 0 0 2 0 Stafford, g 1 1 1 3 H. Karstens, s 0 0 0 0

Totals 6 5 9 17 Dabbas (16) Fg Ft Pp Tingle, f 0 1 1 1 E. Jacobs, c 2 0 3 4 Hopkins, g 1 1 0 3 Marsee, g 0 0 1 0 T. Jacobs, s 2 0 2 4 Weber, s 1 0 0 2

Totals 7 2 8 16 Officials: Rex and Ward.

These meets are a regular feature of Coach Mike Hoyman's training program, and this year they will be held under the new 1937 revised program, which is considerably different than last year.

All members of the varsity squad will compete and time will be kept of all events for future comparison.

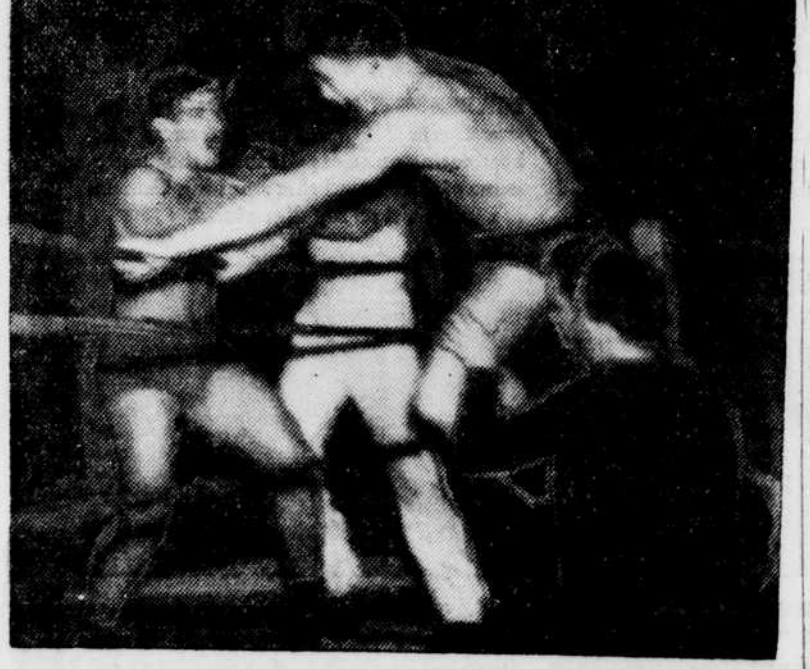
The Duck free style relay team composed of Jim Hurd, Jim Smith, Harold Sexton and Len Scroggins will attempt to break the record of 3:57.5 set last year by the Oregon State Beavers.

The new revised program, under which all meets will be held, is run off in the following order: 300 yard medley relay; 220 free style; 50 free style; diving; 100 free style; 150 back stroke; 200 breast stroke; 440 free style; 400 free style relay.

Hoymann's mermen have four definite meets lined up to date. They will be held as follows: February 20, Washington at Seattle; February 27, OSC at Corvallis; March 6, OSC at Eugene; and March 27, the northern division championships at Pullman, Washington.

Negotiations are under way for a meet in the latter part of March with the University of California, here at Eugene. Nothing definite has been made known yet about this meet.

Duck Ex-Gridders Watch



Andy Hursey and Al Wilson, former Oregon footballists, look on in the above picture as Headlock Hagan and Jack Lipscomb grunt and groan at the local armory.

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