

DUCK TRACKS

By ELBERT HAWKINS

Hail, hail, the king of winter sports—basketball—is almost upon us. So near in fact that day after tomorrow at the Igloo Hobby Hobson will lead his colorful Webfoots into their first test of the season against Portland university.

And what a winter we're going to have watching those proteges of Hobby chasing the northern division crown. Last year they were a little inexperienced, but still put forth enough dash and fire to earn second place after a triangular playoff with Washington and the title-winning Washington Staters.

No ifs or ands about it for the 1938 campaign. The Ducks are rated to finish either first or second, with Washington State as the main competition. Washington's veteran mentor, Hec Edmundson says they'll cop the pennant. Time and breaks alone will tell the story, but it's going to be an interesting season.

Coach Hobby himself admits that he has the man-power, making only the allowance that they'll have to show "satisfactory improvement" over last season's performance to obtain an even chance at the title. Six returning lettermen out of nine tells the story in part. Captain Johnny Lewis, Ken Purdy, and Bill Courtney will be missed, but such sophomore lads as Ted Sarpola, Matt Pavalunas, and John Dick should help drown our tears.

The Astoria pair, Wally Johansen and Bobby Anet (you always mention them in one breath) are on hand, chippy as ever. In true Hobson style they'll keep Oregon's scoring machine always, relentlessly driving into scoring range. When speaking of Astoria's contribution to Oregon basketball, the name of Ted Sarpola, ambidextrous sophomore scoring ace, must be included. Ted was three times an all-state forward while playing with the fishermen. If not on the first five, he's expected to see a lot of action.

Hobby's intimation last spring that only a broken hand kept Laddie Gale, Oakridge flash, from making the 1937 all-northern division team should carry some weight. Laddie is rid of his handicap now and should be ready.

The only problem concerning Oregon's three "lofty lettermen," Dave Silver, all-conference forward; Slim Wintermute, 6-foot-8-inch center, and 6-foot-7-inch Reserve Center Ray Jewel should be finding how to get them in Pullman berths. The solution last winter was to give each man two, and tuck him in cross-wise by taking out the partition.

And Santa Claus gave Oregon a hunky point-producer in Bob Hardy, the transfer from Southern Oregon Normal. Besides being a good curve-ball pitcher, Hardy boasts (he doesn't boast) a scoring average of around 12 or 15 points for 24 games last year with the SONS.

Ford Muller, the likeable, smooth-working, consistent baseball infielder is on hand for hoop duty. Diminutive Ford was on the traveling squad last season, but still has three years of basketball eligibility. That gives you a line on hold-overs. From last year's freshman squad comes some fine prospects headed by the aforementioned Sarpola, Dick, and Pavalunas, and Jimmy Jones.

With these lads, Coach Hobson will attempt to wrest the flag from the paws of Washington State, Washington, Oregon State, Idaho, and Montana.

SIGNALS... HIKE

By GEORGE PASERO

Denny Braid, the boy who does a lot of center-playing on Prink Callison's football team, is another one of the football players who have graduated to various Pacific coast conference colleges from the grid elevens of Eric Waldorf, coach of Jefferson high of Portland.

Among the most recent Waldorf boys to rise to gridiron glory have been Phil Dougherty, giant Washington State fullback of the past three years, Ray Woodman of Oregon State, and the incomparable Bobby Grayson, Stanford's great all-American.

Yes, Denny Braid knew all these boys. He played high school football with them under Eric Waldorf.

Braid tells a little story about

Duck Hoop Aggregation Points For Portland Tilt Under Hobby's Able Eye

Three Days Remain Before Opening Clash As Varsity Battles Reserves in Twenty Minute Scrimmage

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With only three days remaining before the first game of the season with Portland university here, Coach Howard Hobson yesterday continued to drill his 1938 Webfoot basketball aggregation on the fundamentals of shooting.

No starting line-up has been announced. The five men who look to be in the best shape by Friday night will get the call to start, according to Coach Hobson.

Graybeal Heads Oregon Scoring With 36 Tallies

Anderson Trails Far Behind With 15 for Nine Engagements

Jay Graybeal, Oregon's half-pint halfback, has proven himself to be the giant on coast gridirons as far as the Ducks are concerned, having scored 36 points in the Webfoots' nine games, leading all Oregon scorers.

Jay scored once each in the UCLA, Stanford, WSC, and USC games, and twice in Saturday's battle with the Marines at San Diego in running up the 21-point lead which he holds over Steve Anderson, who is second on the scoring list with 15 points.

High in Conference
In addition to leading the Oregon scorers, Jay's 24 points scored in conference competition places him well up on the conference scoring tables.

Anderson's points were garnered from touchdowns against the Marines and Gonzaga's Bulldogs, and three conversions.

Paul Rowe with two touchdowns, both against Gonzaga, and Jimmy Nicholson with a touchdown against Gonzaga, and a field goal on WSC's Cougars, are third and fourth respectively.

Six-Way Deadlock
Bob Smith, Rod Speetzen, Arleigh Bentley, Ted Gebhardt, Dale Lasselle, and Joe Huston are all tied, with six points for fifth place. Huston's six points were all made on successful conversions.

Waldorf. It seems that he and Waldorf were riding in a rumber-seat one night around midnight up toward Washington State way.

Now, according to Braid, Waldorf always had a little pad on which he put down new plays when he saw them. Anyhow Denny and Waldorf hit upon a play that dark night, and nothing would do but that Waldorf would put that play down on paper in spite of the pitch blackness. And this he did, scribbling little circles and xs at intervals all the way to Pullman.

After leaving Jeff, Denny cast his football fortunes with Oregon. That was over three years ago. Now Denny is nearing the close of his most successful season in the Lemon and Green line.

He has seen many ball teams come and go in the PCL, and he ranks California favorably with the best elevens he has played against.

However, Bob Herwig, Cal's all-American's center doesn't rank so high in Denny's opinion... it's Bud Erickson of Washington that rates tops in his list of opponents.

Now in the twilight of his career, Denny Braid, 23 years old, six feet and 190 pounds, will graduate this spring from the school of business administration, and turn his thoughts to holding down a center position in the world of business.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

Hold Scrimmage
A regular scrimmage was held, with members of the regular squad—Dave Silver, Laddie Gale, Slim Wintermute, Bobby Anet, and Wally Johansen—playing against the "super-varsity," a team composed of reserve players: Ray Jewel, John Dick, Wimpy Quinn, Jake Fisher, and Jimmy Jones.

The "super-varsity" showed much dash and spirit at the start, holding the regulars to a 14-all deadlock at the end of ten minutes. However, after this point the varsity started clicking. After 20 minutes had elapsed the score was 45 to 24 for the regulars.

Substitutions made in the varsity were Bob Hardy, Ford Muller, Ted Sarpola, and Matt Pavalunas.

Summers Officiates
Stan Summers, well-known Eugene referee officiated in the game with Coach Hobson watching from the side lines and interrupting once in a while to offer suggestions or make corrections.

The team appeared ragged in places, especially in ball handling and shooting, however, should be in fair shape for the opener.

Laddie Gale and Bobby "Speed-boy" Anet showed up especially well in the scrimmage. Gale made a large percentage of his shots in the practice and is expected to figure very prominently in the Webfoot scoring this year. Anet stood out in his ability at ball handling and fast floor work.

Gammas Finish B Class Donut Season Undeaten

Sigma Chi, Phi Psi, Beta, and Sammies Are Other Winners

Gamma hall advanced into the B class intramural volleyball play-off by virtue of a forfeit from the Omega hall sextet. The Gammas swept through their league undefeated, triumphing over all five opponents.

In other games, the Sweethearts defeated the Comets, and Phi Kappa Psi won from Sherry Ross hall. Both of these games were decided by the forfeit route.

Betas Triumph
The Betas trounced the hapless Deltas, 15-1, and 15-6, and the Sammies came out on top of the Fijis, taking two out of the three games. The Sammies won the first game, 15-4, but the Fijis came back strong in the second match to win, 15-12. The Sammies left no doubt about who was the superior by taking the last game, 15-1. As an added handicap the Sammies had only four men.

Thursday afternoon the A championship is to be played, with Sigma Chi meeting Sigma Phi Epsilon in the first game and the Phi Deltas matched against the Phi Psis in the second. The winner of the last game will play Delta Upsilon which drew a bye. The championship will then be decided by the two winners on the following day.

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Oregon Mitters Open Season With 2-1 Win Over Elk Club Team

Four University Mitt and Mat club boxers hoisted Oregon's Emerald-Green banner over the Elks club arena last Wednesday night, punching their way to 2-1 decision over Eugene Athletic club glove tossers to initiate the winter boxing season in Eugene.

Facing the fire of leather in competition for the first time this year, the four mainstays of the Oregon boxing ranks—Gale Ferris, Pete Thorne, Frank Nickerson, and Shelby Golden—drew rounds of applause from an exclusive gathering of Elks who watched the fast Webfoots step to a well-earned triumph.

Shelby Golden, husky negro, was the only Duck Mitter to lose the nod. He dropped a close decision to Howard Miller, Elk 155-pounder, after holding a small lead in points for the first two rounds.

Sluggo Gale Ferris, the boy who is rated the equal of Smoky Whitfield in the 165-pound division, pounded young Don Thompson of the Elks from corner to corner to win a unanimous vote. Ferris was the master all the way, several times having the Eugene boy on the verge of a knockout, but not being quite able to slip over the "sleeper" punch.

Nickerson Triumphs
In one of the flashiest bouts of the card, "Tiger" Nickerson swarmed all over Don Ebbart to win a rousing decision from the Elk fighter.

Peter Thorne and Bunny Richardson, classy middleweights, battled three stiff rounds to a draw. Thorne had the situation well in hand for the first two stanzas, but faded badly in the last period when the Eugene boy rallied to earn his "half."

Oregon's dusky dynamiter, Smoky Whitfield, the lad for whom the Elk club could find no opponent, displayed his wares in a two-round exhibition with Jim Dimit, Mitt and Mat club prexy and one of the best light-heavyweights on the coast, until doctor's orders caused him to forsake the resined trail.

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Alpha Tau Omega Tops Intramural Sports Round-Up

Phi Deltas in Second Place With Yeomen, Theta Chi Next

A survey of the intramural sports record sheet shows Alpha Tau Omega leading with a cumulative score of 241 points gathered in cross country, tennis, and golf competition.

The ATO boys have not won a championship in any event, but have been consistently good.

ATO	241
Phi Delta Theta	174
Yeomen	171
Theta Chi	161
Phi Gamma Delta	161
Beta Theta Pi	143
Kappa Sigma	141
Sigma Phi Epsilon	138
Gamma hall	122
Chi Psi	122
Sigma Chi	122
Zeta hall	122
Sigma Nu	110
Phi Kappa Psi	96
Sherry Ross hall	96
Phi Sigma Kappa	96
Sigma hall	96
Delta Tau Delta	83
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	83
Delta Upsilon	70
Oregon Freeman	51
Pi Kappa Alpha	48
Campbell Co-op	48
Alpha hall	48
Omega hall	35
Comets	35
La Casa Filipina	0
Sigma Alpha Mu	0

The Yeomen won the cross country championship to add 75 points to their score.

Phi Gamma Delta took the golf championship to garner 100 points, but this gives them no better than a tie for fourth place in total standings.

Phi Delta Theta, closely pressed for second place by the Yeomen, won the tennis championships and added 100 points to their score.

The ATOs seem fairly secure in first place with an almost 70 point lead over their closest competitor.

FRATERNITIES PLEDGE TRIO
Riley L. Hanson pledged Sigma Chi fraternity and Robert Corby Jr. and Kenneth Waggoner pledged Delta Upsilon, according to information in the dean of men's office.

Pole-Vaulter Varoff To Resume Training

Women's Volleyball All-Star Game Billed

The all-star game in women's volleyball will be played off Thursday evening at 7:30 in the women's gym as part of the big WAA program.

Two teams of equal prestige were chosen from the outstanding players in the tournament.

Members of team A are: Thatcher, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Goresky, Alpha Phi; Fouch, Gamma Phi Beta; Montgomery, Hendricks hall; Jacobs, Alpha Delta Pi; Snyder, University Co-op; B. Reisch, Pi Beta Phi; Brookings, Alpha Gamma Delta, and Roberts, captain, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Team B: Russell, Orides; Hunt, Sigma Kappa; Tomlinson, Hendricks hall; Taylor, Delta Gamma; Smith, Alpha Delta Pi; Espy, Kappa Alpha Theta; Strong, Chi Omega; Gadway, Alpha Gamma Delta and Bates, captain, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Carols in the Night Puzzles UofO Students

Students passing by the College Side last night were puzzled concerning the origin of Christmas carols which were filling the air from an unknown source.

After many hours of watching and waiting, one inquiring Emerald reporter discovered that Santa Claus had not come to town, but a meeting of the Beta Gamma Sigma, commerce honorary, meeting upstairs in the Side, was responsible for the pre-Christmas spirit.

WAA PLANS MEETING
A meeting of the Women's Athletic association will be held in the women's gym Thursday evening to give awards to worthy coed athletes.

The evening will feature an all-star volleyball game between selected members of the intramural league. Refreshments will be served and all campus women are invited to attend.

George Varoff, Oregon's world-record-holding pole-vaulter, will resume training as soon as the pit in the unfinished part of the new men's gymnasium can be prepared. This will leave about two months for George to get in condition for his first indoor meet.

The Millrose games, held in Madison Square Garden in New York City the first week in February, will be Varoff's first meet of the indoor season. The next meet will be at Boston, followed by the Knights of Pythias meet, and the National A. A. U. indoor meet in Madison Square Garden.

Due to class work it is doubtful if Varoff will be able to compete in all these meets, but he hopes to attend the Millrose games and the Boston meet.

Last year George added the world's indoor vaulting record to his outdoor record at the Millrose meet in competition with some of the best men in the world.

The easy-going George was reading the "Trainer's Bible" in the training room of the Igloo when he told of his plans for indoor competition.

Varoff says that his old leg injury is completely healed, and a bad ankle sprain sustained in his European tour last summer is bothering him very little.

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