

# DUCK TRACKS

By ELBERT HAWKINS

Washington State's Jack Friel, a frank and confiding coach if there ever was one, voiced his own theory of "why the basketball rule changes" while in Eugene last weekend.

He says most of them come from coaches trying to protect the weaknesses of their own teams, coaches who are politicians enough to swing such changes in the rules (a la Pop Warner who managed to do that for his football teams while at Stanford).

"I talked to a member of the rules committee about the thirty-second rule, and told him what a boon it was to zone defenses," said Coach Friel. That particular rule you'll remember won't allow any offensive player in the keyhole for more than three seconds (1939 rules exclude the outer half of the foul circle).

Friel maintained that particular rule was engineered by coaches trying to protect their own zone defenses. It might be mentioned that Friel has coached basketball at WSC for 11 years and never departed from strict use of the man-for-man defense.

Does he think we'll get the tip-off back—ever? "No!" And the Cougar mentor shares that opinion with Washington's Coach Hec Edmundson.

Incidentally, the northern division has been a pacemaker for other leagues in one regulation. Just this year it was voted by the national association to make it optional for teams to have the baskets in two or four feet from the end line. The previous rule was two feet . . . and the northern division has had it four feet in for around six years!

"It gives the players a much better chance," says Friel, "they used to get shoved out more or were more apt to accidentally step on the end line."

Colonel Bill Hayward, Oregon's beloved trainer and track coach for one-third of a century, recuperating now from a serious heart attack, can't keep away from his duties. Almost every day now for several weeks he has been up to the Igloo to see about things . . . and worry about track.

This morning with Mrs. Hayward he is driving south for a few weeks of rest in sunny California. "Mrs. Hayward is going to drive," said Colonel Bill yesterday, "I'm not ready for that yet. We're going south until we hit the right climate."

Speaking of trips. Says Coach Hobson, "If we had lost the second Washington State game because the fellows were too tired—which I'm sure they weren't—the trip could be more than justified for its value to the players and the school."

"If favorable publicity is of any value to the University of Oregon, we certainly got plenty of it. Through the medium of news reels and syndicated stories the team was enabled to get more column inches in the Portland papers for pre-season games than ever before."

Incidentally, the team is reported to have cleared more from that pre-season jaunt to Madison Square Garden than it netted in some previous complete seasons.

That isn't all either. "While it wasn't our purpose just to see country," added Hobby, "it certainly served as an education for the players and broadened their experience."

Consoling feature of it all is that seven of the traveling squad will be back for one or more seasons. Which Coach Hobby explains means something as they all got the added experience of playing under various types of officiating, and against different systems of basketball.

Oregon State's Beaver quintet which Oregon faces in Corvallis is the worry right now. And Coach Hobson says he's going to start the lineup that shows the most in practice this week whether it be all-coasters, all-northern division, seniors, juniors, or sophomores. "We're going to play the games one at a time from now on—and Oregon State is next!" That is Coach Hobby's plan for the future.

Gale, the coast's high scorer last season, was picked by Stanford's Hank Luisetti as one of the five outstanding players he had opposed in his three years of play. Others were John Ball, UCLA; Chuck Wagner, University of Washington; Shields, Temple, and Mersener, Long Island university.

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The "Stepladder Boys" . . . Yes, you guessed it. And exactly two-thirds of Hobby's skyscraper combination shown above is back in harness right now preparing for Oregon State's Beavers. Reading from left to right they are: Dave Silver (on the campus but past his college playing days), Laddie Gale, Slim Wintermute, and Coach Howard Hobson himself.

## Donut Basketball Swings Into Action Today With Three 'A' League Games

Intramural basketball will swing into action this afternoon with Alpha Tau Omega, defending champions of both "A" and "B" leagues, taking on Sigma Nu in the first game of a triple-header.

Theta Chi tangles with the Yeomen in the second game, and Omega hall and Sigma Alpha Mu complete the first day's schedule.

Today and Thursday will be devoted entirely to "A" league games. The first "B" league game is scheduled for Friday afternoon between Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Sigma Nu, which lost to Alpha Tau Omega in the play-offs last year, will get its chance to avenge this defeat in the first game this afternoon. Both are expected to have strong teams again this year.

Called the "Fizzeds" The physical education club, with Bob Boyd at the reins, has decided to enter a team in this year's competition. The club has chosen "Fizzeds" as the name for their team.

Each athletic manager is expected to have a scorer and time-keeper at the games played by his teams, it was said by the intramural department.

Handball will vie with basketball for intramural importance starting January 16. Phi Delta Theta, last year's champions, meet Delta Upsilon in the first match.

The basketball schedule for the next three days: Wednesday, January 11: 4:00—Alpha Tau Omega vs. Sigma Nu.

4:40—Theta Chi vs. Yeomen. 5:20—Omega hall vs. Sigma Alpha Mu.

Thursday: 4:00—Phi Delta Theta vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon; Phi Gamma Delta vs. Sigma hall.

4:40—Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Zeta hall; Beta Theta Pi vs. Kappa Sigma.

5:20—Gamma hall vs. Fizzeds; Pi Kappa Alpha vs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

Friday: 4:00—Phi Kappa Psi vs. Canard club; Sigma Chi vs. Alpha hall.

4:40—Delta Upsilon vs. Sherry Ross hall; Alpha Tau Omega "B" vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon "B." 5:20—Campbell coop "B" vs. Delta Upsilon "B"; Chi Psi "B" vs. Zeta hall "B."

Handball schedule for the first week: January 16—Phi Delta Theta vs. Delta Upsilon.

January 17—Chi Psi vs. Kappa Sigma.

January 18—Sigma Nu vs. Sigma Alpha Mu.

January 19—Beta Theta Pi vs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

Grinnell college has opened a dating bureau.

## Shakeup Threatened In Duck Hoop Camp; Oregon State Eyed

Reserves Ford Mullen, Matt Pavalunas, John Dick and Ted Sarpola All See Action on Starting Five in Practice Session; Webfoots Meet Beavers at Corvallis Friday Night

By GEORGE PASERO

Fast-coming Webfoot reserves may be elevated to the starting lineup for Friday's "civil-war" basketball battle with Oregon State's aspiring Orangemen, Coach Howard Hobson of the Duck cage crew announced yesterday.

"I'm not interested in whether Saturday's poor showing was a case of tiredness, senioritis, or all-coastitis," Hobby said. "What I am interested in is results. If certain players can't produce, I'll have to replace them with others who can, if we can find them."

And with this warning hanging over their heads, Oregon's Ducks returned to the practice court yesterday after two days of refreshing rest.

Drive, drive, drive was the byword of yesterday's practice as the Oregon mentor put his men through a long session.

Reserves Get Chance Four players, burly John Dick, the big boy from The Dalles; Matt Pavalunas, sharp-shooting guard; Ted Sarpola, the Astoria "whirling dervish"; and Ford Mullen, stocky and speedy guard—were given a chance of cracking the starting five by Coach Hobson.

Of these four, Dick seems to have an inside track on a first team berth. The big boy hit his stride on the Ducks' transcontinental tour and turned in fine performances against the Cougars.

Dick alternates at center and forward, but Coach Hobson may use him chiefly at a forward berth in case Laddie Gale, Oregon's scoring phenomenon of last year, fails to hit his stride and Southpaw Bob Hardy needs relief.

Hobby Warns Team Coach Hobson also warned his players of the Orange threat. The Beavers, piloted by an old maestro of the casaba courts, Slats Gill, are big and tough, and have a habit of making things very hot for a Duck team, especially when the two squads are playing on the Oregon State "cheese-box" court.

It will be remembered that the only game last year's championship Webfoot team dropped to the Beavers was played on the OSC maple.

This year, for the first time in years, Oregon State has used a man-to-man style of defense on occasions and abandoned her famous zone. Such a shift cost the Beavers their opener with Washington State college, but nevertheless it still constitutes a puzzle for Coach Hobson to worry out.

Following the Oregon State game Friday night, the Webfoots will return to Eugene and embark on a journey to the Inland Empire where they will meet Washington State's Cougars in a very crucial series next Tuesday and Wednesday nights at Pullman.

From Pullman, the Ducks travel the nine miles to Moscow, Idaho, to engage the Vandals Friday and Saturday nights.

win Harding, 145; and Cam Collier, 145.

Other wrestlers include Jim Mountain, 135; Al Long, 138; Burt Dake, 142; and Mort Myers, 155.

Case School of Applied Science has a new 160,000-volt radiographic machine for the detection of flaws in metals.

More than 60,000 students in 38 U. S. colleges and universities are members of the Independent Men's association.

Bob "Smokey" Whitfield, at 157 pounds, will take on all that Wayne Dillingham, Elks AAU champion, has to offer. Dillingham decided to take Ferris in an earlier fight last year. Whitfield will be out to avenge Ferris' defeat. Ferris, colorful Mitt and Mat club prexy was forced to resign his post this term.

Jack Fruit, Oregon 175-pounder, tackles Benny Hall's new find, "Slim" Isnogal, Elks battler.

Dale Peterson, 175-pounder, and Bill Lauderback, 135, are expected to bear the brunt of the Portland attack in the grappling portion of the event.

Other boxers sure of a spot are Jim Greene, 118; Wayne Towne, 135; "Tiger" Nicholson, 138; Ed-

ward's return.

But before its end, Hayward's Duck veterans turned the meeting into an informal "so-long" sendoff for the Duck mentor who leaves at 9 o'clock tomorrow for Oakland, Santa Barbara, and way points south.

Track prospects took a turn for the better at the beginning of the term with the return to school of Captain George Varoff, Oregon's globe-trotting pole-vaulter.

Varoff Returns Varoff, the lanky San Francisco Russian, and six vaulting poles reached the University at nearly the same time, and both may have a distinct bearing on Oregon's track fortunes this year.

Other members of last year's dual-meet champions of the north-west who are back this year are Kirman Storli, brilliant half-miler; Don Barker, veteran two-miler; Boyd Brown, javelin thrower; Jim Schriver, half-miler; Jimmy Buck, Mack Robinson's protege and a 96-second sprintman; Bob Mitchell, junior miler; Hal Weston, hurdler; Ken Shipley, high jumper.

All of Oregon's eight defeats during the past season came on long road trips. The Webfoots won 24 home games. Their longest winning streak was 14 at the start of the season.

The following list shows the participation in both intramural and all-campus sports for 1937-38.

Table with 2 columns: Sport and Participants. Includes Softball (432), Basketball 'B' (280), Volleyball 'B' (273), Volleyball 'A' (261), Tennis (237), Basketball 'A' (214), Sigma Delta Psi (161), Handball (154), Water polo (153), Swimming (138), Golf (137), Ping pong (94), GWrestling (91), Cross-country (65), Badminton (29), Archery (7).

Four Oregon players are playing their fourth season together this winter. They are Laddie Gale, Slim Wintermute, Wally Johansen and Bob Anet. In their three seasons of play Oregon has won 73 games and lost only 18. As freshmen they won 24, lost one; as sophomores they won 22, lost nine, and last season won 25, lost eight.

### Considering



Tex Oliver . . . Oregon's smiling football mentor, who introduced the "Oliver Twist" to Eugeneans last fall, ponders an offer to return to the University of Arizona as head football coach . . . while University friends and students await anxiously and hopefully his decision to stay here.

## Freshman Team Bolstered by New Recruits

Honest John Sends Squad Through Stiff Practice Sessions

Back to intense practice after their double win over Commerce high school of Portland, John Warren's freshman basketball squad went through fundamental drills and shooting last night in preparation for their encounter with the Astoria town team this Saturday at Astoria.

Warren's squad was bolstered this week with the return of Hal Sarkela, former Roosevelt high school star of Portland. Sarkela is a good floor worker and is expected to help the squad a great deal.

Another addition to the team is Alvin Stitt, brother of Oregon State's Don Stitt, who is out for practice. Stitt not only plays basketball, but is an accomplished track man having as his specialty the broadjump.

Play Astoria Townies Honest John's crew leaves Saturday morning for Astoria where they will encounter the always-tough Astoria town team, which the famous All-American Wally Palmberg played for last year.

At the present, Warren is trying to get a game in Portland on his way north, but as yet, none has been arranged.

Those expected to make the trip are: Les Thompson, Elliott Wilson, swimming coach, announced yesterday.

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## Super-Varsity, Frosh Swimmers Tangle Saturday

Freshmen Undergo Time Trials Today To Settle Squad

While speeding preparations for the oncoming season, Oregon's super-varsity swimmers will take time out to meet the frosh in an intersquad meet Saturday afternoon, January 21, Ned Johns, swimming coach, announced yesterday.

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