

DUCK TRACKS

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Hobson's Crew Hits Midway Mark

Betas, Delts, Sigma Chi Win In 'A' Circuit; Sig Eps, ATO, Zetas Grab 'B' Triumphs

That's what Slats Gill's Oregon State Beavers mean to Oregon's run - em - until - their - tongues - hang - out conference hoop champions. Such a statement might be challenged, but it comes as an opinion of Coach Howard Hobson. And he should know. Hobby didn't make that statement directly, but you can easily figure it out.

He says the Beavers are a harder quintet to score on with their famous zone defense than Forrest two good's tight-checking Idaho Vandals with their man-for-man. Unless there is a decided change in University of Washington's tactics this year the Huskies won't be trying to play defensive ball against Oregon. As for the Washington State Cougars, their man-for-man defense cracked as wide open as Joe E. Brown's yawn when Oregon ran them to a frazzle in Pullman last week.

So, putting two and two together, you can see why "Oregon State rates as the northern division's toughest defensive team for Oregon to play against." In actual figures, Washington has the conference's best defensive record to date, but the Huskies have played all four of their games against the tail-enders — Idaho and Oregon State. Here are the various defensive averages: Washington, four games, 25.2 average; Oregon State, five games, 32.6 average; Idaho, five games, 35.2 average; Oregon, seven games, 33.7 average; and Washington State, seven games, 37.7 average.

Rituals or secret ceremonies rarely reach print, but this one, a highly effective one by the way, can now be unfolded as a regular yarn because it has become a thing of history. When Astoria's basketball coach, John Warren, used to take his fishermen to the state tournaments in Salem where they were perennially state champions, his "Flying Finns" had a ritual they went through in a hotel room there, symbolic of their unconquerable spirit.

Curiosity, four years old, got the best of us so there was nothing to do but ask Honest John all about it. "I never saw it," said he. "They would never let me in on it. I had to sit in the lobby downstairs . . . but I can tell you about it." The portly ex-Astorian says he only once ever got close to what his basketball players did, "then I heard Anet say something like this," he explained, "you fellows have done well today. If we can do as well tomorrow . . . etc."

The ritual? Oh yes. Before each state tournament started, John Warren's Astoria high basketball team would converge in a Salem hotel room. They would take one of the boys' undershirts and rip it to shreds. Then it would be tied into a chain-like rope, one end being anchored at the head of a bed and the other running up to the light where it was fastened. At corresponding distances on this symbolic rope, four sheets of paper would be fastened representing the four teams Astoria would have to beat to win another state championship. A little tag representing Astoria would be placed at the bottom of this string.

Each night after winning their hall game—for you have to win four in a row to get the title—John Warren's Astorians rushed back to their hotel room and went through their little ceremony, moving the Astoria tag up another notch. At the end of state tournament week it would be on top. John says "it was Anet's doing," meaning that little Bobby Anet, guard on Hobby Hobson's varsity team, was the ring leader during the last few times it was done. Wally Palmberg, Oregon State's all-American high scorer of 1935, started it.

The ritual passed into history four years ago when Honest John Warren and his boys Anet, Wally Johansen, and Hank Nilsen came down to school at Oregon. Referees, Phil Craft and Al Long.

Bob Crosby turned in an outstanding game for the losers, collecting 4 points and playing a clever floor game. Lineups: Delta Upsilon (9) (23) Zeta Hall Metzger (2) F (10) Nosi Crosby (4) F (10) Whitnack Haskell (1) C (2) Turner Kirkpatrick (1) G (3) Landeen Schwartz (2) G (6) Johnstun Lovell (2) S (2) Innocenti Warren (2) S (2) Sandstrom S (2) Bryant S (2) Griffith

Trainer Bob Officer Drills Ducklings Oregon Yearlings Prepare for Tilt With Beaverlings

Bob Officer took over the frosh basketball players last night and sent them through a tough scrimmage before the second series game tomorrow night with the rooks.

Honest John Warren spent the day at Portland and left Officer, Oregon trainer, in charge of his squad. The rooks have yet to lose their first game of the season. The Orange Babes have won six regular scheduled games and lost none. The Ducklings have won four lost one, losing their first to the Staters.

Starting his fourth year as coach, Warren has won 9 of the 13 games so far played against the rooks. Last year's squad walked over the "little Beavers" in all four games of the "civil war" series.

Check today's want ads.

Tonight's Basketball Lineups

Table with columns: No., Name, Pos., Exp., Hgt., Wgt., Age, Home Town. Lists players for Oregon State and College Squad.

Table with columns: Player, OSC, No., F.G., F.T., T.P., No., F.G., F.T., T.P., Totals, Pers'n's. Shows game statistics for Oregon State College Squad.

Table with columns: Player, Oregon, No., F.G., F.T., T.P., No., F.G., F.T., T.P., Totals, Pers'n's. Shows game statistics for Oregon.

Table with columns: No., Name, Pos., Exp., Hgt., Wgt., Age, Home Town. Lists players for University of Oregon Squad.

* Denotes varsity letters earned.

Duck Dynamite



John Dick . . . burly Webfoot guard will see action tonight when the invading Beaver squad meets Oregon in the second game of this "civil war" series.

DGs Finish First In Coed Swim Meet

The Delta Gammas captured 21 1/2 points last night in the first of the intramural swimming meets which gives them a good start toward the silver trophy; second, Pi Phi, with 14 points; third, Alpha Phi, with 10 points.

The results of the eight even's were: 20-yard free style—First, Marian Barrett, DG; second, Sally Murrow, Gamma Phi.

40-yard side—First, Betty Seeley, DG; second, Margaret Young, Theta.

20-yard breast—First, Betty Mae Lind, Orides; second, Maluta Reed, Tri-Delta.

20-yard back crawl—Tied for first, Martha McClung, Pi Phi, and Molly Cunningham, Alpha Phi; second, Janet Morris, Theta.

40-yard back crawl—First, Molly Cunningham, Alpha Phi; second, Margaret Young, Theta.

40-yard crawl—First, Martha McClung, Pi Phi; second, Marian Barrett, DG.

Relay—First, DGs; second, Gamma Phi.

Diving—First, Martha McClung, Pi Phi; Betty Jane Caldwell.

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Athletes Notice!

All those expecting to turn out for interhouse wrestling the latter part of February should secure a heart check from the infirmary tomorrow between the hours of 2 and 4.

Those examined for cross country and all freshmen who were examined this school year and not on restricted physical education are exempt. No one will be allowed to participate in wrestling this year without a heart check. Preliminary workouts are suggested also.

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Varsity Mermen To Swim for Oregon Dads

Perhaps Washington State's swimmers are going to take their examinations. Maybe they were forced to cancel their match scheduled with the streamlined Oregon varsity for Dad's day, January 28—but the Ducks will swim anyway.

Oregon dads will have an opportunity to watch the records fly, in an exhibition, according to Mentor Ned Jones.

Jack Dallas who unofficially broke the Pacific coast breast stroke record last weekend and Sherman Wetmore, back stroke ace, will be on display Saturday for the dads.

From a field composed of Pierce Mallory, Al Sandner, Jack Levy, Ralph Lafferty, Jim Maric, and Tom Starbuck. Coaches Jim Reed and Ned Jones will pick a team to aim at the medley relay record.

After ten years of study by its scientists, there will be published soon at Brown university a three-volume atlas of the speech peculiarities of New Englanders.

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Cole's Appointment For Job Confirmed

Ralph W. (Bill) Cole, Oregon's line coach announced yesterday that he had received confirmation of his appointment as director of athletics and head football coach of Santa Ana, California, high school.

"I received notice that the official papers have been sent north," Cole said yesterday in announcing that the southern school had met contract stipulation asked by the portly Duck mentor.

Cole said he expected to leave for his new post around the first of April. He will stay with Coach Tex Oliver until a new assistant takes over.

Coach Oliver is due back from Portland Friday when he is expected to open negotiations for a new aide. Wednesday, Oliver said he had no ideas about a successor to Cole.

An Oberlin college committee has just passed a ruling which says that the college flag must be flown when college is in session or on special holidays.

Chi Omega Quintet Wins From ADPi

Chi Omega's fast moving quintet defeated the ADPis, 21-13, Thursday in women's intramural basketball. Robin Nelson, Chi O forward, was high scorer with five field goals and a free throw. For the ADPis, Mildred McCarthy and Izetta Heister each made six points.

Today at 4:30 p.m. the Alpha Phi are slated to play Hendricks for hall in the indoor gym.

Miss Beverly Young, manager of intramural basketball, announced that the last chance for heart checks will be today at 4:30 o'clock in Miss Harriet Thompson's office.

Hockey Club Elects Officers; to Travel

Preliminary plans were made for the coming hockey season and officers were elected at a meeting held Tuesday night, by the University of Oregon coed hockey club.

A return match with the Vancouver, B. C. team which played here last term was proposed as well as games with Portland high schools, it was announced.

The officers elected were: president, Aileen Dement; field manager, Beverly Steel; secretary-treasurer, Robin Nelson.

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