

# DUCK TRACKS

By ELBERT HAWKINS

## Honest John Still Smiles



Although he had his weakest frosh basketball team since taking the coaching reins at Oregon, Skipper John Warren still wears his good natured countenance—maybe it's because he's thinking about the Ducking basketball team of 1939 which will be his next creation.

"Shades of L. H. Gregory! It can't be true, but it is! Canny Hec Edmondson has admitted his Washington regulars can't outrun or outdrive Oregon two nights in a row on their own Seattle floor.

For 19 seasons now Uncle Hec has been turning out Washington hoop machines, and eight of them were conference champions. His teams are never outdriven two consecutive nights on anybody's floor. Only exception was last winter at Oregon's McArthur court when the championship Webfoots did it.

George Varnell in the Seattle Times, says: "Hec's plan has been to keep his first stringers in action as long as there has been any question about the outcome of the game." We quote that policy because it has been Washington's for many seasons and Hec has followed it because he's always figured to outdrive the other club that way regardless of how critical the race was." And Washington has pulled some titles out of the fire.

This time Washington is on the spot again needing to sweep Friday and Saturday night's games from Oregon at Seattle to win that coveted northern division title.

Quoting Varnell again: "But now Edmondson is concentrating on his top reserves—Dick Izzard, Harry Lockhart, Jack Voelker, Hal Schlichting and Bobby Dorr. His idea is to have his reserves ready to jump into action and relieve the pressure on his regulars from time to time."

"Through this strategy, Washington will be able to travel at full speed from the first whistle." The answer is evident. Hec has given up the idea (he wouldn't concentrate on his reserves in practice for a whole week just to fool Oregon) of his Husky regulars outrunning the Webfoots two nights in a row at Seattle this weekend.

Be it strategy . . . call it what you may . . . the fact remains. Hec doesn't think his regulars can outrun Oregon two nights in a row or he wouldn't depart from a policy of almost two decades to gamble on a ten-man fight against the marathon Ducks of Oregon.

Solved: the problem of how a super icy surface on wax might be removed from the maple boards of McArthur court. The problem, of course, was to do it in time to provide Hobby's Webfoots with a suitable place to practice their fast break for the Washington series.

Solution: the perplexed Oregon mentor said it couldn't be done in time, but a coat of varnish did the job (or did it). Late Monday a thin coat was applied to the playing surface of the court and Igloo heat turned on all night to dry it. Yesterday the floor more nearly resembled a fly paper surface, but not enough to stop Oregon's basketekers from scampering around for their fast break drill (safely).

St. Mary's 3, Stanford 2, Yessir, it's baseball. Before northern fans have scarcely started to even think baseball, the southern conference collegians are right in the thick of their season and they are playing mid-season ball. That St. Mary's-Stanford game went ten innings before the deciding run slipped in on a dropped third strike by catcher. When the northern division gets halfway through its season during spring term (and it's still raining out flocks of games) the California boys are calling it quits and concentrating on track, golf, etc. (by that we mean football). Hence there's no play-off between northern and southern division champions for the coast collegiate baseball championship. It would be as bad as sending Tony Galento against Joe Louis (?).

Contemporary Hank Garnjobst in the Oregon State Barometer recently commented that the season's best northern division officiating job was done by Messrs. Buckley and Munson at Corvallis when the Oregon Staters upset Oregon, 50 to 31. . . . sorry Hank we can't agree . . . call the 1939 Webfoot basketball edition the school's "travelingest" in history . . . total—27 games . . . on road—16 games . . . cities—14 different cities . . . enough prospects have been found in the intramural wrestling tournament to give Oregon's varsity mat squad a big boost . . . if they'd only turn out . . . the Webfoot ringmen entertain Oregon State's high-powered team here this weekend.

## Yearlings of 1939 Are Ugly Ducklings on Warren's Record

### Hapless Frosh Win But Six of Twelve; Previous Warren-Coached Teams End With Better Performances

By DOUG PARKER

Coach Honest John Warren has closed another chapter in the annals of frosh basketball, a chapter about a very mediocre team. With but six wins in twelve starts, this year's frosh casaba players have far from equalled the performances of previous Warren-coached teams, records show.

Warren took over the frosh basketball reins here in 1936, after monopolizing state tournament trophies with perennially strong Astoria high school teams. The maple men of that season took 19 out of 20 games, one defeat going to the Orange rooks. Laddie Gale was high point man for a team that scored 857 points to its opponents' 522. Other outstanding players on the five were Bob Anet, Wally Johansen, and Ford Mullen.

Another Good One

The following year saw another Warren-coached team finish high in the win column. Led by John Dick, who scored 126 points, and Ted Sarpola, trailing closely with 120, the frosh captured eight out of 12 contests. They lost twice to the rooks, once to the strong Union Oil outfit of Portland, and once to the Wendling Cardinals.

Last year's frosh walked off with 16 wins in 17 starts. Only Wendling knocked over the Ducklings of 1938. Earl Sandness scored 210 points for a team that waltzed away with the four-game "little civil war" series against the Oregon State rooks, and also defeated the powerful Vancouver high school quintet, Pendleton Laundry, Longview high, Franklin and Commerce high schools of Portland.

Prospects Were Nil

Prospects for another outstanding frosh team were brilliant at the start of the year, but before the season had begun all but Len Gard of the first five had been declared ineligible because of scholastics. Gard, all-state forward, and Doug Caven, fleet-footed halfback on Warren's football team, led the weakened frosh and loomed as outstanding varsity prospects. The two scored one point over a half of their team's total of 515.

Frosh results: Fr. Opponents 42 Commerce 20 43 Commerce 26 25 Meier & Frank 28 32 Astoria 25 29 Rooks 36 32 Rooks 57 35 Lost River 41 81 Gardiner 50 60 Wendling 31 40 Wendling 50 39 Rooks 47 47 Rooks 65 47 Rooks 65

Of 333 University of Oklahoma coeds answering a questionnaire, 313 checked "to make friends" as the reason for coming to college.

Seething with thoughts of revenge, Oregon boxers and wrestlers are in full training, motivated by one thought—Friday evening in McArthur court the Ducks encounter the Oregon State ringmen in a return match.

Herb Colwell's men were soundly thumped by the Orangemen. However, they are determined to gain revenge and post wins over the Beavers in the Webfoot fair.

It will be the first time this year that any boxing and wrestling matches have been staged in the Igloo. Match time will be 7:30 p.m.

Bailey Still Handcapped

According to Colwell, there is some doubt whether Jim Bailey will see action at the heavyweight mitt division. A bad tooth still bothers the hefty puncher.

A shakeup is possible in the wrestling lineup. Probable changes will be in the 155-pound division. Al Conger may draw the nod over Mort Myers. Willie Williams, captain of the wrestling squad, may not see action. Recent injuries may force the genial grappler out of the headline event.

The boxing lineup remains the same with Jack "Fruit" Pete Thorne, Merle Hanscom, Cam Collier, Wayne Towne, and Jim Greene slated for the Oregon corner Friday night.

On the wrestling squad are likely to remain Dale Peterson, Ray Foster, Jim Mountain, Burt Dake, Bill Lauderback, and Wendell Haley.

## Igloo Varnished--Ducks 'Home' Again

### Varsity Scrimmages for 40 Minutes Against Supers; Team Keyed for Sweep of Washington Series

Oregon's Webfoots returned "home" to good old McArthur court yesterday after a two-day sojourn at the men's gym, not quite 50 yards away, and found conditions to their liking for windup preparations for their championship series at Seattle, Friday and Saturday nights.

Driven to the confines of the men's gym "crackerbox" court by a "super" job of waxing done on the McArthur maple for the senior ball, the Ducks found a shiny floor awaiting them yesterday. So they carted their practice paraphernalia and stuff back to the Igloo.

Varnish Helps

Monday the maple boards were as slippery as an ice-skaters paradise, but yesterday, they were fairly sticky. A quick job of floor varnishing turned the trick.

Declaring that the Ducks needed lots of fast-breaking and drive to cope with the never-tire Huskies, Coach Hobby Hobson scrimmaged his charges for 40 minutes against a Washington team made up of super-varsity men.

Wally Johansen, Bob Anet, Slim Wintermute, Laddie Gale, and John Dick faced the "Yellows"—Earl Sandness, Red McNeely, Archie Marshik, Toivo Piippo, and Porky Andrews—for the entire first half. In the second period, Ford Mullen, Ted Sarpola, Bob Hardy, and Matt Pavalunas, relegated to the second string with

## Duck Swimmers Clown as They Await Beavers

### Freshman, Varsity Meets May Be Held Here Together

By JIMMIE LEONARD

The Oregon varsity and frosh swimming teams went through hard practice yesterday in preparation for the two OSC squads. The two varsities will meet at 2 o'clock in the men's natatorium Saturday, March 4. It wasn't all work with the boys, however, because there was a lot of "slap-happiness" along the side. "Maui" Jim Marnie and Mentor Jim Reed staged a diving exhibition for the rest of the fellows. The difference in the judging was so great that it was impossible to determine who held top hand.

The time for the frosh-rook mix was originally set for 10 o'clock Saturday morning, but a conflict in the pool schedule has necessitated a change in the youngsters' meet. Webfoot Mentors Ned Johns and Jim Reed expressed the belief yesterday that both meets would be staged simultaneously, a frosh event preceding each varsity event.

Cutler Instructs

Russ Cutler, assistant professor of physical education, instructed Divers Lec Gaffney, Elmer Malory, and Ralph Cathey last night. Flaws in what might appear to be a good dive were quickly spotted by Mr. Cutler. Their only conference defeat was given the Duck divers by the Beavers' ace plunger, John Olsen, at Corvallis February 4.

The Webfoot varsity won four events in the first UO-OSC tangle—the 300-yard medley relay, 50-yard dash, 150-yard backstroke, and the 200-yard breast stroke. The Ducks expect to win these same events and add a few more to them. For instance, Captain Jack Levy, "the Milwaukie Mariner," has shown improvement in free-style distance events. Levy has also developed into a "better than fair" backstroker.

The OSC 400-yard relaymen (Brugger, Ebling, Koski, and Brownell) will face a revived Oregon squad, and will have to breeze right along to win, because the Ducks will have ideas of their own. The Ducklings fell before the baby Orangemen, 45 to 29, February 4, but will come back trying hard, in spite of their ineligibility-shattered ranks. The young Oregon mermen who will try to turn back the Beaver fledglings will include: Dick Smith, Gerald Heustis, Jim Carney, Ed Jacobs, Bob Range, Bob McAuliffe, and Fred Vincent.

The West Virginia legislature is considering a bill which would require all journalism teachers to have at least five years practical experience.

The University of Mississippi is the latest of the colleges to open a student-operated night club on its campus. A nickelodion furnished music for its opening night.

## Quick! Hobby, Send Their Daddies North

Attention Mr. Howard Hobson and Oregon hoop followers!

If you want to see the Webfoots play through to a coast championship, cross your fingers, hope for the breaks, and above all, bring Mr. Charles Anet of Astoria to the remainder of the Duck hoop games.

For, according to Mr. Arthur Johansen, also of Astoria, Mr. Anet, father of Oregon's Robert Charles Anet, has never seen Oregon beaten in four years of watching Captain Bobby, Wally Johansen, and the rest of the Webfoots cavort on the McArthur maple. When Charles Anet comes down from Astoria for a game, the Ducks don't lose (knock on wood, at this point).

Mr. Arthur Johansen, if you haven't guessed, is the father of Wallace Arthur Johansen, Captain Bobby's running mate at guard.

With the championship hanging on the outcome of the Washington series this weekend, it might not be such a bad idea to prevail upon Mr. Charles Anet to journey to Seattle and take Mr. Arthur Johansen with him, just to make it doubly sure Oregon takes the pennant.

## Husky Voelker



Dick Voelker . . . along with his teammates await the Ducks.

## Tex Oliver Invites Would-Be Gridders

Are there any football players in the crowd—or rather in the school?

If there are and they are not out for football, Tex Oliver will be "tickled" to give them a suit come spring practice.

The Duck mentor thinks there are as many good football prospects who don't play as do, and spring football is their chance to participate and show what they can do.

"Why, the best player I had at Arizona was developed that way. He had never played football in high school."

Is Great Training

Coach Oliver thinks football provides fine physical and mental training. He says spring training is a fine time for those fellows physically built for football, but possessing only a minimum of experience, to turn out for football.

And to all University of Oregon men who wish to come out, Tex Oliver promises a suit and as much consideration as any varsity man gets. The Duck mentor also states that any of these embryo football-

lers who show aptitude for the game and progress in play during the training period will be given their chance next fall.

Likes 'Em Green

Development of young players is a specialty with Coach Oliver. At Arizona he made stars out of green kids, and at Oregon, he feels certain there is much football "timber" yet to be explored.

So, to Webfoots who sit in the stands saying, "Gee, I'd like to be in there," this is your chance. You, too, can play football, and you'll have one of the nation's most noted younger coaches to help you in Tex Oliver.

## Donut Wrestling Nears Finals; 19 Are Eliminated In Latest Mat Mix-ups

The elimination of 19 wrestlers yesterday brought the individual and team championships nearer the finals in intramural wrestling.

The 145, 155, and 165-pounders enter the semi-finals today, with the champions to be announced at the end of this week.

Quickest-throwing time honors yesterday went to Jim Pickett, who threw Len Eaton in 21 seconds, three seconds short of the record held by Bernie McCuddin.

Several Defaulted

Several matches in the heavy-weight division were won by default, as the activities of several "heavies" kept them from wrestling on their scheduled time.

Results of yesterday's matches: 126-pound division—Glenn Cougill, fall over Al Childs.

135-pound division—Nick Nickerson, fall over Dick Sears; Tom Baldwin, fall over Bill Hansen; Jim Stearns, fall over Preston Phipps.

145-pound division—Bill Cummings, decision over Doug Hay; Cam Collier, fall over Lloyd Johnson; Jim Pickett, fall over Len Eaton.

155-pound division—Frank Anderson, fall over Paul Bocci; Roland Rodman, fall over Ehrman Guistina; Waldo Caulfield, fall over Earle Maynard; Leland Terry, fall over Bud Rousseau.

165-pound division—Bob Speer, fall over Al Simpson; Floyd Elliott, fall over Chan Smith; Herb Gifford, fall over Buzz Baker; Tony Frombolo, fall over Johnny Davis.

Heavyweight—Frank Meldrum, winner by default over Ed Moshofsky; Knox Parker, Bill Hawke, and John Yerby, winners over La Verne Van Marter, Bill Regner, and Bernie McCudden, respectively.

Who Tussles Today

Starting at 4 p.m., the following will wrestle today at five-minute intervals in the order given:

126-pound division—Bob Dalton vs. Don Hamitt, Lee Rennolds vs. Tom Williams, Ray Logan vs. Powell Loggan, Joe Gurley vs. Glenn Cougill.

135-pound division—Gordon Crymes vs. Bob Berghan, Nick Nickerson vs. Tom Baldwin, Bob Stimson vs. Herb Ehrsam, Glen Eaton vs. Jim Stearns.

175-pound division—Elmer Han-

son vs. Bob Hayes, Jim Armppriest vs. Art Ebright, Jim Dimit vs. Dusty Jameson, Mike Cooley vs. Bill Merrill.

Heavyweight—Nello Giovanini vs. Art Hannifin, Bill Hawke vs. John Yerby, Jim Dimit vs. Frank Meldrum, Elyza Willis vs. Frank Parker.



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