

SKI CARE

By WALT WOOD

Snow on the pass!
In a few days those words will be heard all over the Oregon campus so here are a few tips on getting your equipment ready for the season.

First, yourself . . . Spend a few minutes every day doing knee bends and push-ups from the floor with your arms. You do lots of skiing with your shoulders and arms and a little time now will mean more fun later on.

Next, your skis . . . They should be of hickory or maple and about fourteen inches longer than you are tall and by all means get metal edges on them. Metal edges save the wood edges from wear and you can ski with more control, and that's the thing.

The Fasteners
Bindings . . . Or harness, if you call them that. Any good cable binding will do, and mount them at the balance point of each individual ski a little to the outside of the ski. Put the downhill attachments in the center of the sides of the skis and they won't be catching on the ice and spilling you. Fit your boots well back in the bindings, so they can work forward and snug into the toe plates. That's important.

Poles . . . They should come right to the pit of your arm standing on the floor. Metal is best but a good cane or bamboo ski pole won't make you a worse skier. Have leather grips and oil all the leather parts to the pole.

Boots next . . . Put as much money into your boots as you do into your skis and you'll be a better and happier skier. Any well known lined boot with a hard toe will do. It's best to get a metal shank and laced saddles help a lot. Wax them with boot wax or any wax shoe polish and keep them blocked when not in use and wear slippers back from skiing or your feet will be cold from perspiration.

Your Clothes
Trousers . . . The long downhill pants are the only thing . . . a good grade wool gabardine, and have them tailored to fit . . . You look and feel better. Have zipper pockets and wear a pair of silk socks next to your skin and one pair of wool socks.

The jacket . . . A very light moisture, but not water proof jacket, snug at the waist, with zipper pockets and plenty large for you . . . In cold weather wool shirts feel awfully good but they're bulky . . . you can work up your own color combinations, but re-

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Ski Development at University of Oregon is Traced

Varsity Overcomes Many Handicaps

Webfoot Team Begins Under Limited Conditions But Soon Attracts Coastwide Attention; Rollie Dickie in Charge

By PAUL McCARTY

Should old Sol suddenly duck behind a cloud and go into hibernation for the winter, no one on the campus would be more pleased than Rollie Dickie, ski team faculty adviser, and his group of skiers.

"We need snow right now and lots of it," said Dickie, ski team spokesman. "The fellows are working every day with ski conditioning exercises, but they can't practice actual skiing until some snow hits the peaks in the McKenzie area."

New Setup

The ski team is under an entirely new set-up this year from that of last season, and from opinions of interested students on the campus, skiing is definitely on the up-grade here at the University of Oregon.

Last year the ski team was almost independent of the physical education department. The skiers themselves arranged their meets, transportation, and recommendations for letter awards. The skiers had no one to really look after them, and accordingly were rather inconsistent in their activities.

Despite their inconsistencies, the ski team gained considerable attention on the Pacific coast. In fact so much so that Oregon "wooden sazdal" artists attracted Ariel Edmondson, one of the country's best ski artists, to the campus for a visit and instruction period with the ski team and a talk with school officials.

Visits Campus

Edmondson's visit was not publicized at that time, as his talk with school officials concerned mainly his coming to the University this fall as a student coach. Plans failed to materialize, however, and he continued his duties as ski instructor at Mt. Rainier and Mt. Hood where he had given instruction to over 3,000 skiers. Edmondson was impressed by the progress of Oregon's skiers who were only in their second season on the campus.

But the reputation had been made. Oregon received invitations from schools up and down the Pacific coast and in the Rocky mountain area for meets. Then came a telegram from officials of the San Francisco World's fair jumping tournament asking that Oregon send a representative. Walt Wood, ski team captain who pioneered the organization of skiing as a sport

on the Oregon athletic schedule, replied that three representatives would be sent and with other meets already scheduled that worked in with the Frisco meet, Wood, Hank Evans, squad's top jumper, and Pat Dolan left February 23 on a 27-day, 3,000-mile road trip.

Casualties that so often beset new teams hit the Duck squad and in a practice jump off the world's fair jumping tower, Hank Evans sprained an ankle, which was then useless for further jumping, and he returned home just in time to take his final exams. Shortly thereafter the team broke up, and the members struck out on their own.

Those weren't the only troubles of the ski team during the 1938-39 season. With no one to take control of the skiers, the student leaders had difficulty in getting prospects to turn out daily for workouts, and with the Pacific coast intercollegiate meet at Yosemite coming up, the Webfoots had no ski team. Interested members promptly announced that since no snow was available in the McKenzie area, closest skiing ground, tryouts would be held at Mt. Hood. Skiers selected from this test were Wood, Dolan, Evans, Scott Wright, and George Hoffman.

Despite all these set-backs, the ski team still had several meets, including one at Sun Valley, Idaho, against some of the best intercollegiate skiers in the country, another at the University of Nevada winter carnival held in Reno and the nearby Tahoe Alps, dual meets with Oregon State and Reed College, besides others scheduled and cancelled with McCall, Idaho, ski club and the University of British Columbia.

Oregon's two ace skiers, Wood and Evans, placed well up among the nation's stellar collegiate skiers, totaling 110, at the Sun Valley contest. The Webfoot 10-man

Bud Hanson Pins Two Men Quickly

It seems that Bud Hanson, 145-pound wrestling flash, likes to get his matches over and get home in time for dinner.

Hanson won his first round match Monday in the record breaking time of 15 seconds and yesterday pinned R. Baker in 22 seconds. In two matches he has wrestled a total of 37 seconds, barely enough time to work up a sweat.

Skiers Get Bumps

By KEN CHRISTIANSON

Skiing is a dangerous sport; how could it be otherwise when one flies down a treacherous white course on two slim, long, wooden slats at a speed of 60 to 65 miles an hour and then soars into the air to glide like a bird for over 100 feet?

But skiing is not as dangerous to life and limb as football is the consensus of many of Oregon's ski team aspirants.

A speed of 10 miles per hour is about tops on the slalom course. A slower speed is necessary to navigate the pairs of flags or gates. About 30 gates are used in a slalom race.

Many Types

Different types of skis are used in the different events. Skis used in the downhill, slalom, and cross-country races are approximately seven feet long and slim. They have one groove in the bottom. Jumping skis are of a different type. They are longer, usually eight feet, and wider. Three grooves are used to guide the slats down the jumps. They are nearly an inch in the thickest part.

Downhill and slalom can be taught to the average person in a year or two, according to Hank Evans, varsity skier.

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ski team was the largest single entry in the meet.

The skiing movement at Oregon was now under way, and with the physical education department recognizing its great possibilities, Rollie Dickie was appointed faculty adviser. Team members have lots of faith in the leadership of Dickie, and with only interested skiers turning out, the future of skiing as a campus sport is definitely assured.

Ski Fields Aplenty Near Eugene

Four Bowls Open For Winter Ski Enthusiasts

By JIM BROWNE

Eugene ski enthusiasts will have little trouble finding ski bowls this year, if they ever get any snow. For early and midwinter skiing, the Hand lake area will be available. The White Branch, Hoodoo Butte, and Sunshine Shelter areas will be open all winter.

The Hand lake area, situated on the McKenzie highway, 77 miles from Eugene, is at an elevation of 4700 feet, and usually has good snow on it. The skiing area has been enlarged three times its original size this year and the forest service has constructed a new shelter. Ed Thurston will operate his ski-tow on Sundays, and Saturdays, too, if business warrants it, as long as the area is open. The Hand lake area has facilities for novices as well as more experienced skiers.

Sixty Miles Away

The White Branch area, situated 60 miles east of Eugene on the McKenzie highway, is suitable for skiing all through the winter. A warming hut has been built with a concession where food can be acquired. The ski-tow will be available here after the Hand lake area has been closed.

A large building is being constructed in the Hoodoo Butte skiing bowl which will accommodate 75 overnight visitors. This building is expected to be finished by January 1. A ski-tow will be operated in this district also.

Sunshine Shelter

For the more experienced skiers there is the Sunshine Shelter area, 70 miles from Eugene at the base of the Sisters. Skiers approach the area by means of a 4½-mile ski trail from Frog camp. Skiing facilities in this district are the best in the Northwest, according to Ed Thurston, local ski enthusiast.

Throughout the winter, the ski lauffers and Obsidian clubs sponsor entertainment. On February 22, the ski lauffers will have their winter outing on Mount Hood.

SLAT TRACKS

By PHIL BLADINE

Sitting down to drop a few hints on the coming ski season is no easy task these days—especially when one of the biggest howls on the campus comes not from the approach of final exams but from the apparent total disregard of old man winter to pleas for snow from slat enthusiasts.

This column seems to be an annual affair—last year the Emerald published its first ski page a short time before the team attended the Pacific Coast intercollegiate ski meet in Yosemite national park and the page received very favorable reception. Incidentally, that Yosemite meet gave the Oregon team lots of experience which it will probably use to good advantage this year. In the first meet of its type that an Oregon team had competed, the lemon and green riders ended a long way from last place—biggest enjoyment was ending up several places above the USC Trojan squad.

Poor boys on the Oregon ski team have been working out under the skillful hand of Coach Roland Dickie for over a month. Dickie has been running their legs off in preparation for snow and especially the Arnold Lunn downhill race to be run at Mt. Hood in conjunction with the dedication of the new chair lift. It was to be run off Sunday but has been postponed again until December 31.

This is the fourth time the race has been set forward and it will now be combined with the annual Portland day race and called the

Frosh Pair Experienced In Ski Sport

Bert Hagen and Tom Terry Hold Several Titles

By RAY FOSTER

You don't have to go any farther than your own campus for champions in the ski-line. There are a couple of freshmen on the grounds this fall who will bolster

ties since 1936. That year he won Arnold Lunn-Portland day race.

Holding the Arnold Lunn race on December 31 may interfere with plans of several of the team members who have been looking forward to entering the Intercollegiate meet at Sun Valley, Idaho, December 23 to 31. It is said that hearing the boys tell about dancing with Norma Shearer at Sun Valley last year is drawing the Webfoots in that direction.

This year's intercollegiate meet will be held at Paradise Inn on Mt. Rainier—the team should make a good showing so place your bets early. Skiers at Hood this winter will find lots of new toys—and a brand new trail branching out of Blossom below Timberline and ending up across the road from the ski bowl. Re-routing of the bowl rope tow clear up to the rim, the new Mulptor hill tow, which is ready, and Timberline's chair lift will speed skiing up a lot.

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the Duck chances no end. They're Bert Hagen, Kappa Sig racing champ, and Tom Terry, Phi Delt's jumping champ.

Bert, a 19-year-old freshman from Bend, has been winning the state high school slalom race at Mt. Hood, and repeated a victor next year. During the ski season of 1938-39, Bert had his biggest year.

Wins Slalom

He won the junior Giant slalom at Mt. Hood, and both the downhill and the slalom at Baker, in the Evergreen Ski club tournament. The same year he finished second in both the downhill and combined at the Ski-line Ski meet. And he copied three seconds at the Pendleton meet, in downhill, slalom, and combined.

Tom Terry is the man who puts the "jumping jive" on a pair of skis. This year Tom is the Oregon junior jumping champ, winning the title with a 103-foot jump on Mulptor hill last February. Last year he came in fourth in the Junior Silver ski tourney held at Mt. Rainier.

A Champion

In 1938 Tom won the junior downhill and combined championships at Bend. He also was the recipient of a pair of jumping skis from the Cascade club for the outstanding new star last year.

Bert Hagen is the type of fellow who never gives up, for few would ever look at a pair of skis after getting a broken back from a 20-foot fall while on a pair of skis. Bert went over a bank onto the road below him some 20 feet and spent the next ten months in casts and steel braces. That was a year and a half ago, and he is back again as spry as ever.

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