

DUCK TRACKS

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Fast break versus percentage basketball (the Oregon State style)?

Every Oregon State-Oregon hoop series brings out the arguments as to the merits of each and to which is the better. No definite barometer has ever been set up... that's why the pros and cons fly perennially.

In the heyday of Oregon State basketball, the era that saw such Orange greats as Ed Lewis, Wally Palmberg, Bob Bergstrom, George Hibbard, and Red McDonald romp on northern division courts, many fans were converted to the slow break.

But then along came a guy named Howard Hobson with a theory that the way to win hoop games was to run the other team into the ground, as you might say. Hobby took over the coaching reins at Oregon in the fall of 1935, and four years later piloted his Webfoots to a national championship. His success was nothing short of phenomenal.

Exhibits A and B

True, Hobby had good material... you have to have to win ball games. But, using Coach Hobby's four years at Oregon, as a yardstick for measuring the effectiveness of fast break against slow stuff, you find the former much more potent.

Exhibit A: In four years, Hobson-coached teams have won 11 games from Oregon State and Slats Gill, while losing only five. Exhibit B: Since 1928, the year Slats Gill made his bow at Oregon State, the Ducks, never very cautious outfits, have captured 24 of 42 contests with the Orangemen.

Laugh it off if you will, but remember that even Slats Gill's teams are galloping these days... a bit of an indication of the trend basketball in the northwest has taken.

Oregons at Seattle

Seattle will be a mecca for Oregon athletic teams next weekend with both Hobson's hoopers and Russ Cutler's powerful mermen invading the Puget Sound city.

On parade in the swim events will be three Webfoot paddlers who are just about the west's tops. Last year Sherm Wetmore, back-stroker, and Jack Dallas, breast-stroker, cracked coast records nearly every time they leaped into the water.

The third boy Coach Cutler is counting upon for some new marks is Free-styler Jerry Macdonald, sophomore sensation, who had no peer in intramural competition last year and is going great at present.

Oliver Comes Home

Punctuating the pre-game calm at McArthur court yesterday afternoon:

Coach Tex Oliver back from the South, his voice echoing through the halls... The Oregon mentor talking to Bill Hayward, Anse Cornell, and Frankie Emmons, Webfoot Shrine game star.

Bob Officer having a big time... reason was that a representative of a chemical company was on hand with technicolor motion pictures of the coaches convention at Los Angeles early this month, of the Pasadena rose parade, of Fresno State and College of the Pacific, and last but not least of Karl Erickson, Northwestern U. trainer giving a demonstration of how taping should be done and why... Bob gathered a group of PE majors around to get an eyeful... a real treat.

Little Bob Patrick, ex-Oregon State footballer and now of Hawaii, talking to Ted Gebhardt... Patrick is offering northwest senior players a chance to go to Hawaii next fall.

Sprinter Jim Buck telling everyone of his engagement and offering to bet he would not have a date on the campus this fall... the girl, evidently, isn't here.

Trackmen working out... basketball, football, and other sports just don't exist for them.

The Scribers' intramural B league entry will practice today at the men's gym at 1:30. All team members are asked to report.

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Webfoot Champs Toppled From First Place

Oregons Cut Orange Lead In Struggle

Conference Standing table with columns W, L, Per. for Oregon State, Oregon, Washington State, Washington, and Idaho.

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Townsend used three of his five field goals in Oregon's rocky first half. He potted two long shots at the very start on perfect swishes through the hemp as Oregon took a 4 to 0 lead after one minute and a half.

Can't Hit It

Then for 17 and one-half minutes Oregon's offense went completely dead without poking one field goal through the basket. Oregon State clearly dominated that stretch although Hobby's boys missed a flock of short shots which were usually rushed. Oregon collected a few free throws as the game moved along and when the field goal drought ended after 19 minutes of play trailed 23 to 10. Four minutes before that it was Oregon State 21 and Oregon 6. For a stretch of over 11 minutes from the four-minute mark Oregon failed to get a point.

Townsend swished in another howitzer, and Matt Pavalunas duplicated it just before the half ended to cut the Beaver lead to nine points at 23 to 14.

The rivals went into the second half fighting like grim death and checking in their usual tight manner. It was an Oregon crew fighting to catch up but never getting quite close enough to a stubborn gang of Orangemen.

John Dick Scores

John Dick gave Oregon fans a lot to holler about by opening the second half with two rapid-fire field goals. He got No. 1 in less than half a minute with a right-handed from the keyhole and followed with a rebound bucket before the two-minute mark. The score was 23 to 18 and the Beavers called time out.

Halfway through the second half Valenti committed his fourth personal foul on Townsend and the Oregon guard converted to make the score 21 to 27, the Staters still holding their narrow lead. The Beavers got a bucket but Vic matched it on a lay-in at the 12-minute mark, and it was his shot from close in less than three minutes from the end that cut Oregon State's lead to 32-28 and drove the Igloo's crowd mad. From then until the finish, spectators spent most of the time on their feet.

With barely over 60 seconds to go, Oregon still trailed by four points, 33 to 29. Then came a steal by Clayton Shaw, reserve guard, who dribbled half the length of the court to make it 35 to 29, and put Oregon State safely out ahead.

Townsend converted two free throws in the last ten seconds and that ended it. Oregon cast off for 58 field shots during the game, hitting nine, while the winners tossed only 35 times to get their 13 field goals.

Summary table for Oregon State (35) vs Oregon (31) with columns FG, FT, PF, TP and individual player stats.

Missed free throws: Oregon State, J. Mandic 2, total 2. Oregon, Sappola 1, McNeeley 2, Dick 1, total 4. Field shots taken: Oregon State 55, Oregon 52. Officials: Emil Piluso, Portland, referee; Ned Nelson, Seattle, umpire.

His Team Lost



Coach Hobby Hobson still smiles a bit despite Oregon's 35 to 31 defeat by Oregon State last night. Maybe it is because three games with the Beavers are still on tap.

Zetas, Duds, Phi Psis, ATOs, Phi Delt, Sig Eps Win Donut Hoop Tilts

By BERNIE ENGEL

Has anybody here seen Kelly—Kelly the man in reverse gear? Maury Kelly, a sizeable chunk of SAE goodnatured muscle, was so confident in his house's intramural basketball game yesterday with the Zeta hall five that he pulled a Corrigan and started the scoring for the hall team. He was getting hot when he discovered that he was aiming at the wrong hoop.

Whether this mistake cast a pall on their playing or not, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon crew was blasted off the courts by the scrappy hall outfit, the dorm boys coming out 20 to 4 victors.

Lineups: (B) SAE (4) (B) Zeta (20) Petrie, F... Kelly, F... Reidner, C... Segale, G... Lowe, G... Cardinal, S... Halling, S... Boone, S... Walden, S... Marnie, S...

ATO's Eke Out Win In the day's other games, Alpha Tau Omega edged out Alpha hall in a nip-and-tuck battle, 19 to 18, (B league game); the "Duds," an independent club, walloped the DUs, 20 to 0; Phi Gamma Psi hitched up its green trunks and dumped Canard club, 22 to 4; Phi Delta Theta dropped the No-stars, 24 to 15; and Sigma Phi Epsilon shellacked the Chi Psis, 24 to 5.

With Alpha leading 14-13 at the start of the last quarter, the ATOs went out to win and managed to do so in six minutes of whirlwind action. The running score for the last quarter reads as follows: 15-14, 15-15, 16-15, 16-16, 18-16, 18-18 and 19-18.

Lineups: (B) ATO (19) (B) Alpha (18) Hay, F... Bocci, F... McDonald, C... Rossau, G... Payne, G... Checini, S... Wyman, S... Boone, S... Zamsky, S...

Duds Dump DUs The Duds rolled up a 10 to 0 lead at the half and were never pressed as they made the final count 20 to 7.

Lineups: DU (7) (20) Duds Foster, F... Weber, F... White, C... Corby, G... Walls, G... Niklas, S...

Canard Club Bounced Canard's slow-break tactics were of no avail as the Phi Psi machine peppered the backboard. Leading 9 to 2 at the half, the green-and-white lads played good enough defensive ball to check the club men to one field goal during the last half while rolling up 13

Ski Varsity Seeks Union With PNSA

Coach Dickie Runs Twenty Prospects Through Paces

The University of Oregon ski team is rapidly assuming man-sized proportions, and the squad—now in its second year of existence—will soon become a member of the Pacific Northwestern Ski association, it was disclosed yesterday by Rollie Dickie, coach.

Membership in the association will allow Webfoot skiers to be automatically eligible to compete in the various tournaments sponsored by the P.N.S.A., and the skiing schedule will be strengthened and supplemented each year.

Terry and Hagan Outstanding prospects for the team are two freshmen who have been skiing competitively for several years. Tom Terry of Portland and Bert Hagan of Bend, Terry received the Berger Underdahl trophy last year as the state's outstanding junior skier.

Other leading candidates include four members of last year's team, George Hoffman of Portland, Ed Wallism of San Francisco, Phil Bladine of McMinnville, and Hank Evans of Clifton. The remainder of the squad includes: Fred Ziegler, Jack Silva, Al Jensen, Lloyd Tonsing, Tom Baldwin, Larry Mariner, Oliver Stendal, Boyd Copenhagen, all of Portland; John Skillern, Gerald Johnson, of Eugene; Ken Harquail, Bend; Verlin Wolfe, Corvallis; Glen Westfall, Salem.

Ski Club Will Elect Officers for Year

There will be an important meeting of the ski club on Tuesday night at 7:15 in 105 Commerce. The principle business of the meeting is to elect officers for the coming year.

Last year's activities, which included an overnight outing at Hand lake, and many daily trips to the mountains on weekends, will be reviewed and plans for this season will be lined up. Last year the ski enthusiasts stayed at the Obsidian cabins on their overnight trips and plans are being made to have more of these outings this year.

"The ski club is primarily designed for novices and those interested in skiing, including both girls and boys," Norm Holt, last year's president, said today. Skiing conditions are excellent, he said, and with the new warming shelter and Ed Thurston's skitow, at Hand lake, everything is set for a successful season.

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Pro Star Now



Slim Wintermute, Oregon's all-American center last year, is now the leading scorer in his league, according to reports from the Midwest. Slim is with Detroit.

Vaughn Corley Prays for Boxers

"Heaven send me half a boxing team," breathes Coach Vaughn Corley, who is trying to mold an efficient varsity boxing team without a single flyweight, featherweight, or bantamweight to fight in the lower-weight brackets.

Corley is literally swamped with good prospects in the upper weights but the roster reveals a complete absence of 118, 126, or 135-pounders. In the 145-pound class, Martin Schedler is the sole representative.

Eleven more pugilists began workouts in hopes of being picked to participate in the smoker to be held Wednesday, January 24, at 7:30 at McArthur court. Six of the eleven were members of either the varsity or freshman grid teams, making a total of twelve footballers out for positions on the team.

Coach Corley would like any man, experienced or not, who would like a chance to fight in the smoker, to report immediately to him at 4 o'clock in the boxing room of the men's gym.

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Duck Mermen Eye Meet With Huskies

In preparation for the meet, January 20, against the favored University of Washington swimming team, Coach Russ Cutler yesterday opened intensive plans for his team's invasion of Seattle.

"We ran off some time trials, which were only fair, yesterday and we will hold a varsity-fresh meet Saturday. Saturday's inter-team contest will be held as a regular meet," said Cutler.

The strong Washington squad, respected by Cutler as the defending champion favored to retain its title, has one of its most powerful teams in its history. Graduation took only three "point-earning" men, Gene Caddy, Personette, and Hoskins, steady varsity performers last season.

Huskies Are Strong Coach Jack Torney's team received a boost this season in the form of some first year varsity men, up from last year's powerful freshman team, all of which gives the Huskies a better team than their 1939 champion.

Expected to lead the Huskies is Bockman, winner last year at the northern division meet of the 220 and 440-yard free style events.

Back in school again this term after rumors had him dropping out winter term is big Dean McAdams, Washington's all-coast halfback who won the 50-yard free style northern division title last year and was a member of the conference's winning 440-relay squad.

Some Good Boys Coach Torney's Bockman, McAdams, and Goldberg top the array of veterans who "hope to use Oregon's boys as stepping stones to the northern division championship."

Oregon has its individual stars always good for points, but lacks the team strength so characteristic of Husky swim squads. Oregon's Cutler figures Washington to be the 1940 champions on paper, but "Oregon is gunning for a position as title troubleshooter."

The Webfoot 1940 swim schedule includes meets, other than that with Washington, with University of Idaho, Washington State college, University of California, Stanford, Olympic club of San Francisco, and two with Oregon State.

Honest John Warren's frosh team plays Scott Milligan's Longview high Lumberjacks at the Columbia river city tonight.

SWIM MEET TODAY Russ Cutler, swimming coach, offers a preview of the varsity swimming team for this year when he pits the strength of his tankers against the frosh team at 2:30 this afternoon.

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