

DUCK TRACKS

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Writer Gene Coughlin, in his column The Sunshine Corner for a tabloid size newspaper named Sports Weekly, came out last Wednesday with a flock of charges about the way Coast Conference moguls handled the G-Man Atherton report on football proselyting and subsidization.

In short, he figures Edwin N. Atherton's 2,000,000-word report on 504 coast gridiron stalwarts, which cost a mere \$40,000 to complete, should have been made public. He compares the situation with 1919 when professional baseball was blackened by several Chicago White Sox players who "sold out" a world series to the Cincinnati Reds. Baseball role those crooks out on their ears at a cost to its reputation and they never got into organized ball again.

So Mr. Coughlin draws a parallel between blackened baseball of 1919 and the coast football conference of 1940 saying: "Baseball did the finest thing, at terrific damage to itself, that any sport, or any nation, has ever witnessed. Baseball brought out the facts and, more important, saw that the FACTS WERE MADE PUBLIC!"

Gene Blasts Them
"Rough, tough baseball stuck it out and baseball won, after a long struggle. Gentle, amateur collegiate amateurism looked at the first two pitches and said, 'That's enough. It has started to hurt.'"

Frankly, we're sorry such blatant charges as Writer Gene Coughlin pens are allowed to ever see print. His remarks about the report that "apparently it smelled so badly it wouldn't keep for a decent funeral" brings to mind the sadly untrue things "Pardon the Yawn" Connolly wrote last fall about northern football.

The very reason why the Atherton report couldn't be made public comes from the principal upon which it started three years ago. G-Man Atherton traveled around the conference, interviewing athletes to determine their earnings, etc., on the understanding they would be confidential. He gave the Emerald a little typewritten sheet which gave the conference's rules of order and one promise was "it is our principles that the results of this survey will never be used publicly to embarrass any athletes or schools." How else could the conference have got the boys to talk freely?

A Cock-eyed Parallel
The coast conference couldn't get facts on which to improve its set-up in the same manner baseball did back in 1919, namely, by digging 'em out. It had to get them from the participants themselves, so you can see how cock-eyed a parallel Mr. Coughlin drew.

Conference rules that coaches now can't talk to prospective athletes unless introduced on the street, or visit the boys' parents, do bring to mind questions. How much wide-open proselyting will it stop? What's to prevent alums from dishing out money on the side. Why can't a coach "arrange" to meet a prospective athlete socially on the street where he'll talk business.

We pinned the G-Man down on a question about those things when he dropped through Eugene on his first trip, and Mr. Atherton's answer was straight from the shoulder. "Of course the conference has no jurisdiction over alumni . . . but that's beside the point. Crime would work the same way. We don't expect 100 per cent enforcement, but it should be an improvement."

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Hobson Seeks Winning Five

Regulars Defend Positions Against Fast Seconds; New Webfoot Team May Face Huskies Friday and Saturday

By Friday night Coach Howard "Hobby" Hobson hopes to field "the best five men of the squad regardless of who they are" onto Seattle's university pavilion against the Washington Husky basketball team.

After last Friday night's 35 to 31 loss to Oregon State, Hobson promised a shakeup of the team members. Only Center John Dick and Guard Vic Townsend will be partly sure of their jobs. Matt Pavalunas, Ted Sarpola, and Evert "Red" McNeely, Oregon regulars, may be replaced by hard-fighting reserves.

Over the weekend Oregon fell into a tie with Washington State for second place when the Cougars downed Idaho. So next Friday and

Pete Riley Drops Moyer Match
Freshman Boxer Loses Decision To Coast Champ

Pete Riley, Oregon freshman, lost a close decision to the present Pacific coast AAU welterweight champion, Tommy Moyer of Portland, in the four round main event of an amateur program at the Salem armory Friday night.

Riley, who holds decisions over several of the best amateur fighters in the Northwest, showed well in his first battle this year, and fought well enough to receive one of the three judges' votes. The spectators praised the Oregon fighter.

Moyer, whom Riley says is "the most polished fighter I've ever seen in amateur ranks," has the distinction of twice fighting his way to the finals of the National AAU tournament, held in Boston, only to lose by decisions. His followers say the national championship is "in the bag" this year.

A transfer from Oregon State, Riley cannot represent the University in any team matches this year, but will appear in an exhibition bout on the program of the smoker that will be held January 24, at McArthur court. His opponent has not been selected as yet.

Riley will return to Salem January 26 to meet Sammy Shoulderblade in the feature bout of a program planned at the Salem armory. Shoulderblade is considered the second best welterweight in the Northwest, losing to Moyer in the finals last year.

COEDS NOTICE!
Nearly 150 girls have signed up for coed basketball this season. Each house is represented with 20 separate teams entered. Today is your last day to practice before coed intramural basketball starts Wednesday. Sign up on the Gerlinger bulletin board.

This week's schedule will appear in the paper tomorrow. Watch for it.

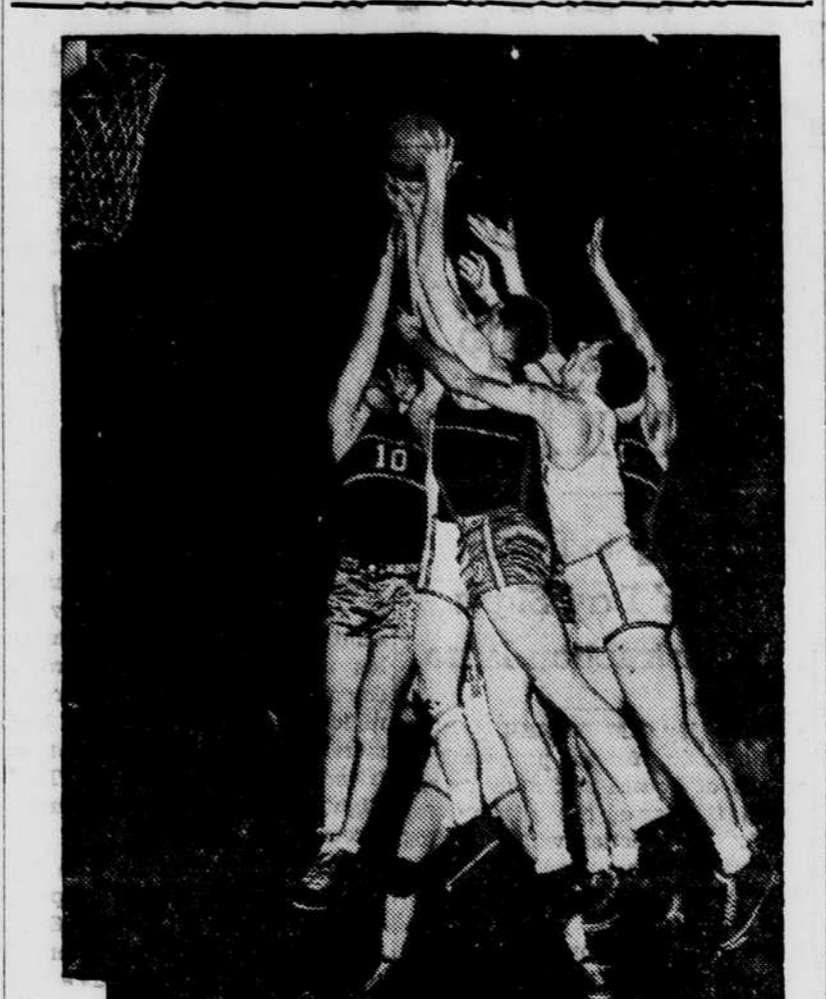
But while you are waiting, push those last heart checks through at the infirmary—and bring okayed slips to your first game.

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After the Ball



Both Columbia and California basketball players are jumping for possession of that precious ball in an action shot snapped in Philadelphia.

Sigma Nu, Gamma, Kappa Sig Seconds Win Donut Games

With a couple of the squads displaying as much class as many of their "A" brethren, six "B" intramural cage teams went out to battle yesterday.

Coming off with their maple laurels untarnished were the Sigma Nu five, which beat Sigma hall 17 to 11, Gamma hall, which edged the Campbell co-op team 10 to 7, and the Kappa Sigs, tallying a 27 to 10 defeat of Sherry Ross hall.

Sigma Nu had rolled up a ten to two margin at the half and went on to win in a breeze. The victors fielded a cagey (no pun intended) five with plenty of the necessary smoothness, considering their "B" status.

Lineups:
Sigma Nu (17) (11) Sigma Hall
Gray, 4 F Libke
Schiller, 4 F Newman
Bailey C Shackelford
Will, 3 G Phillips
Campbell, 2 G Neustadter
Fancher, 4 S Green
Sorenson S 4 Miller
Nestor S Chaney
S 3 Moore

Gamma Wins
Gamma hall was trailing until the last quarter, but finally managed to get the lid off the basket and win after both squads had been unable to sink anything for the major part of the game, the score being 6 to 5 for Gamma at the start of the fourth frame.

Lineups:
Campbell (7) (10) Gamma
Froude F Leverette
Grant F Younger
Allen C Brownhill
Cook G Brady
Newton G F. Stearns
Thurston S Dueffler
Daugherty S J. Stearns
Denno S
Watt S

Kappa Sigs Win
The Kappa Sigs used 19 men in downing the Sherry Ross team, which tried an iron-man act with six men. Attired in fraternity polo shirts, the Kappa Sigs dashed back and forth and scored often.

Frosh Bow To Varsity In Scrimmage

Yearlings Back After Losing Longview Clash

By DON CAWLEY

With the two starting guards, Don Kirsch and John Tuttle, still out of action with injured ankles, the frosh were sent against the varsity yesterday in a strenuous two-hour scrimmage. The yearlings came out on the short end of a very large score, but received a world of experience against their older and more experienced opponents.

Coach John Warren started the game using Baker and Reynolds at the guard posts, Wally Borrevik at center, and Quentin Sidesinger and Warren Taylor at the forward slots. Taylor and Sidesinger were especially impressive for the frosh, with Sidesinger getting more than his share of the rebounds off the backboard.

John Bubalo and Jake Werschul were also used extensively and the two big boys gave an exhibition that stamped them as possible starters in the Wednesday game with Dallas high.

The road trip proved to be a none-too-successful one for the Ducklings as they nosed out Astoria high and lost to the Longview Lumberjacks. Longview proved to be much stiffer competition than any of the five high schools that the frosh had played previously. The Lumberjacks took a commanding lead at the outset of the contest and the first year men were never quite able to catch up.

Summaries of the two road games:
Oregon Frosh (30) (21) Astoria
Taylor (2) F (2) Seeborg
Bubalo (0) F (4) Koski
Borrevik (4) C (4) Simonsen
Kirsch (4) G (8) Lovvold
Reynolds (5) G (3) Peterson
Werschul (13) G (6) Link
Sidesinger (2) G
Oliver (0) G

Oregon Frosh (25) (28) Longview
Taylor (0) F (3) Brusco
Werschul (8) F (2) Des Jardine
Borrevik (9) C (3) Witt
Kirsch (1) G (9) Andrews
Tuttle (0) G (5) Cobb
Sidesinger (7) G (2) Graham
Reynolds (0) F (4) Keeney

Oregon Swimmers Rated in Division Tank Competition

Washington, Washington State, Oregon State Listed as Strong Competition for Title

By PAUL McCARTY

University of Oregon's swimming team seems destined for a cellar position in the coast conference northern division, if reports from other schools may be used as a judging basis.

Coach Jack Torney's University of Washington squad, defending title-holder whom Oregon meets in Seattle January 20, is favored to again capture the championship. Leading the Husky mermen are Captain Fred Kroppen and Brockman, powerful freestylers who were stars of the northern division championships in 1939.

Oregon State, according to Coach Vic Smith, has a team that has the makings of a varsity squad which may come near taking the title lost in 1939 to Washington after a win in 1938. The three veterans of the Beaver splashing outfit are Gene Hofsted, Gordon Hartly, and Dick Ebling. Smith plans to put sophomores, led by Jack Stark and Steve Elvau, in the remaining varsity positions.

Inland Empire Jaunt
Washington State and Idaho, whom Oregon meets on a road trip February 16 and 17, also have their usual strong competitive squads, according to reports from Pullman and Moscow.

But Oregon—the Webfoot mermen have two of the coast's top swimmers, Jack Dallas, breast-stroker, and Sherman Wetmore, breaststroker, both juniors who have yet to lose a race in their respective events.

A sophomore, "rook of the varsity," who will receive his initiation into conference competition this Saturday at Seattle is Jerry MacDonald, speedy freestyler whom many believe has no equal in the conference.

Other swimmers Coach Russ Cutler will probably use against Washington will include Dick Smith, Pierce Mallory, Harold Chung-Hoon, and Mel Anderson, freestylers; Ralph Lafferty, breast-stroke; and Gerald Huestis, backstroke.

Two Divers
Webfoot divers are Ralph Cathey, senior, and Al Sandner, who is pushing Cathey for the team's top diving position.

Despite Oregon's potential champions, athletic critics still can't envision a championship for the Webfoots this season. Team strength is necessary for a meet win, and al-

though Oregon has some swimmers capable of backing up the "first place" men, the second and third position swimmers are lacking, swim followers say.

The varsity-frosh meet Saturday finished last week's practice sessions, and the results, like those of the time trials held Wednesday, "were not up to par," said Coach Cutler.

Dallas, Wetmore, and MacDonald won their events quite easily, although competition from frosh and other varsity swimmers in the early laps of the events was keener than expected. Dick Smith won the 60-yard freestyle event and Ralph Cathey, the diving in a close battle with big Al Sandner.

Russ Cutler Named New Tennis Coach

Russ Cutler, assistant professor of physical education, was named yesterday as Oregon's tennis coach for the spring season of 1940, in charge of the tennis team and all tennis competition.

Mr. Cutler has taught physical education at Oregon for the last ten years, coming here directly upon his graduation in 1930 from UCLA.

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