

# DUCK TRACKS

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What's a conscientious, hard-working coach like Howard Hobson going to do when he sends a fair-to-middlin' crew of basketballers in quest of their third consecutive northern division crown . . . and they run into a red-hot club which slings .444 per cent of its shots into the basket.

That situation is entirely exasperating and uncalled for, but it's exactly the degree of efficiency Slats Gill's Oregon State Beavers maintained in whipping the Ducks in Corvallis Saturday night. A percentage of .333—one basket in every three shots is winning basketball anywhere—in fact .300 usually is. But the pestiferous Beavers lowered their sights on familiar baskets Saturday and chucked in 12 out of only 27 shots. Such goings on is unbecoming of a host.

The fairly-efficient Webfoots cast off 39 times, which is below their usual average, and collected 12 field goals, too, for .308. We've watched figures kept by the Oregon athletic managers from game to game this year and they've invariably revealed that the "best shooting percentage goes with the winner." But it was only by the proverbial whisker, by Clayton Shaw's prayer basket in the last half-minute for Oregon State's 28 to 27 win, that our theory was maintained.

### Hit More Than They Miss

The Beavers didn't appear to be potting any phenomenal average of their shots either—perhaps we were watching the Oregons in their late drive too closely—but they checked in with 9 out of 17 in the second half. Over half.

Actually, the percentage state of basketball as advocated by Slats Gill, is expected to hit a high average of its cast-offs. That's what the slow break thrives on . . . pass, pass, in, out . . . maybe two minutes, maybe three, maybe 20, maybe 30 passes . . . finally a close set shot . . . and bingo.

The height of "percentage basketball" was in Saturday night's much-discussed and much-debated first half when Oregon State's wavy Beavers refused to come out and meet Oregon's set offense. The shots were Oregon 10 and Oregon State 6. All of which leads us to mention that the slow-breaking, deliberate, percentage playing Orangemen are known to have taken only 19 shots in a complete game!

There's another thing about this class of systems—the fast break and the slow break—which throws statistics haywire. We've shown what it does to shooting percentages . . . so we'll take rebounds as another instance.

### How You Figure Rebounds

When Oregon and Washington play their usual merry fire engine games and take an approximate 75 shots apiece, a record of rebounds for both clubs shows fairly well which outfit was tougher under the glass backboards. But how about when the fast break meets the slow break?

Oregon got only 16 rebounds to 24 for the Beavers yet did about an equal job. Off its defensive boards—when the other team is shooting—a club is supposed to shine. Well, the Beavers got 21 to 10 in that score. But they had more chances. Offensive rebounds were six to three for Oregon, but it should be . . . Oregon shot more times.

You'd better not count Oregon out of this year's northern division championship chase . . . Coach Hobson doesn't figure it that way and his Webfoots still have the confidence and drive to make a remarkable finish. Hobby figures the 1940 champ—whichever team it is—will come in with not more than four defeats in 16 games, which will be following the tradition.

### Seven Out of Eight?

For Oregon it means winning at least seven games out of eight down the stretch to have a chance . . . exactly the pace Hobby's national champs maintained in the last half of the conference season last winter.

In one of its periodical soundings-off about University of Oregon athletes, the Oregon State Barometer recently accused Vaughn Corley of being "afraid" to send his boxers against the more experienced Staters . . . for the benefit of the un-informed Oregon State correspondent. Mr. Corley was acting in accordance with a school policy, a good one too, of not needlessly risking the necks of his comparatively green squad . . . boxing at Oregon is in its infancy (the first year the Webfoots have had a bona fide coach) whereas

# Webfoots Idle, Ready to Run With Invaders

## Ducks Await Cougars; Fast Break on Tap

### Hobby Drills Boys; John Dick Leads League Scoring

Oregon's basketball team was back in its favorite habitat, the Igloo, last night. Like a duck returning to water, the Webfoots returned to the style of play for which they are famous, a killing, running, driving game.

Coach Hobby Hobson worked the kinks out of his boys following their second defeat at the hands of Oregon State. The Oregons are idle this weekend, but meet one of their strongest competitors Monday and Tuesday in Washington State's Cougars.

Those Cougars, coached by Jack Friel, also believe in running the enemy into the floor. This leads sideline coaches to believe the coming encounters will be similar to the ever-popular Washington series.

### Meet Beavers First

The Washington Staters come to Eugene on the second leg of their killing four-games-in-five-days schedule. The Cougars play Oregon State in Corvallis this Friday and Saturday.

John Dick, holdover from last year's greats, leads the northern division individual scoring race with 95 points in eight games. This gives him an average of about 11.9 points per game, still ahead of the average needed to crack Wally Palmberg's record. Laddie Gale tied this record of 187 points in 16 games last year.

Vic Townsend and Hank Anderson of Oregon lead in the fewest fouls charged against them. Townsend has five while Anderson has six.

Following are 15 leading scorers:

	G	FG	FT	PF	TP
Dick, Ore.	8	39	17	17	95
J. Mandic, OSC	10	27	27	30	81
Hamey, Idaho	9	32	13	16	77
Lindh, Wash.	8	29	18	12	76
Townsend, Ore.	8	26	17	5	69
Hilton, Idaho	9	18	32	19	68
Hunter, OSC	10	21	24	26	66
Valenti, OSC	10	28	9	15	65
Olson, WSC	7	22	20	17	64
Romano, OSC	10	23	15	16	61
Lindeman, WSC	7	19	18	21	56
Anderson, Ore.	6	23	1	6	47
Harris, Idaho	8	19	9	18	47
Jennings, WSC	7	20	5	14	45
Chase, WSC	7	19	6	10	44

## Sports Room Maids Battle News Coeds

The game of the century! The coed members of the Emerald sports staff have challenged the Emerald news staff to a basketball game.

After an exchange of many derogatory notes the opposing factions finally decided to settle the battle on the maple floor in a casaba game Monday, February 12 at 4:45. The public is invited to see the sports staff trounce the news staff.

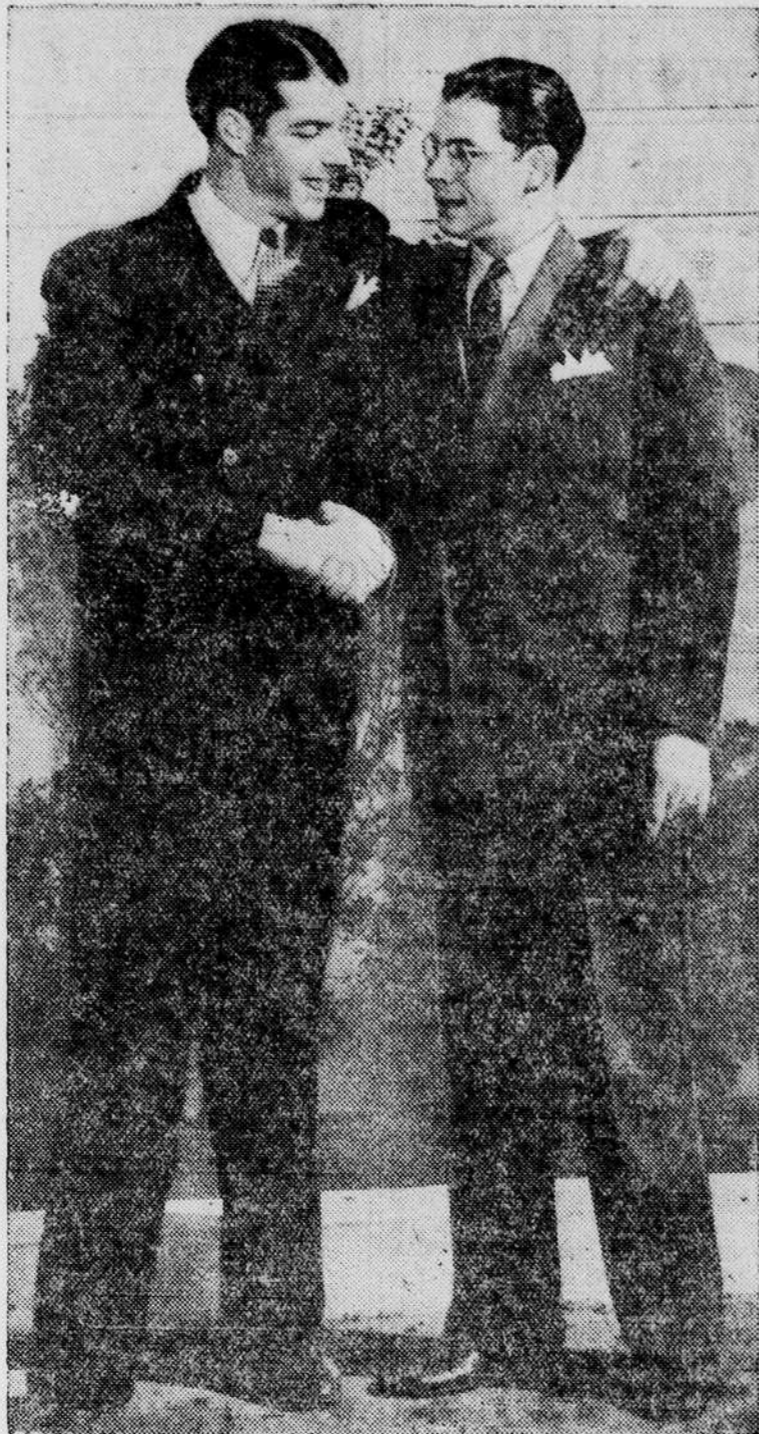
The sports staff have suggested that the game be played with men's rules and have George Passero of the sports staff, and Lyle Nelson, news staff, as officials.

The famous members of the sports quintet are Margaret Young, Jean Spearow, Nancy Lewis, Mary Belcher, Margo Van Matre, Marge Dibble, and Kathleen Brady. The mud-slinging "femmes" of the news staff have offered these, for opponents; Helen Angell, Mildred Wilson, Betty Jane Thompson, Betty Jane Biggs, Dorothy Kreis, Margaret Holfert, Helen Sawyer, Edith Oglesby, and Corine Lammon.

The Oregon Staters have been at it for years.

Oregon's wrestling squad went through with its one-sided meet against the Beaver's veterans . . . but the boys stood to merely be pinned to the mat when they lost . . . a boxer could be knocked into the third row of the balcony with his brain clouded and his teeth missing by a more hardy and shrewd opponent. . . . If the Oregon State coaching staff had some hearty guilfovas about Corley's intelligent decision as the Barometer reports they did we'll be patiently waiting for the day when . . .

### Di Mag Brothers in Spotlight



Older brother Joe Di Maggio, Yank outfielder, congratulates his younger brother, Dominic, on his new contract with the Boston Red Sox.

## Theta Chi Downs Beta In 'A' Hoop Roughie; Canard, Sigma Win

### By JIM SCHILLER

Theta Chi's "A" team pulled one of the major upsets of the current intramural basketball league when they downed the vaunted Beta Theta Pi team in a game that was as rough as it was fast. In the other games yesterday afternoon on the same court in the men's gymnasium, Canard club thoroughly trounced Alpha hall in an "E" league game, and Sigma hall's "A" outfit won on a forfeit from the Scotch Terriers.

### Theta Chi 28, Beta 22

Theta Chi's smooth working five combined their ball hawking offensive with a tight defense that was able to hold "Wimpy" Quinn, one man Beta scoring threat, in check until late in the final quarter.

Whizzer White and long shot artist Phillips were high scorers for the winners with eight points apiece. Quinn captured the honors for the game with eleven counters. Theta Chi, 28, Beta White, S. . . . F. . . . 4, Rathburn Wicks, I. . . . F. . . . 11, Wyatt Bergthold, S. . . . C. . . . 11, Quinn Phillips, S. . . . G. . . . 2, Leonard Loback, 2 . . . G. . . . Johnson Reynolds, 4 . . . S. . . . Crisch S. . . . 5, Anderson S. . . . Craig

### Canard Scores

In a game of which the outcome was never in doubt after the first few minutes of play, the Canard club's Bees downed Alpha hall by a 21 to 5 count.

Hendon of the Canard team was high scorer of the game with seven counters, while his teammates, Holcomb and Bowerly, chalked up four points apiece. Canard, 21, Alpha Herndon, 7 . . . F. . . . Schmidt Holcomb, 4 . . . F. . . . 1, Lang Bowerly, 4 . . . C. . . . Dullanty Bishop, 2 . . . G. . . . Strench Carr, 2 . . . G. . . . 2, Stendel Baker, 2 . . . S. . . . 2, Hornstein S. . . . Mercer S. . . . Walwyn

### Libe Sets Readings

H. H. Hanna, assistant professor of speech, will present selections from Thomas Wolfe, at browsing room readings February 20.

Next week's reading will feature Miss Ethel Sawyer's browsing room librarian, presentation of Sherwood's "Abe Lincoln in Illinois" and poems pertaining to his birthday.

### By BERNIE ENGEL

Alpha Tau Omega kept its record clean as it defeated Chi Psi 28 to 19, and Campbell co-op received its first iggs of the season when it fell before the Alpha hall crew, 21 to 11, in yesterday's "A" intramural basketball games on court 40.

The 668s continued on their undefeated march as they dropped the Zeta hall five 17 to 9 in an "E" game.

### ATO Wins

ATO was leading the Lodge tribe 17 to 6 going into the last half. The Chi Psi scored 13 points during the latter half but couldn't catch the blue-shirted quint.

### Lineups:

ATO, 28, 19, Chi Psi Hay, 6 . . . F. . . . 6, Gard J. Dunn, 6 . . . F. . . . 5, Winslow Miller, 8 . . . C. . . . 2, Barlow Scott, 6 . . . G. . . . 2, Hicks Graybeal, 2 . . . G. . . . 2, McClung Substitutes—ATO: R. Dunn; Chi Psi: R. Winslow, 2; Johns, Officials: Tower and Cushing.

### Campbell Dropped

Alpha, interform champs, put up a last-quarter flurry to score 12 points and thus decisively down the Campbell team. The co-ops, who have won two league contests, and three kings-x clashes, were minus the services of lanky Bob Proddinger, high-scoring guard.

### Lineups:

Campbell, 11, 21, Alpha Rolfe, 6 . . . F. . . . 5, Endicott Rayburn, 4 . . . F. . . . 4, Lill Bucknum, 3 . . . C. . . . 7, Lebanzon Grant, 2 . . . G. . . . 1, Adams Olsen, 2 . . . G. . . . 2, Lewis Substitutes—Alpha: Keltly, 3.

### 668s 17, Zeta 9

Deadlocked at 5-all at the half, the 668 club pulled steadily away from the Zeta five as Bill Ross canned 6 points and Mac McKibben tallied 5.

### Lineups:

Zeta, 9, 17, 668s Frizzell, 2 . . . F. . . . J. Jensen Renne, 2 . . . F. . . . 2, Reiner Stanton, 1 . . . C. . . . 6, Ross Herndon, 4 . . . G. . . . 4, Jensen Hughes, 2 . . . G. . . . 5, McKibben Substitutes—Zeta: Pace, Green; 668s: H. Ross.

Credit for quip of the week goes to Mike Mikulak. When a prospective footballer asked Mike to buy him a coke Mike replied, "I'd like to but Atherton won't let me." The footballer was so set back by the crack that he bought Mike a coke.

## Glove-Tossers Meet Pacific Here Friday

### Waldorf's Matmen Slate Portland 'Y' For Igloo Action

Vaughn Corley's boxers will meet their first taste of intercollegiate competition this Friday night when they exchange punches with the Pacific university fist-throwers at McArthur court in one half of a mitt and mat smoker.

Pacific will send seven fighters into the ring against the Ducks in six different weight divisions and will forfeit two matches, one in the 120 and one in the 127-pound class, because they lack experienced men in these weights.

Both of Oregon's talented light-heavyweights will see action. Jack Fruit, veteran of last year will meet John Klepp and Warren Phillips, who holds a decision over Fruit in a recent intersquad smoker, will talk on Clare Jarvis, Pacific 175 pounder.

The first half of the program will see the Oregon wrestlers engage the grapplers from Portland's YMCA. Eric Waldorf, wrestling coach, has not received the entries from the YMCA team as yet, so he has not decided who will represent Oregon in the meet.

A tentative boxing program follows: 135—Duke Warner or Dick Jackson (O) vs. Bernard Gordon (PU); 145—Martin Schedler (O) vs. Grant Scott (PU); 155—Wally Johnson (O) vs. Bob Wasser (PU); 165—Ed Morene or Howard Moore (O) vs. Walt Racette (PU); 175—Jack Fruit (O) vs. John Klepp (PU); 175—W. Phillips (O) vs. Clare Jarvis (PU); heavyweight—Buck Berry or Jim Manley (O) vs. Gilbert Burleigh (PU).

## Warren Grins Over Frosh

### Duckling Hoopers Drill for Rook Tilt Thursday

During the athletic span of the past year, Honest John Warren's rhetorical powers have been sadly neglected—especially when any mention of his last basketball, football, and baseball creations was made.

Fact is, John's answers to many questions have consisted of two-word descriptive masterpieces such as "they're lousy."

But all this is over now, and Honest John is giving out three and four word statements lately. Yes, and once and a while a smile plays upon his face.

The reason for John's "gayety of late" is his frosh basketball team. Last week the Ducklings conquered Bill McKalip's rook aggregation, 34 to 32. Thursday night the two teams meet again, this time at Corvallis, in a game which, though Warren won't admit it, he is confident his club can win.

Last year, the rooks, to Mr. Warren's chagrin, copped all four games from the frosh. Of course, the baby Orangemen had such ball players as John Mandic, Paul Valenti, and Don Durdan, while the frosh were woefully lacking in any kind of manpower.

Times have changed, however.

### Scribes Receive Oregana Dare

A Challenge—To the so-called "Editorial staff of the Oregon Daily Emerald." We, the creators of the Greater 1940 Oregana, wish to establish for once and for all, our unquestionable and well-deserved status of superiority with respect to the Emerald staff (?) by issuing this challenge to said party. A challenge to engage in a battle which will tax even the keen minds (?) and physical prowess (?) of the highly touted Emerald staff—a basketball game. The time and place for this scrimmage of scribes to be Saturday, February 10, 1940, in McArthur court.

The potentially powerful OREGANA Basketeers. Signed: Head man and owner, George Knight; Propaganda Minister, Bob Bergben; Head Coach, Wilbur Bishop.

### Brown Bomber Trains



Joe Louis, shown above with his wife and dancer Bill Robinson, doesn't seem to be at all worried about his bout with Arturo Godoy. Louis meets the Chilean heavyweight this Friday.

and John Warren this year has a fine collection of ball players—fans of Bobby Anet and Wally Johansen, have been the first stringers all season, when not injured. However, Walt Reynolds, flashy negro ball hawk, came through with a fine performance in the first rook clash.

If the burden falls to reserves, capable John Bubalo, Don Shelton, and Whitey Baker may get their chances to star.

At center, Wally Borrevik, the six foot, eight inch lad from Reedsport, will probably retain his starting berth unless Warren decides to move husky Warren Taylor to the pivot position.

Don Kirsch and John Tuttle, the pair of frosh guards who remind

## Unbeaten Swim Stars Take Rest

### Splashers Prepare For Two Meets In Inland Empire

By KEN CHRISTIANSON Webfoot swimmers, who have taken two straight meets from Washington and Oregon State, rest and take a breather for nearly two weeks. February 16 and 17 are the dates of the next meets against the strongholds of splashers in the Inland Empire, Washington State and Idaho.

Oregon's seemingly championship bound tankmen will probably entrain in time to reach Pullman for the first meet with the Cougars. Then it is a few miles across the state line to Moscow, Idaho, to splash with the Vandals.

### WSC Fairly Good

Washington State at the beginning of the season had few swimmers. The coach asked for more of a turnout and threatened to abolish swimming as a sport. Now he has something of a turnout and a fairly good team. Idaho is not expected to offer much competition to the powerful Ducks.

The Oregon spearhead will be composed of all-Americans Jack Dallas and Sherm Wetmore with Sophomore Jerry Macdonald. Dallas and Wetmore set new coast records Saturday which are to be recognized it is hoped. These three also set a medley record in the Oregon State meet.

### Oregon vs. OSC

Oregon's tankmen meet Oregon State in a return meet February 24 in Corvallis.

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