

Webfoots Open Title Quest Against WSC Tonight



Duck Tracks

By KEN CHRISTIANSON, Co-Editor of Sports

Just how tough is this Washington State team? It is difficult to say until the Cougars have had a chance to claw the Ducks to shreds tonight as they did so well against the Oregon State Beavers in the first half Wednesday. But chances are that the Cougars will fold at some period in the game as they did against the Beavers.

The consensus of watchers at both the Oregon State-Washington State games was that Coach Jack Friel's boys should have won both—especially the last. For the Cougars were going blithely on their way, potting shots from all angles, holding the Beavers to 10 points, and preparing a brand of Beaver broth—all of this in the first half. Then in the second half, Clayton Shaw started getting a bit of Cougar fur. The Washington Staters, who had been waited along gently and getting their baskets, suddenly hit a cold streak. It was just like they had been floating on the Japanese current and then struck out for the arctic circle in cold waters.

If there weren't things like personal fouls, the Cougars would have gotten along much better. But it hurt the Washington State cause no end when Paul "Bunyan" Lindemann and Dale Gentry went out by that method. Gentry is the boy of whom the comment has been made, "His chest is so thick, it looks as if he were running sideways." Lindemann is called "Paul Bunyan" because of his size—all 6 feet 7 inches and 225 pounds of him.

The Rest of the Cougars—

But the team has three other guys on it who are rated as good or better than these two. Ray Sundquist, scored 25 points in the two nights—should he keep that up, it's a new record. Kirk Gebert has improved over last year at guard, and Vern Butts helps put the scoring punch in the team. Hobby Hobson rated Sundquist and Butts as the two best of the team.

No doubt the loss of little Bud Olson hurt the team when it came to holding together to stave off a scoring threat of the opponent. Olsen may have had a marvelous faculty for talking himself into technical fouls and out of teammate friends, but regardless of that, his teammates played ball for him. It seems also that lack of condition has something to do with the Washington State losses. The entire team was a very worn out bunch of players following the series, and the running type of game which Hobby built won't help the stamina of the Cougars in the least.

Washington State's preseason record includes nine wins in ten games. The only loss was one to Eastern Washington College of Education which is better known as Cheney normal. Cheney won 37 to 30, but the Cougars waxed Cheney in the second game. Doc Henry tells me that Cheney has one of the best teams in the northwest, and probably the best in the Palouse high country. Cougar victims include Montana, Whitman, Cheney, Gonzaga, and Willamette.

First for the Frosh

Come what may—Atherton, few players, or bad weather—John Warren always comes up with a fast, colorful basketball team, the basis for Hobson's titlists and contenders. Warren shows his material this afternoon in the Igloo against Lebanon high school. The OSC rooks had already taken the measure of the Lebanon players, 43 to 20, as well as Hood River.

John fully expects to floor a team although he would prefer that some of his turnout had "remained in the country or some other place." Year after year John praises his team with extravagant terms like, "rotten, awful, and terrible." Each time that one asks him if a player is pretty good, John always retaliates with, "Is he?" Yeah, he's always interested in finding out anything new about one of his "stars." But when John becomes effusive in praise of one of his players, "he should have stayed in the country" rather than his stock answer, "don't know," it's a cinch that he'll have a presentable team.

It may be that John's starting lineup will be Bob Sheridan, Rog Dick, Lloyd Jackson, Bill Gissberg, and Bob Newland. Warren could shove a combination on the floor which would look intramural, if he put Jim Vitti at guard. Vitti is from Darien, Connecticut.

'Twog'ie' Quits Post

The resignation of Forrest Twogood of Idaho came as a complete surprise to most sport fans in the Northwest. "Twog'ie," as he was affectionately known by sportswriters and coaches, gave notice. He is one of the best liked coaches in the Northern division and always produces colorful ball clubs. Being both basketball and the baseball coach, "Twog'ie" will be missed by fans. Many is the time fans have taken their eyes from a basketball game just to watch "Twog'ie" rant and rave at the rooks, players, and fans in general.

No reason is given for his resignation other than a possibility of active duty with the army or another salaried job in defense. Twogood who was a former major league pitcher and victim of "bursitis" (a condition where the sack in the armpit bursts and no lubrication of the joint is possible) has made use of his pitching knowledge and turned out good pitchers at Idaho. Two or three of them are in organized baseball at the present time.

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Conference Opener Planned for 8:00; Cougars Ready

By JOHNNY KAHANANUI

Dawn of another season. And tonight all Oregon jams the Igloo to watch Howard Hobson's Webfoots start galloping in the general direction of Oregon State's northern division basketball title, when they open hostilities against a Washington State five lickered twice in its curtain raiser series by the Corvallis Beavers.

Cougars Ready

"Our boys are in good physical condition," commented Cougar Coach Jack Friel, as his players were recuperating from their rather unsuccessful tangles with Oregon State Tuesday and Wednesday night. "We haven't seen Oregon play, but reports indicate they have quite a ball club."

Already Duck mentor Hobson has avowed that this season will see in action the "best 10-man squad" he's ever had, and it's no deep, dark secret that the calm, unadorned Webfoot chief is aiming both barrels at Oregon State's northern division cage title. Do-or-Die for WSC

A Washington State fumble against Oregon tonight and tomorrow will be disastrous for them, for in all probability, it'll shove them aside as a major contender for hoop kings in this neck of the forest. Such will relegate WSC to activities consisting mainly of harassing other quintets in their grabbing for the big prize.

A double win for Oregon will elevate the Ducks on a plane with

Ducklings Ready for Hoop Opener Today

READY



In his sixth year as Webfoot hoop coach, Howard "Hobby" Hobson sends his "Tall Firs" against the Washington State Cougars in the Igloo tonight.

Tumblers

Anyone interested in helping with half-time stunts at the UO-WSC game Saturday night, meet in the apparatus room of the PE building at 4, Friday, for workout. Wilbur Osterloh is in charge.

OSC and give the Webfoots tremendous impetus toward realization of any championship aspirant.

Against Oregon State, the Cougars employed a tight man-for-man defense, and an offense that crept down the floor from the toss-in but gained momentum under the hoop. In both games these tactics worked marvels . . . in the first half.

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Lebanon Quintet Invading Team

'Little Firs' Make Debut at 3:30 in McArthur Court

The freshman basketekers will get their first taste of competition this afternoon when Coach John Warren sends his charges against the Lebanon high school team. The game is slated for McArthur court and the officials will toss the ball into play at 3:30.

The frosh took things easy in Thursday's practice and contented themselves with foul shots and warming up.

Lineup Unnamed

The starting lineup for the game is not yet set. Lloyd Jackson, towering six footer is slated to start at the center position. Jackson has shown well in practice, and especially with his work under the backboard. Starter at right forward will be Bob Sheridan. A six footer with plenty of speed, Sheridan looms as a scoring threat. Bob Newland will be the probable starter at one guard spot. He is hard pressed by Walt Kresse.

The fight for the other forward position is wide open with Bob Wren, Roger Dick, Warren Christensen, and George Serfie all bidding for the starting post.

Bill Gissberg heads the list for the starting spot at the other guard position.

The game will be the first test for the "little tall firs" and will also serve somewhat as a measuring stick for the comparative merits of Ducklings and the Rooks. In their Tuesday's game with the Rooks, Lebanon was trampled under by a 43 to 20 score.

WAA Notice

All people interested in taking the written examination for the National Volleyball Officials' rating, please study the 1940 rules and report at 5 p.m. in room 121, Gerlinger, on Friday, January 17. Those people who have taken the earlier exam must also take this one, even though they were successful on the first.

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MENTOR



John Warren, Duckling coach, leads his team into their first basketball game today against the Lebanon preppers.

Boxing Tournament Slated For All-Campus Mittmen; Corley, Riley to Referee

A two-day all-campus boxing tournament will take place next Wednesday and Thursday in the boxing room of the physical ed plant. Anyone who has not made his letter in boxing is eligible to compete, providing he is in good physical condition.

Tournament Monday

Tournament managers have set the registration deadline at 5:30 Monday. According to official sources entries can be made either by living organizations or independents.

Aspirants will be notified of the date set for their individual weigh-in ceremony at the time of registration. Entrants should also designate what weight division they will fight in.

The purpose of this tournament is two-fold—to provide student re-

creation and to uncover new material for the varsity.

Corley to Referee

Varsity Coach Vaughn Corley and Pete Riley will referee the matches. Judges will be chosen from last year's lettermen.

Mat Talent Lack Noted

There's a little fat boy over in Europe (name of Benito Mussolini) who, from everything we hear, could use a few reinforcements. Chubby Benito could use a few more soldiers, but he doesn't need them half as bad as Head Coach Tex Oliver, and Assistant Lloyd Koehler need reinforcements in their little game of war on the mats.

No Small Men

The problem of molding a top-flight group of grapplers from a squad that doesn't have anyone in the low weights is what is bothering the heads of the Webfoots' wrestling department.

Koehler revealed yesterday that there is a crying need for little men in the Oregon bone-bending business—and that prospects for gaining new recruits aren't especially good. Koehler also said that he is refereeing the intramural wrestling matches and will have a weather eye peeled for men gifted with special talent in the two-man tug o' war.

Pessimism Reigns

Although pessimism flows freely in the Duck wrestling shop, there is still a little hope that a few men will be uncovered who are as willing to struggle for their alma mater, as they are for dear old Tappa Nu Keg.

MIGHTY MITE



Paul "Stonewall" Jackson, diminutive Webfoot guard, who will see action as Oregon faces the Washington State Cougars in their first conference test tonight in McArthur court. Jackson's drive make him a team sparkplug. He is one of the small men of the Duck squad, being only 5 feet 7 inches.

Hoop 'Barrymore' Is Crowd Pleaser

By TOMMY MAYES

When the tensity of the game dies down and Hobby goes blue and the Ducks just aren't on their usual par, it gets to be a pretty unpleasant clamor for the male side of the court. But 'tain't so for the girls. They get forty thrilling minutes—admiring Paul Jackson's profile.

Facemaker

"Isn't he s-s-simply d-ducky!" they say—and not only is this five-foot-seven inch basketball "Barrymore" a perfect fill-in for the role of God's Gift to Women. Much more. He's the team's fanciest dribbler and a crack solo artist. Jackson scored 140 points at guard position midway through the 1940 season and was named on the all-conference second team. One of the very instinct life-size men ever to invade McArthur court under the Hobson reign, he

makes up for the lack of height with speed and amazingly accurate ball-hawking. And what's more, he has good shooting range to make it three-deep, too.

Low on Fouls

Jackson made the least number of personal fouls in the league last year and perhaps that's some kind of a record by itself. He got his biggest thrill, he says, when the Ducks played Long Island university before 18,000 eastern fans last month. It was a great game, it is understood, at least while Jackson was in.

Jackson played high school basketball at Oakland (Calif.) Tech, playing forward and scoring as high as 25 points in one game. He majors in business administration, and to complete the list of minor statistical data, he resides in Eugene, wears size 10 1/2 socks, and puts three lumps in his coffee.



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