

Duck Tracks

By BOB FLAVELLE, Co-Sports Editor

With the annual clash between the Oregon Daily Emerald and the Oregon State Barometer staffs scheduled for Friday afternoon in the Corvallis bandbox, the Emerald sports staff felt it only fair to give the Rodents a chance to back out. Hence the following letter.

Dear Bill Vessey:
We feel that you, like most Oregon State editors, have made a very rash public statement. We understand of course, that in your column (which is strangely enough semi-readable) you didn't realize what you were declaring, concerning the coming Barometer-Emerald basketball classic.

For instance, you probably were ignorant (as usual) of the fact that this year we have one of our weakest clubs. We average only six feet five inches in height, weigh but 229 pounds per man, and boast nothing but speed, power and precision. Otherwise we haven't much of a ball club, seeing as how we're weak in sixth string reserves.

You're Asking For It
If you want to subtly withdraw your challenge, we won't say more than six or seven columns about it. If you don't, will you kindly have the following necessities available when we clash January 17?

1. An ambulance—preferably the fastest Red Cross you can obtain, because major operations are performed only in Portland.
2. Two towels—to mop up the floor after we get through with you.
3. Plenty of alibis—so your readers won't shift over to a good college paper for the remainder of the year.
4. Two drivers for that ambulance.
5. Plenty of state cops and guards to hold the overthrow crowd off the floor.
6. An additional 40 ticket sellers and ushers.

We're Hard On Balls
Kindly do not sell more than 2600 tickets, as the state fire marshal happens to be a particular friend of ours. We'll need about three basketballs because the way we pour the ball through the hoop the hemp burns the leather in no time at all—Kindly wire the Eugene AAU department for an honest referee.

We'll bring our own timekeeper along—Bill Fendall. You remember Bill—he's a former Oregon State, so you know how honest he is. We call him "Thirty-five minute." Fendall down here—in honor of the time when he let the second half run over 15 minutes (until you got ahead) and then punched the watch. Bill spent four or five years at OSC then broke out and came to school. He likes it here—that should encourage you no end. His one term here against five years there gives us a slight advantage.

Reserves Are Underweight
Our probable starting lineup:
Forwards—Jesse Owens and Seabiscuit (this is his first game).

Center—Primo Carnera. Brought over from Italy at our special request. (May he tape his hands?)
Guards—Jim Stuart and Hank Luisetti (Hank is our weak spot).

Our top notch reserves include:
Forwards: Tommy Wright (6 feet 8, 240 pounds), Johnnie Kahanani (6 feet 8, 239½ pounds).

Center: Buck Buchwach (please spell correctly—4 feet 5 inches, 83 pounds but PLENTY tough).
Guards: Bob Flavelle (an ex-beaver—better change those signals, he knows them) 6 feet 7½, 240 pounds and Ken Christianson (star hook shot, 6 feet 8, 239 15/16 pounds—1/16 of a pound underweight—FLU).

We hate to bring this up again, but after all, Fendall did keep time for every game that we have lost to you in the past. He's not crooked but it sure is nice to have efficiency.

Waiting to hear from you,
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CHARLEY GEHRINGER
POPULAR DETROIT VETERAN, THE FIRST TIGER PLAYER TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR 1941

AND SEND ME AN EASY CHAIR, ONE WHEEL CHAIR AND A PAIR OF CRUTCHES

AFTER THE LAST WORLD'S SERIES CHARLEY WAS CONVINCED THAT HIS AGING MUSCLES NEEDED A PERMANENT REST

Fifty I-M Wrestling Bouts Go by Boards

Competition Moves in 126, 145, 155, 165 Pound Classes; John Craig Floors Man in 27 Seconds

By FRED TREADGOLD

Intramural wrestling on the mass elimination basis continued in the physical education rings with fifty more matches conducted Tuesday in four weight classes—126, 145, 155, and 165-pounds. Paul Bocci, ATO 165-pounder, was the first man in that weight class to reach the quarter finals when he grappled to a 56-second win in yesterday's bout.

Speediest time recorded in the intramural matches came when John Craig, Beta, dumped R. Reese, Sigma Chi, in 27 seconds in a 145-pound battle. Due to the large number of contestants, the wrestling bouts have slowed up to such an extent that it will necessitate having to finish them next week, the intramural department announced Tuesday.

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By BUCK BUCHWACH

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'Rasslers' Please Oliver

By WALLY HUNTER
Head Coach Tex Oliver and his assistant, Lloyd Koehler, haven't yet struck a bonanza in their search for "pay dirt" in the intramural wrestling matches, but reports coming from these two indicate that there are a few nuggets filtering through from the loads of raw material stretching snow in the donut matches.

That drawing, amiable Texan, Oliver, said that he had seen quite a few good boys, but that he wasn't sure of their names. Assistant Lloyd Koehler—who has been doing most of the heavy work in connection with conditioning the matmen—said that he has also

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Tommy Harmon, everybody's all-American, accepts this petite Los Angeles girl's warmly cast vote personally. Harmon was a member of the East all-star team which lost to the West New Year's day.

Weekend Tiffs Loom To Upset Hoop Order

By JOHNNY KAHANANUI

As swells and ripples subsided after last weekend's upheaval, the northern division basketball victors' barge lurched back on even keel. Squatting on board were Washington and Oregon State with two wins and no losses. Washington State dangled on the trailing edge by a fingernail after two sprawls and two wins, while Idaho's Vandals splashed about after two dunks apiece.

Washington earned two over Idaho, while WSC recuperated after two Beaver slaps to chop Oregon's beapole five times.

Such is the situation in northern division cage play, and as such it will remain until possibly Friday, when the Webfoots reach out for Oregon State in Corvallis, and Saturday, when the Vandals lure WSC to Moscow.

Propaganda from Beaverville reports a "natural letdown" on the part of OSC after the WSC battle last week. But litest communiques have it that the Orangemen, defending titlists, "will soon be at full speed again."

Hobson Works Ducks
Here in Eugene, Coach Howard Hobson of the Ducks, burdened with the immense task of heaving off ugly bumps in his team's play—ragged edges that flared unimpressively during the WSC game—tossed his varsity men against John Warren's frosh yesterday.

With varsity cage maneuvers strictly on the Q.T., not much could be gleaned concerning the general trend in play by the Webfoots.

Regardless, Hobson, along with loyal Duck fans, continue to have implicit faith in the Webfoots' potentialities. The Oregon coach, according to information received, believes the Ducks stand an even chance of dumping the Beavers Friday night.

This initial 1941 Duck-OSC hoop encounter will be the last until the Beavers invade Eugene February 8 for a tangle during Dads' day festivities.

Ducklings Stage Return Go Today With Dallas Five

Frosh Engage Tall Varsity in Practice Match for Tune-up

That the freshmen basketball team has a game Wednesday with Dallas made little difference to Coach John Warren as he sent his chargers in against the varsity in Tuesday afternoon's practice.

In a lengthy scrimmage the Ducklings served as opposition to the "Tall Firs" as the varsity practiced for Oregon State. Over-towered by the "big boys," the yearlings nevertheless gave a good account of themselves and showed a running game that kept the varsity on its toes.

Bill Gissberg, who has been kept out of play because of a pulled muscle, did not see any action in the fray but will be ready for Wednesday's game.

Probable Five
The probable starting lineup for the return game with Dallas, to be played at Dallas, will find Bob Sheridan and Rog Dick at forwards. Dick will be hard pushed for his starting position by Bob Wren. Lloyd Jackson, lanky hoopster who played for Dallas last year, has the inside lane for the starting center slot. The guard positions will be a toss up between Bob Newland, Walt Kresse, and Bill Gissberg. Newland appears as the likely starter at one post with Kresse and Gissberg fighting it out for the other.

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