



Duck Tracks

By KEN CHRISTIANSON, Co-Editor of Sports

"Seconds out." "Time." Two athletes square off in the center of the ring and then the fireworks start. Each fighter tries to knock a speck of dust off the chin of the opponent, and for this reason, each man throws a lot of blows depending upon the time he's in the ring. In short, fight fans crowded the boxing room of the PE building to watch the finals of the all-campus slugging yesterday. The price of admission was to put in an appearance, but the fights were worth a half a buck.

One fighter, Don Vernier, won the plaudits of all the one hundred fifty or two hundred spectators. Vernier calmly and coolly went about his way of polishing off the finalists in the 155 and 165-pound classes. Merle Hanscom came first. Vernier simply threw a few rights and lefts which appeared to land like two hind hooves of a mule battering a barn door. Vernier grabbed a few minutes rest and came back to battle with Gil Geitner.

In the first round, it appeared that the two fights were too much for Vernier. Geitner, it was thought, hurt him in that first round, but before the fight was over Geitner was hanging onto Vernier as if he, Geitner, were greeting a long lost mother. Vernier is a freshman from Parkrose in Portland.

During his two terms at Oregon, he has done three things which no other man has done—that I can remember. 1.—He won the 155-pound class in intramural wrestling by pinning each opponent—all falls in less than two minutes, except one from Ehrman Giustina which went a bit over that. 2.—He beat Hanscom to win the all-campus 155-pound crown (it was Hanscom's first loss on the Oregon campus during four years of boxing). 3.—He won the 165-pound all-campus boxing championship. It's the combination of these three that's exceptional.

Baker Kayoes Smith—Like a Fish

The sole semi-final event created a furor among the onlookers. Buzz Baker cooled Kerm Smith in 15 seconds at 175 pounds. It was the first knockout of the tourney, and it taught Smith the value of not turning a back on an opponent. Baker caught Smith with a looping right as he was turning, and the blow flipped Smith's head back on the mat like a mackerel slapping a wet ship's deck. Smith's eyes glazed over, but he snapped out of it in a few minutes. Baker did not fare so well with Hersch Patton, football center. Baker was bleeding at the mouth and nose like a stuck pig before the fight was ended in the second.

And strange to say, it wasn't Patton who wanted the fight to keep going, it was Baker. For Baker spat, "No, no. Don't stop it, I'm all right."

Pete Riley, state AAU champion, had no easy time of disposing with Chet Sargent at 145 pounds. Riley's back was injured and he was not fighting his usual fight, but Vaughn Corley will undoubtedly have him ready for the varsity matches coming up. Tex Oliver and Mike Mikulak were enjoying the fights hugely. Both stood near the ring and grinned like a couple of Chessy cats at the blows and blood flying around.

Second Hoyman Aquacade Saturday

A lot of water is splashed about in the men's pool, and more of it will be splashed when the varsity and freshmen go through a regular swimming meet under regular meet conditions Saturday at 3 p. m. It's free. The varsity mermen, paced by Co-captains Jack Dallas and Sperm Wetmore piled up 38 points, against 27 for the freshmen. But the frosh retaliated with alibis about "hell week" and "flu." Now the frosh have a couple of Co-captains, too. Chuck Nelson and Bob Irvin will show the way Saturday against the "big brothers."

Mike Hoyman rates the meet a toss-up. "It'll be a good show. Drop around." Bob Hiatt, frosh swimmer, will be ready for competition. He was held up with the flu for the other meet. Probably the only sure fire win for the varsity is in the breaststroke with Dallas splashing the way.

Who's Got Another Ref?

No. 1 gripe of the week is the preponderance of referees for the Oregon-Washington State series Tuesday and Wednesday. It isn't enough that Steve Belko and Don Nelson should be blowing the whistle. Over the radio hookups came cries such as these from the radio announcer. "The referees missed a foul by Oregon that time." Another time a WSC player was kicked out of the game with four personals. "The referees are sure calling them close tonight."

And again he called the Cougar shots before they were made, "Gentry is dribbling in to make a shot—he makes it."

Vernier Blasts Way to Two Boxing Titles

Seven All-Campus Champions Crowned

Baker Scores 15-Second K.O. Over Kirm Smith in 175-Pound Semifinal Match; Jim Shephard Wins Heavyweight Laurels

By STEVE WORTH

Don Vernier, a lad with a fighter's heart and a good hard right, proved himself Oregon's best in two weight divisions as he slugged out decisions over Merle Hanscom and Gil Geitner yesterday afternoon in the finals of the all-campus boxing tourney.

The second fight on the card pitted Vernier against the favored Hanscom, 155-pound varsity standout. Vernier, boring in from the opening bell, found Hanscom's face early in the opening period with a right cross that shook Hanscom and put him on the defensive for the remainder of the bout.

Riley Wins

After an even first round Vernier went after the 165-pound crown in earnest. Pounding hard lefts and rights to the head and midsection of Veteran Gil Geitner, highly touted amateur from Oakland, California, Vernier carried the fight and his aggressiveness evidently had a bad psychological effect on Geitner, for the outcome of the fracas was never in doubt after the first round. When Geitner felt the canvas in the third period it marked the second knockdown of the afternoon for Vernier, having floored Hanscom; also in the third.

Pete Riley, after removing the tape and thermo-pack from his strained back, climbed through the cloth-bound ropes and outpointed Chet Sargent in three fast rounds. Riley worked with his usual finesse but lacked the speed and power that he ordinarily exhibits. Sargent gave a good account of himself but was simply outclassed.

The work of Jim Shephard, rugged heavyweight, must have gladdened Coach Vaughn Corley's heart, for the Minnesota lad had better than average form in grabbing a win from Jim Bailey, a boxer with plenty of experience in collegiate circles. Shephard needs more conditioning and little more polish, but makes good use of boxing fundamentals, and, according to Assistant Coach Riley has a cooperative spirit.

Quick Knockout

The shortest bout of the afternoon was a semi-final match between Buzz Baker and Kerm Smith in the light-heavyweight division. Baker led with his left, Smith led with his chin, turned to see if anyone was watching, and hit the bleached cheese cloth all in the space of 15 short seconds.

The worm turned in the 175-pound finals, however, when footballer Hersch Patton stopped Baker after 65 seconds of the second round. Corley stopped the riot because of excessive bleeding about Baker's nose. The contest was a sloppy exhibition of boxing, with the two opponents getting all wrapped up in their work, in each other, and in the ropes.

Duke Warner lifted the 135-pound title by stopping Willard Heath, sophomore slugger from Boise, Idaho. Heath cut his lip in a recent practice session and Warner re-opened the wound early in the second period. Warner had a slight edge up until the time Corley decreed that Heath should not answer the bell for the final round. It is possible that Heath will hold down the varsity bantamweight slot, should Marty Schedler fail to slim down to the 135-pound limit.

Ward Christianson won the 125-pound finals by default from Joe Wong.

Ducks Trudge Into Moscow For Idaho Tiff

WSC Dings Oregon In Two More Tilts To Sweep Series

By JOHNNIE KAHANANUI Humiliated twice recently by Washington State, four times in all, Oregon's 11-man basketball team, with its coach, Howard Hobson, deserted Pullman yesterday and trudged inland to Moscow, Idaho. Tonight in Moscow the Webfoots try to redeem themselves at the expense of the University of Idaho's Vandals.

Washington State's double-barreled tubbing of Oregon shoved the Cougars ahead of Oregon State with five wins and two losses and maneuvered them into position to slap at the Washington Huskies perched atop the conference with two wins and no thumpings.

OSC Third

OSC's Beavers squat in third position with two victories and a loss, ahead of Oregon claiming a single win and plagued with four defeats. Idaho clings to the tail with three losses.

Tonight's Oregon-Idaho tiff is one of those unpredictable affairs. In the blue corner are the Vandals, rated pre-season darkhorses and at present in the coal bin, having been bitten twice by the Huskies. In the red are the Ducks, listed among pre-season favorites, and now practically pooped out in the race after a magnificent second-wind catch against Oregon State.

Man for man, neither team holds too much of an advantage. Idaho puts most of its eggs in two rather large boys, 220 pounds of Otis Hilton, looming 6 feet 7 inches from the floor, and Ron Harris, a 6 feet 4 inch prima donna forward. Hilton barged right into big Paul Lindeman of WSC in the WSC-Idaho tilt and plugged the Cougar center up right pretty, despite the fact the Cougars tripped the Vandals.

Ducks Rugged

Harris, according to Vandal propaganda, is a "very good shot, but on the temperamental side," a counterpart of WSC's Bud Olson of last year.

By now the potentiality of Oregon players has been more or less established. It certainly is a more rugged team than roamed the courts for the Eugene University last year, with such stable supplements as Big Bill Borcher, Warren Taylor, and Compact Pork Andrews.

Oregon's play has improved considerably since that disastrous opening series here against Washington State. The Webfoots stamped over the traditional "tough" rivals, Oregon State, 41 to 31, then dropped two close ones to the Cougars in Pullman Tuesday and Wednesday nights. These achievements were more than a hoot and a holler away from their lethargic performance against WSC in games No. 1 and 2 contested in the Webfoots' Igloo.

Whether the Ducks will continue this hepped-up play, despite there being only a mathematical possibility of their copping the northern division hoop title, will be seen tonight.

Theta Chis, Gammas Win 'B' Loop Games By Lopsided Scores

By FRED TREADGOLD

Well-defined victories were chalked up in all "B" loop games conducted on court 43 Thursday, with the Theta Chi seconds showing the way by belting Delta Tau Delta 33 to 6.

For every basket the Pi Kappa Alpha E's made, the Alpha Tau Omega quintet would counter with two in their conflict, hence a 26 to 13 decision for the ATOs. Campbell co-op counted up only 11 points during their tiff but it was sufficient to hand them a triumph over the Chi Psi lodgemen who could only sink eight markers.

Graybeat Stars

Riding the crest of the Theta Chi's wave of points was Joe Wicks, who connected for 15 points. Halftime score was 9 to 2 for the winners.

Jay Graybeat, ex-football jack-rabbit, was high point man for the ATOS in their conquest of the Pi KA club. Ten points were accorded him.

Campbell co-op led just 6 to 5 at halftime but with Corneil Bilyeu hitting for several baskets in the second period the co-opmen managed to lengthen the margin to a safe degree by the conclusion of the game.

Summaries:

Campbell (11) (8) Chi Psi Hafenbrack F..... 2, Ambrose Cook F..... 2, B. Johns Denno C..... 2, Kramer Robinson G..... 3, Taylor Weber G..... Christensen Substitutions—Campbell: Bilyeu 8, Putnam 3; Chi Psi: Strabuck, Van Metre 1, M. Johns.

ATO (26)

(13) Pi Kap Weiner, 1 F..... 3, McKenzie Hay, 3 F..... Richmond Brown, 3 C..... Jacobson Collin G..... Noble Graybeal, 10 G..... 4, Yancy Substitutions—ATO: Bocci, Boone, Payne 6, Bartel, Vandenberg, Kely, Smith, Farrier 2, Cecchini, Borich; Pi Kap: Still, Giffin, Donsted, Brown, Saint.

Theta Chi (33) (6) Deltas Houek, 5 F..... Lott Putnam F..... Daniels Anderson C..... Shelton Wicks, 15 G..... Kilburg Bergstrom, 3 G..... Yantis Substitutions—Theta Chi: Lowry 2, Ballif 4, Hadley 4, Silva, Walker; Deltas: E. Maize 2, Ambrose 2, Foster, J. Maize 2, Boches, Martin, Pelker.

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Frosh Hoopmen Start Trip South

Long Scrimmage Follows Defeat by Helliwell's Toggery

The freshman hoopmen will pack up their basketball togs this afternoon and depart from Eugene for Bend and Klamath Falls to take on the local boys there. The travelers meet Bend Friday night, Klamath Falls on Saturday night.

Still smarting from the 47 to 38 defeat handed them by Helliwell's Toggery, the yearlings went through a game-length scrimmage with University high Thursday afternoon.

The Duckling team is falling into the familiar trend of Oregon's teams—shoot fast, shoot often, and out-run the opposition. In five games to date the frosh have collected an average of 47 points per game against 26 for the opposition.

Bob Newland jumped far into the (Please turn to page four)

ta Upsilon over Alpha hall, 11 to 6. More of a combination track meet and wrestling match than a basketball game, both teams raced up and down the floor, shooting and missing as they went.

Alpha hall, 6 11, Delta Upsilon Lake, 4 F..... 4, McKimney Powers, 4 F..... Sorenson Jones, 2 C..... 2, Jones Allen G..... 2, Crabb Richardson G..... Scott Subs: Alpha hall, C. Steers, G. Krebs, Welsh, Williams, DU, Stuhr 1, Wagner 2, Hodges, John, Gray.

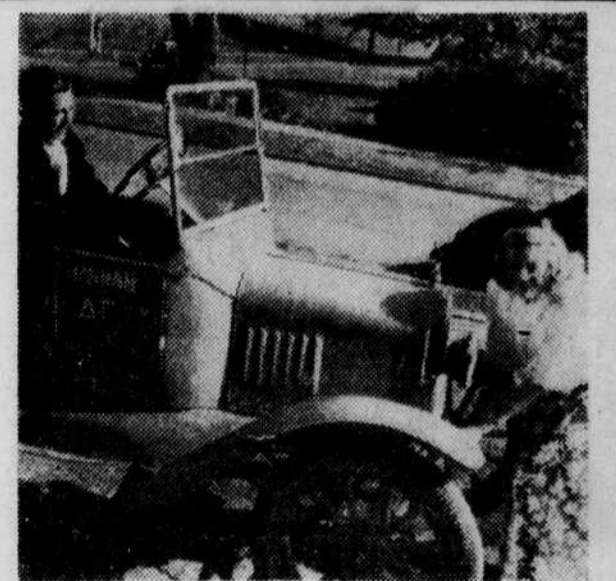
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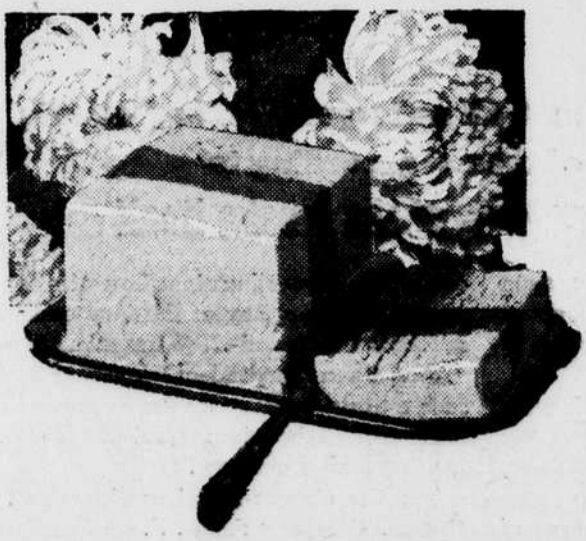
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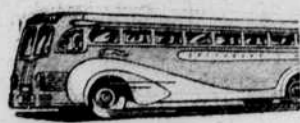
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