



Duck Tracks

By BOB FLAVELLE, Co-Sports Editor

It looks bad for the University of Oregon basketball team. In five games to date, they already have lost four which past statistics say is sufficient . . . no team wins the title if they lose more than four games. So all the Ducks have to do is sweep the remaining contests of their northern division schedule and pray that the race ends in a tie. It looks pretty dark.

Everyone is asking the same question: "What has happened to the Oregon team?" The fact that they ask indicates that great things were expected from the Webfoots after their second-place season in 1940. Fans will point out to you that with four of last year's five starters back, plus a host of fine substitutes, the team should at least be as good, if not much better, than last season's quintet.

But it seems to me that Hobby and his men were put on the spot long before the season started. Only one man was lost from last year, it is true, but that one man was QUITE a man. He was the steadying influence on the team . . . kept them playing cool ball despite the odds against them. In addition he scored a total of 183 points in 16 games, which cannot be sneezed at. Yes, John Dick was worthy of national rating and his loss was passed off too lightly by Oregon followers.

Are Living in the Past

Oregon students and supporters have not yet forgotten that it was three years ago, and not today, that Hobson took his team back east to cop the National championship. They are used to seeing their team at the top of the heap and when the boys lose, comparisons are immediately made to that great squad of 1939—Oregon is too accustomed to big time basketball.

The annual eastern trip has much to do with building up a false evaluation of the Webfoot quintet. Much propaganda goes out to eastern papers concerning our chances against the opponents to be met, and by the time the sports writers get through building up the greatness of the "Tall Firs," and "Gal-loping Bean-poles" from the romantic northwest, the Oregon fans at home begin to take it all, hook, line, and sinker.

No, it seems to me unjust to put the pressure on a team as it has been done this year. Oregon started the season as dark horses . . . the team to beat, if any of the other four schools wanted to walk off with the championship. Oregon had the added handicap of being the favorite, all other schools were pointing for their four games with the Webfoots because they were supposed to be the strongest.

Fans Expected Too Much

What happened?—Hobby's men dropped two games to the Cougars to start off the season. Handicapped by sickness and considered cinches to dump the Washington Staters, Oregon Oregon looked poor indeed while losing both contests. Then they traveled to Corvallis to meet the proud Oregon State five which dumped the Cougars in two games. OSC was the favorite and the Ducks, with the pressure off and health restored, made mincemeat of them.

Comes the road trip and two losses to Washington State again—but close ball games, both of them. As I write they are in the process of losing to one of the strongest Idaho teams in years.

What do you think? Is the team folding up? . . . Have they seen too much country? . . . I am inclined to believe that they have been expected to do things that they are not capable of doing.

It isn't the players' faults—they are doing their best. It so happens that there are some pretty darned good squads representing northern division universities this year and no team is going to boom through their schedule without dropping several.

Oregon will have a lot to say about which team does win out. At present it appears that the Cougars have the inside track. With their road trip over, except for two games at Seattle and one at Moscow, the Washington Staters can sit back at ease in their own balliwick and wait for their victims to come to them.

As for me, I'm not expecting a championship, and never have. But I'm sure going to enjoy watching the Webfoots put a crimp into Slat's Gill's Beaver machine. That's one thing they can do.

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Idaho Halts Faltering Ducks, 41-30

Hilton Scores 17 Points to Lead Vandals to Conference Victory

Webfoots Watch Title Hopes Fade As Points Pile Up

Idaho did it! Last night the Vandals pried loose Oregon's precarious toe-nail hold on fourth place in northern division basketball play and dumped the Webfoots into the basement with a disheartening thud. It was Idaho's baptismal win.

Forty-one to 30 was the score, but that is relatively immaterial. This Vandal clubbing virtually slapped Oregon out of any contending perch, mythical or real, for this year's hoop title. Now, from their position of solitary confinement in the dungeon, the Ducks will cast longing eyes upward while the other teams roll merrily along. True, they'll harass others before the season is over, but to no avail toward any championship for them.

Of course it is mathematically conceivable that by some fancy manipulation of x's, y's, z's, co-sines, and sines the Webfoots may miraculously sneak to the fore. But such is practically impossible in the realm of probability . . . or something.

Oregon lost, and its traditional rivals, the Beavers followed suit in Seattle. Washington dribbled them around and wound up ahead 40 to 33.

It was Idaho all the way last night. Not once did the Webfoots even pull abreast of Forrester Two-good's Vandals as the Moscowites clamped a strangle hold on the lead soon after the game got underway. For a brief moment in the second period Hobby's lads, displaying vaunted drive, bolted to within two lousy points of the bounding Vandals. But Idaho broke out with the scoring rash again, and from there on in became a bunch of untouchables.

Forty pops the Moscow five aimed at the hoop and 14 slithered through. Of course monstrous Otis Hilton, Idaho center, was in there for his share of the pie, grabbing top scoring honors with 17 points. The big fellow, his arms waving around the backboard like the tentacles of an octopus, lassoed many a rebound before the Ducks could wind up and cast.

Half-time tally was 21 to 16, Idaho.

Oregon and Idaho play again tonight, as the Ducks wind up their invasion of the Inland empire.

Seventy-five students from 21 foreign countries have formed an organization at New York university.

All-Campus Score Deadline Set Today

All first-round matches in all-campus handball, singles and doubles, ping pong singles and doubles, and bowling must be played and the scores posted by five o'clock tonight.

Elmer Olson of the intramural office said last night: "The games must be played by the date indicated at the top of each ladder or they will default." Three additional days have been granted to permit all possible entries to play.

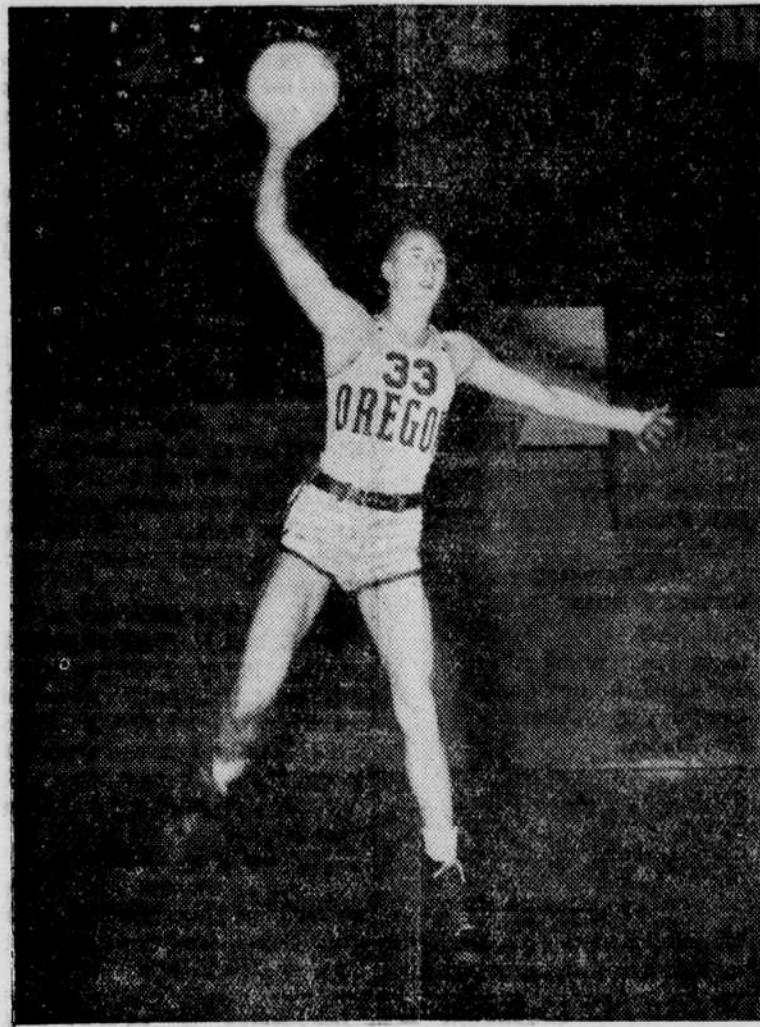
Winners to date in first round competition include: Bob Rudolph and Allan Shaw over George Schreiber and Bob Bloom, Bill Thompson and Jim Whitaker over Bill Moxley and Allan Shepard, in ping-pong doubles matches.

Chuck Larson over Nathan Ail, Estley Schick over Evan Davies, Bob Whitley over Bill Thompson, Frank Baker over Art Jacobson, Bob Bloom over Dick Shannon, and George Schreiber over Bill Moxley, in ping-pong singles.

Charles Mallory over Dan Maboney, Verlin Wolfe over John Mead, Jimmie Leonard over Bill Driver, Dennis Bakewell over Harold Hartzell in bowling.

Harry Martini and Harold Kaschko over Bob Merryman and Ellsworth Maas, Chit Haliski and Len Isberg over Wilbur Osterloh and John Sanders, Jim Deern and Ed Niklas over Bob Chilcote and Tom Hudson, Morris Klapper and Charles Cutler over Paul Bocci and Douglas Hay, Art Berg and Leonard Farr over Morris Riback and Ray Packouz, Ed Moshofsky and

BALL HAWKING VIC



Hopes of ever playing on an Oregon Championship team hit the skids for "Slick" Vic Townsend, fiery Duck guard, as the Webfoots lost their third straight game—to the uprising Idaho Vandals last night, 41-30.

Frosh, Varsity Slate Mermen Meet Today

The freshmen and varsity swimmers go at it again today, and from all indications another David and Goliath story in the offing.

Having reorganized last week's program, which the varsity won 38 to 27, so that it presents the best possible competition, Coach Mike Hoyman admits frankly that the frosh are favorites or even money in every race but Jack Dallas's breaststroke event. The meet is set for three this afternoon in the men's pool and all are welcome. Coach Hoyman wishing it made clear that coeds as well as men may attend.

With the exception of John Mead, California relay man who has been forced to withdraw from swimming indefinitely, the frosh team will be at full strength and in top condition. Bob Hiatt, out of the first meet with the flu, is back to help the relay teams and may make the difference in the medley which the frosh dropped last week. All the first year men are reported recovered from the flu and the rigors of "hell week."

Hoyman has dropped the 60-yard event for a 50-yard race. In a time trial over the new distance yesterday Randall and Marnie of the varsity swam a very close race with both men under 25 seconds.

Another race that may reverse this week in favor of the freshmen is the backstroke, between freshman Co-captain Chuck Nelson and Cub Callis of the varsity. Each man holds a win over the other in competition thus far in the season and today's race will be the "rubber" event.

Diving will not be counted in the meet, but the varsity divers will vie among themselves. Jack Dallas, who just took up diving this year and has progressed amazingly during the early season workouts, won the competition last week with a total of 51 points.

The second round matches must be played by a week from today, it was announced.

CHALLENGE



Challenge to Joe Louis' heavyweight boxing crown is Lou Nova, pictured above. Lou started a successful comeback late last year.

Alpha Hall, Fijis, Theta Chis Win Intramural Tilts

Phi Psis, 'Supers,' Sigma Chi, 'B' Drop Close Battles

By FRED TREADGOLD

Alpha hall hit the win column for the first time this season as it squeezed out a 20 to 19 triumph over Phi Kappa Psi in a hairline decision, yesterday in an "A" contest on court 43. A foul conversion by Adams, who tallied 15 points for the afternoon's work, provided the margin of victory for the hallmen. The score was knotted at 19-all at the time of the successful foul conversion.

"Dutch" Rohwer ran Adams a fair second in scoring with 10 to his credit. At the conclusion of the first half Alpha led 18 to 10, with the Phi Psis almost overhauling them with a spirited second-half rally.

Led by a sharp-shooting guard, Rand Potts, the Theta Chi quintet tripped up the Superchargers' "A" squad, 30 to 16. Potts hoisted in 12 points while team mate Harrison Bergholdt came second with 6. The count at mid-game was 14 to 5, favoring the Chis.

Despite a determined second-half Fiji rally, Sigma Chi's "B" squad tangled up the Phi Gamma Delta seconds 21 to 15. On the short end of a 17 to 6 half-time tally, the Fijis, paced by Rod McMillen, put on a sustained drive in the second period but failed to come abreast of the pace-setters. Footballer Jim Shephard made 10 points to show the way for the Sweethearts.

Fiji "B" (15) (21) Sigma Chi "B" Marland, 6, Hildeburn, 2, F., Kilburn, 1, Nichols, 1, C., 10, Shephard, Ferrall, 4, G., Hanen, Longan, 2, G., Beaver. Substitutions—Fijis: McMillen, 6; Sigma Chi: Burton, 4, Holbert, 1, Surles, Pederson, Gridley, Lilly, Williams, O'Brien.

Theta Chi (30) (16) S'chargers Loback, 2, F., 2, Flavelle, White, 4, F., Wolfe, Karterman, 1, C., 5, Fox, Potts, 12, G., 2, Wright, Deverall, 5, G., Olmsted. Substitutions—Theta Chi: Bergholdt, 6; Superchargers, Boice, Flatberg, Alpaugh, 1, Dickson, 2.

Phi Psi (19) (20) Alpha E. Rohwer, 10, F., Hansley, Hickens, 4, F., 2, Dye, Cole, 3, C., 3, Leberger, Collier, 1, G., 13, Adams, R. Rohwer, 5, G., Oswald. Substitutions—Phi Psis: Kel-bring; Alpha: Kunz, Lill.

Ping-Pong to Begin Intramural Contests

Intramural ping-pong starts Tuesday in the restricted room of the P. E. building (room 80). Two singles and one doubles make up a team. All players must appear in gym clothes, Elmer Olson said.

The first game will be played at 8 o'clock with Beta Theta Pi vs. Omega Hall, followed by Sigma Alpha Mu vs. Alpha Hall.

The intramural office urges players to be on time.

FROSH CHIEF



Duckling Mentor John Warren led his charges against Bend high last night. They meet Klamath Falls tonight to complete their inland trip.

Monday's Games

Monday's intramural basketball games:
4:00, Court 38 — Alpha . Tau Omega (A) vs. Sorsas.
4:40, Court 38 — Phi Gamma Delta (A) vs. Sigma hall.
5:20, Court 38—Sherry Ross (A) vs. Sigma Nu.

Mrs. DeCou Informs Kwama of Aid Fund

The aid and assistance which the Oregon students' money will be to impoverished European and Chinese boys and girls was explained by Mrs. Elizabeth DeCou, secretary of the YWCA, to Kwama, sophomore women service honorary, Thursday afternoon.

Janet Morris, co-chairman with Bob Lovell on the World Student Service fund, explained further the money-raising drive that the WSSF is conducting on the campus next week.

Kwama's part in the campaign was discussed, and it was decided that the girls, together with Skull and Dagger, sophomore men's service honorary, would sell the tags on Tuesday for the Wednesday "tag day."

Nelson Interviewed On Radio Program

Lyle Nelson, editor of the Oregon Daily Emerald, explained his work and discussed the organization and personnel of the Emerald in an interview over KOAC at 8:15 last night.

Kappa Sigs Tip Canard 29-7 in 'A' Hoop Victory

SAE's, Sherry Ross Win Over Omegas, Phi Sigs in 'B' Play

Kappa Sigma's mighty "A" squad climbed another step on its way to the intramural championship yesterday, when they defeated a fighting Canard club, 29 to 7. The "physical men" started fast, building up a 17 to 3 lead by half-time.

A lineup composed of four varsity football players the Kappa Sigs were too rugged and fast for their smaller opponents to possibly stop.

Kappa Sigma, 29 7, Canard Club Jameson, 4, F., Bishop Stenstrom, 2, F., Thayer Horne, C., 1, Beckham Berry, 13, G., Herndon Harris, 10, G., 5, Holcomb. Subs: Canard, Thompson, 1.

A sharpshooting Sigma Alpha Epsilon "B" team put in its bid for "B" intramural honors on court 38 by swamping Omega hall 44 to 8. By halftime the speedy SAE five had established a 16 to 2 lead. From there on in they were never headed.

Omega hall, 8 44, SAE McMullian, 4, F., 17, Kelly Grandall, 4, F., 2, Meek McGinnis, 2, C., Hollowell Miller, G., 4, Thomas Jones, 2, G., Segale.

Subs: Omega, H. Rhorer; SAE: Hand 3, Farrow, Winters 4, Holling 6, Clinet 2, Linde 6.

Sherry Ross hall and Phi Kappa Sigma provided the thrilling moments on court 38 yesterday when they wrestled around in a tightly fought brawl for 24 minutes, Sherry Ross emerging the victor, 12 to 8.

The "B" game was enlivened by the near equal strength of both teams, the winners barely managing to pull ahead in the last two minutes.

Sherry Ross, 12 8, Phi Sig Richardson, 4, F., Shoemaker Molotove, 3, F., Rice Polher, C., Hitchcock Trask, G., 2, Bellows Kahananui, G., Tuckweiler. Subs: Sherry Ross, Clark, Green 1, Franks 2, Lloyd 2, Phi Sig: Heltnerline 2, Time, Richards 4, O'Neill, Roots.

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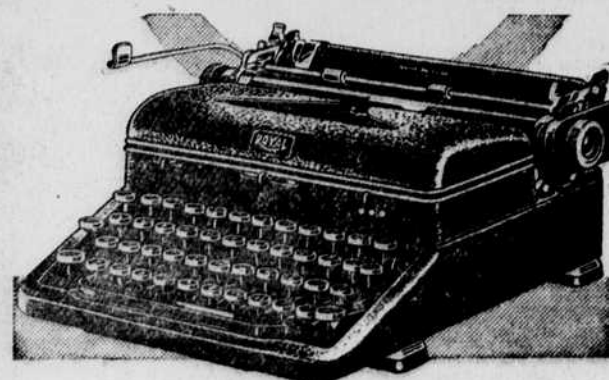
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