



Duck Tracks

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Credit Oregon's basketball team as being the original or near original hard luck club. First, the team lies in the division cellar with six losses and one defeat; second, the entire Oregon student body feels "down in the mouth" about and at the team; third, Hank Anderson, author of the "unguardable" shot, injured his knee in the last Washington State game and may not recover in time for the Washington-Oregon series; and fourth, Bill Borchert flipped an ankle the wrong way during the final Idaho game which put him out for ten crucial minutes during which time Idaho won the game, 39 to 38.

Despite this streak of luck which would make many coaches push away steak and potatoes, Hobby Hobson bounces back with this bit of optimism: "We have a team on a par with other teams in the conference."

Oregon has only played three of the conference teams, namely—Washington State, Oregon State, and Idaho. Washington is yet to be reckoned with, and when one considers the one and two point victories on which the Huskies base their unbeaten record, they may stand to lose several the same way. The Ducks messed up Oregon State and as Borchert put it, "We can always beat OSC." They may, also, beat Washington.

Take the last Idaho game Saturday night, place it under a microscope, and it becomes apparent that it could have gone either way with ease. But with Borchert out for ten bad minutes with a turned ankle, the control of the backboards, which had been fairly even, immediately went to the Vandals. Besides that, Idaho has always been tough on its home floor; the national champs of 1939 were hard put to win the second in Moscow. Ford Mullen grabbed that one out of the hands of the would-be Vandal wreckers.

Hobby's Standbys—Borchert, Anderson

Naturally, the loss of Hank Anderson was felt. Anderson is the only big Duck that can be counted on for a flock of points. While Hobson relies on Borchert to control the backboards on rebounds. Take these two out of a ball game, and Oregon's "first line of defense and offense" is gone. Had Anderson not gone out of the second Cougar game, it is quite conceivable that it might have gone to Oregon—it was that close.

So, in reality, Oregon lost two or three games on breaks, but nevertheless, the Ducks lost. "I thought we should have won two and possibly three of the games," said Hobson. "The games were tied until the final few minutes." Despite the way the road trip turned out—four straight jabs to the chin, Hobby was "proud of the way they played."

But breaks or no breaks, the records will still show Oregon with six losses to one lone win. Oregon fans will have to reconcile themselves to some position other than first in the northern division. The Webfoots have been lauded to the skies, and for various reasons they haven't produced. But as soon as they become better organized, the Ducks will also start winning ball games. "The teams are more easily matched this year," observed Hobson, and that sums it up. Oregon was nipped a couple of times by the Cougars, and it knocked the team morale down a notch or two.

Oregon's 100-1 Chance to Cop the Title

It may be that the Washington series will be the turning point of Oregon's campaign. According to one maxim, a team is out of the race with five losses marked against it, but this doesn't hold true. In 1937, Oregon, Washington, and Washington State tied with 11 wins and five losses. The Cougars won the playoff. In 1938, Oregon won the title with 14 wins and 6 losses. By knocking out Montana, Oregon had 11 wins and five losses. Even with six losses, Oregon could creep in under the wire, but the odds would be like those against an "also ran" in the Kentucky Derby.

Hobson said his lineup Friday and Saturday read "Vic Townsend, forward," and that's probably the way it'll be next Monday and Tuesday against Washington. Hec Edmundson boasts that he'll bring a club that's fully equipped to run Oregon into the floor and then some. So to combat this threat, Hobson will leave Townsend at one forward with Borchert (Anderson will be limping until after the Husky series by all indications). Wally Borrevik will be at center. At guards, Hobson will probably slip Paul Jackson in with Captain George Andrews.

That way the Oregon team will stack up with three fast, speedy men—Andrews, Townsend, and Jackson—and two big men to command the backboards—Borchert and Borrevik. With this speed and height, Hobson may be able to give Edmundson's bunch a real "run" for its money. Edmundson has plenty of speed at his command, too, what with Norm Dalthorp, Bob Lindh, Bill Morris, and some fast sophomores.

Townsend 'Tops' in League Scoring

'BOSS'



Hobby Hobson won't spare the horses as he sends his charges into hard drills this week in an attempt to bring the Ducks back into the win column.

ATO, Sigma Nus, Fijis Score Wins

Sorsa, Sherry
Ross, Sigma Hall
Lose Hoop Tilts

Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Nu, and Phi Gamma Delta intramural teams scored at will against Sorsa, Sherry Ross, and Sigma Hall five respectively, last night in "A" league games.

The ATOs broke down the court time and again to pile in baskets, while the scorekeeper wore himself out keeping up with the mounting points. ATO won 50 to 12. Sigma Nu whipped Sherry Ross hall's best attempts, 35 to 15, while the Fijis loped along, scoring a 22 to 6 victory.

Ralph Dunn helped himself to scoring honors for the day's play with 19 points for the ATOs. Brad Ecklund barged around the floor and picked up high point honors for the Sigma Nus. For the Fijis five, John Harding was a leading light with eight points.

Five Schools Enter UO Swimming Meet

Five Universities have already sent in entries for the western region of the nation intercollegiate telegraphic swimming meet to be sponsored by Oregon from February 15 to March 15, and the University of Hawaii wired Oregon for entry blanks.

Washington State college, Montana State college, University of Utah, and UCLA are the schools that have so far sent in applications.

UCLA is defending champion for the western region, and the University of Oregon placed second last year. The Hawaiian team is considered a potential challenger for the championship, and the runner-up Oregon team is given a good chance to paddle off with the laurels this year.

Webfoots Rest After Disastrous Four-Game Tour

Anderson, Borchert
Injured; Ducks
In Cellar Position

The six-time beaten Oregon Webfoots returned to the University campus yesterday, completing a disastrous journey to Pullman and Moscow for games with Washington State and Idaho.

Coach Hobson called off practice yesterday to give his squad a much needed rest. On the injured list were high scoring "Hank" Anderson, and Bill Borchert. And Oregon was deep in last place in Northwest conference standings. The division championship is just a faded shadow on last week's horizon, though still a possibility, it is an improbability.

Salvaged, however, from the suicide tour of the Palouse country was the league scoring leadership, with Vic Townsend holding down the topmost position. Vic's 74 points for seven games gives him undisputed point collecting honors.

Ten points behind second place Paul Lindeman of the Washington State Cougars, is Webfoot captain Porky Andrews with 61 points to his credit. In fifth place, four points behind Idaho's Otis Hilton, was Hank Anderson's 54 point collection.

Next for the faltering Ducks are the Conference leading Washington Huskies, with games scheduled for next Monday and Tuesday.

The Ducks watched a 25-23 half-time lead fade as the Vandals of Idaho rallied in the closing minutes of the game and eked out a 39-38 victory Saturday night. It was the second straight win for the Idahoans and the fourth straight loss for the Oregons.

Summary:

Oregon (39)	Fg	Ft	Pt	Tp
Townsend, F	4	2	2	10
Borchert, F	2	1	2	5
McNeely, F	0	0	0	0
Sidesinger, F	0	0	2	0
Marshik, C	0	0	1	0
Borrevik, C	1	0	2	2
Jackson, G	4	2	2	10
Kirsch, G	1	0	0	2
Andrews, G	3	3	1	9
Totals	15	8	11	38

Idaho (39)

Harris, F	3	3	3	9
Turner, F	3	1	3	7
Hilton, C	4	4	1	12
Hopkins, G	1	1	2	3
Anderson, G	4	0	1	8
Totals	15	9	10	39

Halftime score: Oregon 25, Idaho 23.

Freethrows missed: Oregon (3) — Marshik, Borrevik, Andrews; Idaho (3) — Turner (3).

Officials: Ned Nelson, Washington; Archie Buckley, W. S. C.

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WEBFOOT LEADER



Captain George "Porky" Andrews, hard working guard of the Duck squad, ranks high in conference scoring. Porky has collected 61 points in the seven division games to place third in that department. Andrews' five fouls gives him undisputed possession of gentlemanly floor tactics title.

ENERGY PLUS—JACKSON



Fiery Paul Jackson, sparkplug of Coach Hobson's reserves, will figure strongly in the Webfoots comeback attempts. Hampered by lack of height, Jackson makes up for this shortage by consistent drive and expert ball handling. Paul has scored 17 points as a substitute behind Vic Townsend and Porky Andrews.

Varsity Swimmers Beat Frosh 50 to 15

University of Oregon's varsity swimming team combined a half-a-dozen close wins to give them a decisive 50 to 15 victory over the frosh Saturday in the men's pool.

The frosh got off to a bad start in the 300-yard medley relay. Lyon of the frosh, freestyle and anchor man, held a surprising foot lead going into the last lap, but he pulled up a pool-length short of the finish. By the time he realized he had miscounted and not finished the race, Callis of the varsity was far ahead.

Stew Randall turned the tables on Bib Irvin, the crack frosh sprinter, and swept the 50-yard and 100-yard sprints. Irvin, who spent the most of the week traveling to and from California, took a close second in the 100 and tied with Marnie for a second in the 50.

The varsity and frosh teams meet once again on Thursday at 3:45. Both teams open their regular season Saturday against Oregon State at Corvallis.

The meet results: 300-yard medley relay: won by varsity. Time, 3:17. (Huestis, Chung Hoon, Callis).

220-yard freestyle: won by Wetmore (v); Robinson (f), second; Allan (v), third. Time, 2:23.4.

50-yard freestyle: won by Randall (v); Irvin (f), Marnie (v) tied for second. Time, 24.3.

100-yard freestyle: won by Randall (v); Irvin (f), second; Marnie (v), third. Time, 55.5.

150-yard backstroke: won by Callis (v); Huestis (v), second; Nelson (f), third. Time, 1:42.8.

200-yard breast stroke: won by Dallas (v); Chung Hoon (v), second; Conyne (f), third. Time, 2:47.

440-yard freestyle: won by Robinson (f); Wetmore (v), second; Time, 5:14.

400-yard freestyle relay: won by varsity. (Marnie, Callis, Dallas, Randall). Time, 3:48.

Frosh Tip K'Falls, Bend In Hoop Tilts

Pelicans Tumbled 42-36; Ducklings Score At Will to Down Bears 60-23; Newland, Gissberg Top Yearling Scorers

With two more victories notched up in the win column, the freshman basketball team went through a strenuous drill Monday afternoon under the watchful eye of "Honest" John Warren. The Yearlings fare well in their weekend jaunt, soundly trouncing a hapless Bend team, 60 to 29, and dropping Klamath Falls by a 42 to 36 score.

Friday's game which saw the Ducklings swamp the Bend high boys was the frosh's game from the minute the ball was first tossed into play. They ran up an 18 to 5 lead early in the game and held a secure margin of 24 to 14 at half time. Not satisfied with a 35 to 17 lead at the end of the third quarter the frosh hoopsters ended up the game with a scoring spree which saw them ring 25 points in the last eight minutes of play.

It was Bill Gissberg and Bob Newland as the big scoring guns and they shelled the hoop for 16 and 13 points respectively.

Saturday's game with Klamath Falls was a different story for the freshmen, and they had to hustle in the last few minutes of play when the high school team came within two points of the yearlings with a 38-36 score.

The frosh took an early lead and held a 24 to 16 advantage at half time. This advantage dwindled in the second half when Brocchi, Klamath guard started connecting, to close the gap.

Brocchi was high point man in the fray with 19 points. High for the frosh were Newland and Bob Wren with 10 points each.

The Ducklings will meet one of

the top prep teams in the state Wednesday when they do battle with Salem at McArthur court.

Summary

Frosh, 60	29, Bend
Sheridan, 4.....F.....	2, Barnau
Graham, 11.....F.....	12, Douglas
Jackson, 6.....C.....	6, Micar
Newland, 13.....G.....	8, Guby
Gissberg, 16.....G.....	1, Anderson
Dick, 6.....S.....	Simonsen, 4.....S

Summary

Frosh, 42	36, Klamath Falls
Sheridan, 2.....F.....	5, Erlanson
Dick, 6.....F.....	6, Reginato
Jackson, 8.....C.....	4, Moses
Newland, 10.....G.....	19, Brocchi
Gissberg, 6.....G.....	2, Love
Wren, 10.....S.....	Swanson

Skiing Team Designated

Results of the University team trials at Hoodoo bowl Sunday show Hank Evans, Tom Terry, Wally Clark, Verlin Wolfe, and Chan make up the ski team going to Smith to be the five men who will Reno, Nevada, this week end for the Reno Winter Carnival.

The competition was in slalom, cross country, and jumping. The team is still waiting to hear from the University of Nevada as to housing for the weekend. If lodging is provided the team will leave Thursday.

Columbia university has completed its new \$75,000 theater, known as Brander Mathews hall.

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