

Duck Tracks

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Lintfield Netmen Lose 7-0 to Webfoot Squad

Yearlings Slate First Matches

Oregon's varsity netmen smashed Linfield college, 7 to 0, on the University courts yesterday under the first patch of clear skies to bob up in three days. This victory kept the Ducks' pre-conference tourney ledger out of the red, three won and none lost.

Monday afternoon Coach Paul Washke's frosh lineup sees action for the first time, this against Eugene high. Pee-wee Joe Rooney, former Jefferson high (Portland) ace, tops this year's crop of tin-pant racquet men, a bunch on par with or perhaps superior to the squad that rolled through last season's campaign with only one setback. OSC's Rooks reversed the order, 4 to 3, on their courts after the Ducklings had dumped them by an identical score in Eugene earlier.

Clark Wins

Linfield tried but put up no more potent a challenge to the varsity Ducks than did Southern Oregon college earlier this season. Len Clark, approaching top-form for the pending college invasion, let H. Philan of Linfield cop four games in the first set of their encounter, then took the latter down in the second after dropping only two. Final score, 6-4, 6-2, in favor of Clark.

Frank Baker, playing No. 2 singles, clubbed E. Liu of the visitors off the courts, 6-0, 6-1. Kerm Smith whipped through his No. 3 singles match in a breeze, slapping W. Abplanalp of Linfield, 6-1, 6-1.

John Williams, No. 4, rolled over M. Desvoiene of the visiting squad, 6-0, 6-0, while Oregon's Byron Van Metre had O. Johnson chasing an elusive ball, rolling up a 6-1, 6-1 score.

Clark and Smith took Philan and Liu, 6-1, 6-2, in the No. 1 doubles joust, while Baker and Williams teamed to smash Abplanalp and Desvoiene, 6-1, 6-2.

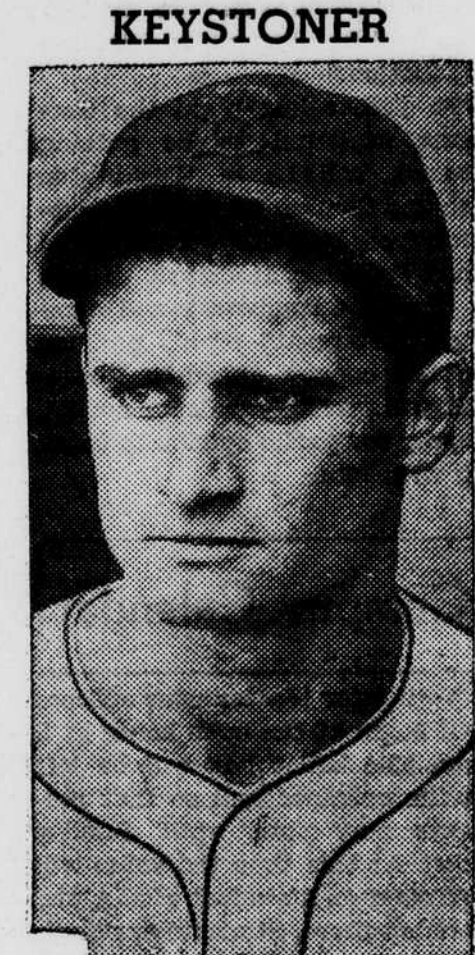
Oregon plays the Leader tennis club of Portland on the University courts Saturday afternoon.

When the frosh swing against Eugene high, they'll be stacked thus: Rooney, Jim Ricksecker, Bill Farrell, Henry Howard, and Roy Kramer.

Ned Johns Optimistic On Relay Prospects

A competition hungry University of Oregon freshman track team Saturday April 19, gets its first chance to poke a fist into the Oregon State Beavers jam pot when they clash with the Orange Babes in the annual Oregon State relays.

Everything seems ready for the meet including that temperamental gent who is the dealer (and usually holds the whip hand), in the little game of weather.



KEYSTONER

Bobby Doerr, regular second baseman for the Boston Red Sox. Bobby makes his home in Oregon during the off-season months.

This is the first meet of the year for the frosh and their power is still an unknown quantity. Coach Ned Johns has yet to make a statement on the strength of the Ducklings but a down in the mouth look is also something that is a rarity on the Hayward cinder path, (this means only the frosh).

Coach Ned Johns will take 14 men on the raid and they will probably be the following, though nothing final has as yet been announced. 3-mile relay—Don Wilson, Ken Sawyer, Jim Briggs, Marion Hufford, and Stan Skillicorn. 440-yard relay—Stan Ray, Bob Newland, Kim Coleman, Veryl Alexander. Mile relay—Dick Shelton, Ray, John Gleason, Coleman. 880-yard relay—John O'Brien, Owen Day, Colman, Rod Munro, and Alexander. Medley relay—Ray, Shelton, Wilson, and Briggs.

The Orange Babes will probably try to slow up the Duck foray into Bevoland with their standouts in the form of Bob Fischer, Bill Shinn, Marvin Wilt, Bruce Taylor, and Alvin Flakek, says the Staters' sheet, the Barometer.

Coed registration at Eastern New Mexico college increased 12 per cent this year.

Coach Hobby Hobson and his flock of wandering Webfoot basketball players must have made a fine impression over there in the mid-Pacific. Hobby hardly had time to return to his office in the Igloo when he received a special delivery letter from Theodore "Pump" Searles, graduate manager of the University of Hawaii which read:

"On behalf of those connected with basketball in the islands, I want to thank you and your team for the wonderful display of sportsmanship both on and off the court. Your teams really made a wonderful showing while in the islands and I can assure you at this time that if I am still connected with the promotion of basketball and the bringing of teams to the islands, the University of Oregon will be invited to return in 1944."

So here it is. Oregon made such a fine showing in their first voyage over to Honolulu that the powers-that-be on the island want no delay in making certain that an Oregon team returns in the near future.

Hobson Wanted to Return in 1944

The team was originally invited to make the trip again next year, but Hobby thought it would be better for Oregon to go in 1944, when the present freshman are seniors. Since Oregon State college has been invited to play a post-season exhibition schedule in 1943, it worked out to Hobby's wishes, and as a result, the Ducks will again get a bit of Hawaiian sunshine and hula in three years.

Don Watson, a sport columnist for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, sounded the island's opinion of the Oregon boys when he wrote in his column: "A group of athletes who made a big hit with Hawaii sports fans left for home today... they are the members of the University of Oregon basketball team... The Oregon lads played a series of games at the Civic auditorium, twice before capacity crowds, and there has been much favorable comment about their conduct both on and off the courts... Theodore "Pump" Searles, graduate manager of the University of Hawaii and chairman of the AAU basketball committee, says the Oregon lads are the best behaved and made the biggest hit of any group of athletes who have visited here... Thursday afternoon, Searles issued an invitation to Coach Hobson for the Oregon quintet to visit here every three years... Similar arrangements have been suggested to Washington and Oregon State... It will be Washington's turn to play in the Honolulu series next year."

Andrews, Townsend on All-Star Team

Vic Townsend and Porky Andrews reaped additional individual honors by their outstanding performances in Hawaii. At the conclusion of the five-game exhibition schedule in and around Honolulu, island sports writers named "Slick" and "Pork Chop" on their all-time, all-star team, chosen from the various collegiate squads that have been invited to Hawaii since the exhibition trips began in 1936.

Oregon played to three sell-out crowds in winning four of the five games scheduled. In the first contest against the Coca Cola outfit, which has been strengthened by Hank Luisetti and Swede Anderson of the San Francisco Olympic club, Hank "Needle" Anderson pulled the trick that has made him nationally famous when with 10 seconds to go, and the Ducks behind 50 to 49, he wound up with one of his typical midfloor acrobatic shots and pulled the game out of the fire.

Against the Honolulu Elks, minus the services of Luisetti, Oregon ran wild, winning 71 to 38. Then came University of Hawaii, a team which Hobby termed "A good ball club, with two 6-foot, 6-inch ball players on the team."—Hobby was surprised to find tall men on the University squad because he had expected nothing but little players—the Ducks beat the university plus Luisetti and Anderson, 62 to 44.

Victim Number 4 on Oregon's list was Charlie Chan's All-stars, a semi-pro outfit which fell before the fast-running Webfoots, 77 to 47. Luisetti was not present in the islanders' lineup, nor was Anderson.

Oregon Alumnus on Island Team

The fifth game had originally been scheduled with an Island semi-pro crew but after the fine showing of the Coca Cola aggregation, a rematch was arranged and this time the Ducks went down to defeat, 50 to 44. Hank Luisetti finally broke the Oregon defense in this contest and with the help of a native player, Aw Chew Goo, who according to Hobson was a good player and exceptional feeder, ran up a total of 23 points.

Coca Cola had an all-star lineup whti Luisetti, Anderson, Aw Chew Goo, Ken Purdy, and Johnny Ball working together. Ball was for two seasons the southern division's high scorer, when he played for UCLA several years ago, and old timers at Oregon will remember sharp-shooting Purdy who played for Hobson in 1936 and 1937.



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