



Rolph Fuhrman stretches for that lay in and a pair of points on the score board. Fuhrman, with his 6 feet 3 inches, will be in on plenty of basketball tonight when Oregon plays host to Washington State, defending Western champs, in the Northern division hoop opener for Oregon.

# Invading WSC Foe Rated Over Ducks

## Hobby Likes Odds; Tough Battle Looms

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Neither outfit can boast an undefeated pre-season record, though the Cougars can point to a superior offensive average than that which the Ducks have chalked up in early play. Coach Jack Friel's quintet hit the hemp for well over 45 points per contest, while the Duck average falls considerably less, 36 points per game.

**Oregon Supreme Defensively**  
Defensively, Oregon seems to have a meager advantage, having a 33 point average garnered by opponents, while the Cougars defense has yielded 35 points.

Source of Washington State's scoring punch rests in three aces, any of which might break out with a "hot" streak. Leading point-provider is Captain Kirk Gebert, only regular holdover from last year's starting lineup. Although just 5 feet 9 inches tall, the lithe Longview senior has consistently been a "thorn" in his opponents' side, both defensively and offensively.

Considered by Coach Friel himself as a very potential scoring threat and one who has paced many a cougar victory in pre-conference encounters is Marvin Gilberg, 6 foot 2 inch forward. The third member of this offensive trio is Center Gail Bishop, 6 foot 3 inch sophomore pivotman.

Remainder of the Cougar starting five will probably be Owen Hunt, a six-foot junior from Highline, Wash., at guard, and Al Akin, a sophomore forward from Spokane.

### Sheridan on Squad

Bob Sheridan, ex-Oregon frosh player and purgee victim of the Atherton scourge, will be included in the 11-man traveling squad which reached Eugene via two new station wagons. A sophomore from Portland, Sheridan has been used considerably in reserve work for the Cougars this season.

No definite lineup has been issued from the Duck camp, but in all probability will be the same which has opened the last few warm-up contests. This unit, which was given a severe test on the eastern exposition, has drilled doggedly this week, despite electrical difficulties which rendered the Igloo in semi-darkness.

### Wren Tops Scorers

Sophomore Bob Wren, who has availed himself as the leading Duck scorer on the lengthy road trip with 74 points, will undoubtedly get the starting call at one of the forward spots. Rolph Fuhrman, a side-shot specialist who gathered in 49 points in the eleven practice games, will probably fill in at the other forward position.

The "Paul Bunyan" of the outfit, tall Lloyd Jackson, has edged out two-year veteran, Archie Marshik, and will open at center. Guard positions are being capably plugged by Captain "Porky" Andrews, who has made 57 points so far, and dynamic Paul Jackson, who is second high scorer with 64.

Officials for the series will be Frank Henegis and Carl Lenchisky.

# Sports

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## Bob Irvin's Return Bolsters Splashers

By DON RICHARDSON

Everyone is familiar with the latest slogan: "There has been something new added," or words to that effect. There has been something new added to the Oregon swimming team, and it is one of the most potent charges that Coach Mike Hoyman could wish for.

After being out most of last fall All-American Bob Irvin, ace term with an infected foot, "Lit-Duck" sprinter, has returned to the water for keeps.

### All-Star Frosh

In recognition of his performances last year as a freshman, Irvin was chosen as one of the outstanding first-year swimming men in the country and was placed on the National Intercollegiate Swimming association's national freshman swimming team.

It was in the Frosh-University Hi meet early last spring that he unofficially broke two Pacific Coast conference records. In the 40-yard sprints he dashed for the time of 18.6 seconds, five-tenths of a second faster than the coast mark. In the 100-yard event he beat the coast mark with the time of 53.4 seconds.

There is more than an even chance that the Ducks will have another speedy sprinter if husky Chuck Weitzel gets by Mr. Atherton and his rulings.

The diving department has been pulled from the cellar with the return of "Ox" Wilson, a re-

covered pneumonia victim, and Tom Corbett, a newcomer to the Duck ranks. For a while it looked as if the diving boards might have to come down for lack of aerial men, but with the appearance of these two hopefuls, the outlook has brightened.

The first meet is scheduled for January 17, an evening contest with the Portland Swimming club which was formerly the famed Aero club.

The Webfoot squad may be somewhat on the small side, but that will more than be made up in speed and endurance. Bill Ordman, a member of last year's championship Washington squad, who has transferred to Eugene, and who, by the way, is ineligible this season, was amazed yesterday at the showing made by the Oregon splashers during the daily workout. Anyway, it is a good sign.

As the undertaker said when he picked up the guy who had just swallowed a quart of shellac: "Some finish!"

—Barometer.

## Football Wars Find New Battlefield -- the Orient

By TOMMY MAYES

"Jim Kisseburgh . . . they got him!"

We aren't supposed to believe rumors and no one was sure of course, but it went around quite a while that the former Oregon State fullback was one of an odd score or so who went down over Pearl Harbor. Newspapers haven't carried the story and they aren't building any sort of memorial on Bell field; and so this unpredicted gossippatter can't be true at all. Kisseburgh fledged wings with the army last spring.

### Watch Those Rumors!

You just put it in your pipe and smoke it. Rumors are bad things for morale, you know, when you get to fighting the war with your mouth. Home-made communiques make it so terrifying that football players are beginning to think they'd better keep their wars on the gridiron. It's folly to hear stuff like that when official warrants haven't posted a single American athlete

on the casualty list.

Latest to go into the service was George Van Pelt, Oregon end. Martin Chaves, Beaver Rose Bowl captain plans to leave for Moffett field as soon as the back-slapping and medal-pinning is over in Corvallis. Three Alabama men were sworn into the navy at halftime during the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas, adding to some 30 Southerners who took in papers during the New Orleans Shrine game. Bob Smith, Del Bjork, Mike Mikulak, and Warren "Teeny" Smith, 1940 shortstop are four other Oregonians now enlisted.

### Crowley, Bierman In

Wallace Wade, Duke's grid mentor, revealed yesterday three-fourths of his men were enlisting. Fordham lost a '42 all-America aspirant and a good deal of confidence when her coach, Jim Crowley, found his number among the "next up." That counts for Minnesota's Bernie Bierman, too. Lack of raw material will leave the nation's football forecast at a low ebb next fall as any curbstone quarterback can see—but it looks as if Japan has a fourth down and a long way to go.

### Miss Wood Bereaved

Mabel A Wood, head of the home economics department, will not be on the campus until the end of the week owing to the death of her mother in Gresham on New Year's eve.

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