

Boxing and wrestling, in such emaciated condition as they were, were dropped from the University of Oregon's intercollegiate athletic curriculum. They were dismissed, to be sure, but noth the with finality of an amen.

Now for the inevitable query, that perennial and so necessary "why?" which has urged intelectuals to probe beyond the apparent horizons and which has made annoying parrots out of the ignorant and unreasonably incredulous.

Boxing Gets Axe

Box was the first to be pinched, this by the athletic board, for boxing, like all other major or minor sports, was under the jurisdiction of the athletic board. Regardless of the minor rashes this action may irritate in various quarters, it can be justifiably concluded that the board acted realistically in the matter and in the best interests of all parties concerned.

Boxing was kayoed by rugged but seemingly necessary commercialism in college athletics, a condition that simply cannot be squirmed away from; a situation, though deplorable in some aspects, should never invoke squeamishness on behalf of policy-makers involved and in the form of "smothing over" for general consumption; a situation which should be recognized by the student body in general and which should not be goaded into futile and absurd conflict with "virtuous" intangibles.

Out of this was born the problem, which, stated bluntly, amounted to one thing basically-Lack of Funds. This condition made it seem highly disadvantageous, well nigh impossible, for the athletic board to appropriate sufficient amounts of money for the present pursuance of boxing on the University of Oregon campus to a creditable degree.

Other Boxing Problems

From this stem the other insurmountable adjuncts-without sufficient funds a proficient coach could not be procured, necessary equipment and facilities for the training of the participants could not be obtained, and the sport could not be developed to such a degree that maximum benefits would be secured and so that it would eventually be entrenched on a self-sustaining basis.

Concerning the proper training of participants, Anse Cornell, graduate manager of athletics, makes this universally-recognized observation: "Up to the point where they (the boxers) are trained to take care of themselves in the ring, they have no business in there."

This is very pertinent, for outside of Welterweight Pete Riley on last year's varsity squad and Don Vernier on last season's frosh mitt outfit, and perhaps Varsity Heavyweight Jim Shepherd, Oregon boxers weren't trained to peak condition or weren't fit to be in the same ring with collegiate fisticuffers from the University of Idaho, Washington State college, or Oregon State college.

Wrestling Goes

Perhaps at some later date the athletic board may pry its way into the clear and reinstate boxing with adequate facilities and with a view to developing it fully. For the time being, however, it will be carried on in PE classes.

Wrestling was a horse of another shade. The athletic board had raised the ante by \$50, making the budget for this sport \$150. When the call was issued, however, only eight aspirants signed up—five varsity and three frosh.

Now obviously it would be stupid to continue the sport under these circumstances, with so meager a turnout. Then too, wrestling was in the same leaky boat as boxing so far as a coach was concerned. There was no competent mentor to be furnished by the athletic, and the PE department, which had toiled voluntarily and gloriously beneath the coaching burdens of some of the minor spots, didn't feet it could annex wrestling. So wrestling went the way of boxing.

Oregon's stirring 48 to 38 victory over Washington State's hoopmen Saturday evening in the Igloo was the first Webfoot win from the Cougars in the last five games. Out of the wild flailing of arms and flurry of baskets loomed 6 feet 7 inches of Archie Marshik, Oregon center and senior, who played what, to this person, beamed as the most magnificent game of his career.

IM Managers

(Please turn to page four) the contests on. A vote was then taken that saw no one favoring the addition of it. **IM Program Cut**

Mr. Washke explained why the IM program had been cut down to "A" and "B" basketball and Mandball. He said the Interfraternity council had complained that the extensive athletic program was taking the time of too

many students needed in other campus activities.

He then gave out the rules of the basketball league, which stated that player can move up from "B" to "A" ball, that games will be played at 4:00, 4:40, and 5:20, and that the tourney will have three leagues of nine teams each playing a round robin schedule.

Handball and all campus sports will be discussed later, but basketball will go under way immediately, Washke said in closing.

Mermen to Splash With Portlanders

COACH AND SPLASHER

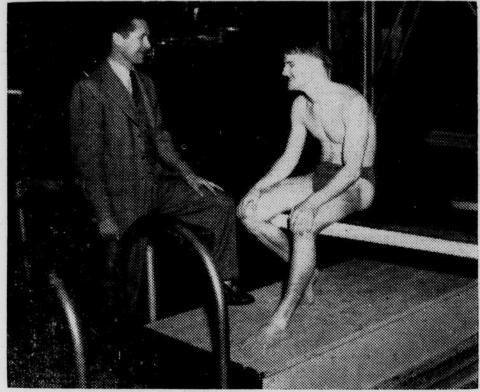


Photo by Don Jones

Mike Hoyman (left) and Gerald Huestis, all-around swimmer. Coach Hoymen sends his mermen against the Portland club next Saturday.

'A' Hoop Tiffs Flare; Delts Cop Thriller

By J. SPENCER MILLER

IM basketball play opened yesterday with three games that saw the Kappa Sigs, last year's "A" champs easily dispose of a small SAM outfit, 29 to 13, uncovered a powerhouse darkhorse in the Awful Awfuls who swamped an inept Sigma Hall team, 33 to 5, and previded the thriller of the day when the Delts edged out Alpha hall, 22 to 21.

The Sammies started out as if they were going to run the Kappa Sigs off the court, but the latter club rallied to pull up even at halftime, 8 to 8.

The action was slow and the Kappa Sigs appeared baffled by the slow break attack of SAM led by Gene Fulop. But in the second half the Kappa Sig boys found themselves and using their superior size to effective advantage took the lead which they never relinquished.

Higgins Takes Over Jim Higgins was a one-man show in himself, pouring in 20 points to lead Kappa Sigma. Floyd "Scrappy" Rhea was a tower of strength on the defense and set up several scoring plays.

Glickman Lost

SAM suffered from the loss of Harry Glickman, stellar defensive guard who went out early in the second half on fouls. His absence left the Sammy defense wide open and the Kappa Sigs in complete control of the court. Only the final whistle stopped the Kappa Sigs with the final score being 29 to 13.

The Awful Awfuls, last year's "B" champs, who have now graduated into "A" ball showed no stagefright to the transition and rolled over a hapless Sigma hall outfit 33 to 5.

Led by Arne Jensen and Johnny Carr, who whipped them in from all angles, the Double A's were never headed and the helpless, yet hard fighting hallmen, were never in the ball game. The Awfuls feature da "fire engine" type of offense that kept the ball constantly moving up and down the court.

The Day's Thriller

In the most exciting game of the day, Delta Tau Delta climaxed an uphill struggle on Bill Hoyt's

one hand pusher from center court to nose out a smooth Alpha hall clug, 22 to 21. The Delts were behind the greater part of the game and took the lead for the first time only in the final minute of the contest.

The Alphamen wasted little time in getting started and led 7 to 0 before little time had elapsed. "Hoot" Bailey, a very outstanding Alpha guard, was having a field day, and time and time again led his team's attack down the court.

The Delts rallied to pull to 11 to 7 at halftime, but Alpha appeared on the way to an easy win when they jumped out to 17 to 7 early in the second half on baskets by Bailey and "Yuke" Paris, diminutive guard. But the fighting Delts refused to quit and came back to tie the game score at 17-all. They were sparked by Chuck Larsen and Pete Barnett, who continually broke up the Hallmen's offense and led their team's scoring forays.

Hoyt's Shot Wins

Alpha led 21 to 20 with over a minute to play, but the Delts captured the ball, and Hoyt's arching shot carried the ball game with it. A last-second attack was smothered by the Delts, and the game ended 22 to 21.

Beavers Drop WSC

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left the half time score at 24 to 23 for the Beavers.

Last Half Tough

The last half turned into a dog fight with neither team being able to move out in front by any more than two points. The score was tied six times in the last

With four minutes to go the

Loss of Callis Hurts Duck Meet Hoges

By WALLY HUNTER

University of Oregon's varsity swimming team hits the deck for the first meet of the year here in the Webfoots' pool Friday, Jan-

The Ducks will form the competition for the Portland swimming club, formerly known as the Aero club. In the past the Aero swimmers were definitely big time. The Portland outfit taking up where the Aero boys left off, is expected to be top-flight competition.

Callis Sorely Missed

The Webfoots at present are still mourning the loss of veteran backstroke star, Cub Callis. Coach Mike Hoyman's biggest problem is finding a suitable replacement for the Duck who flew the coop. Hoyman will probably drop either sophomore, Chuck Nelson, or jaysee transfer, Bob Prowell into the slot.

Carrying the burden of the Webfoot attempts at fame and glory this season will be twoyear letterman, Gerry Huestis, and one-year letterman, Stu Allen and Dick Smith. Huestis can drag on his trunks and cut a wide swath in any pool event -and usually does. Allen and Smith are free-style experts and with their experience help form the nucleus of the Hoyman creation.

Into the open spots on the program Coach Hoyman can throw a sextet of gold-studded sophomores. Leading the pack is long Bob Irvin, he of All-American fame, who burns his blistering way through the foam in the sprints. Holder of several unofficial records he is one of the finest prospects ever to enter the Ducks' swimming domain.

Supporters

Other first year men expected to grab a little glory in the season now opening are Jack Robinson, distance events; Ralph Huestis, breast stroke; Chuck Nelson, back stroke, and sprints; and John Mead, sprints.

In the diving department Tom Corbett, and "Ox" Wilson hold sway. Wilson is a transfer from Willamette and sall

the maple yester Beavers took a scant four-point lead but quick baskets by Adkins evened it 44 up and a few minutes later it was tied up at 46-all as the gun went off.

Akins was high for the visitors with 10 counters, followed by Bishop with nine, tue

A total of 28 fouls were called, 15 against WSC and 13 against the Beavers. Field goals were even, each team hitting for 19 from the floor. The Beavers grabbed the win margin on fouls, making 14 to 9 for the Cougars.

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Akins (10)	F	(6)	Dement
Bishop (9)	C	(7)	Mandic
Gebert (8)	G	(7)	Valenti
Hunt (6)	G	(17) Beck
Hooper	S		Hall
Witt (1)	S	. (15)	McNutt
Zim'rman (5)	S		Jeffries
Sheridan (2) .			
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