



What will it be, swimming or basketball? This weekend will provide a four-ring sport program between Oregon and Oregon State in swimming and basketball. On the docket are freshman and varsity swimming, and the same in basketball. It goes something like this. Friday you might drop up to the Igloo and watch the Ducklings and Rooks fight it out in the second of their four-game war. In all fairness we should warn you that Warren's Ducklings will probably get beat by three points. Saturday if you plan on going over to Corvallis to see the game we suggest that you go early so that you can catch the freshman tank meet in the morning and the varsity splash in the afternoon.

### Plenty of Swimming

How do things stack up? The frosh mermen will be out to reap a bit of revenge for a beating two weeks ago when the Rooks dunked them in a close meet—the margin of victory coming on the last race, a relay. As for the varsity meet—we look for the Beavers to do a lot of swimming in vain. The aqua-Ducks should practically drown the OSC lads.

Of course the Staters have the advantage of their own tank and if we can believe everything they say, it will make a lot of difference. After getting water splashed in their faces all the time during the last meet, the Beavers went back to Corvallis screaming that the Oregon tank was too short and that the sides were too slippery.

The column can't help but think what the score would have been if Mike Hoyman hadn't lost Cub Callis and Bob Irvin.

### 'Civil War' Saturday

What about the "civil war" Saturday night, you ask. Well brother, my hopes will go with the Ducks but my other clean shirt would go on the Beavers. Any small thing might decide the game. The last four games between the two clubs have been too close for anyone to become brave and try to pick a winner. The record book shows that after Oregon had walked over the Beavers in the first game last year, 41 to 31, they barely scraped by in the second, 36 to 35 on the strength of Hank Anderson's late prayer shot. The next one went to the Beavers on Valenti's foul shot, 24 to 23. Oregon grabbed the last one 37 to 36. Add to that the 47 to 35 last-second win this year and if you feel like picking a winner go ahead.

The game Saturday night will be a toughie. It will be as hard a game as Oregon will have this year. John Mandic has regained the form that had the experts raving earlier in the season. The Beavers are very much at home in their own little "cracker box" they call a gym. The one dark spot for the OSC lads is the doubt concerning whether Paul Valenti will be out of the infirmary in time to play. Right now he's having a tussle with a few influenza germs.

### A Legend of Four Losses

I'm not one to doubt the word of the Oregonian's sports editor, L. H. Gregory. Mr. Gregory has said that since the founding of the Northern division conference back in 1923 no team has won the crown with more than four losses. The "Dope Book" that is issued by the University says that in 1937-38 Washington State, Oregon, and Washington tied for first with eleven wins and five losses. Technically, Mr. Gregory is still right as his statement says that no team has won with more than four losses and I guess a team hasn't won the title if there are two other teams tied with them. That could be disputed, however. Incidentally, the Cougar won it that year and then for three years a Washington team didn't get a smell of the title till Washington State ran off with it last year.

### Pot Shots

We hear that Hank Anderson is doing a bit of all right with his basketball tutoring at Baker. Wonder if he's teaching the boys that corkscrew shot of his. Heaven help the other hard working coaches if he is.

Denver's bolting from the Big Seven conference left lots of sports writers in that section with a good many nasty adjectives to spit out.

Denver to that conference is what the southern schools are to Oregon. A place where you can take a team and get a decent amount of money out of it because of the large stadium and good crowds. One writer wrote very nicely about a Utah State-Denver basketball game, saying, "The Buffs played a nice game, holding Utah State to 53 points while they were ringing up 35." While writing my last column I must have gone to sleep or either the linotype operator threw in a "State" too much. It was an Oregon supporter, not an Oregon Stater, who hooked the Oregon State warmup. And I still warn you, better bring it back—Oregon may come back from Corvallis without any warmups at all.

## Splashes on . . . Jack Robinson

By ERLING ERLANDSON

He swept the 100, 220, and 440-yard free-style races at the Oregon-Oregon State meet. He's well built and has blond curly hair. What's his name?

Sure, he's Jack Robinson, Oregon's amazing sophomore distance swimmer. Would you like to meet him?

Jack comes from Caldwell, Idaho, and left behind a trail of records in that state. He came to Oregon because he wanted to swim . . . and, believe you me, that's what he's doing.

### Had Sloppy Stroke

Records or no records, Jack was far from a finished product when he came here last year. His stroke was sloppy, his kick was off. The varsity swimmers laughed at the freshman who slapped the water with his hands and called him "Jack Rabbit" Robinson. In fact, they all agreed that he was one of the loudest swimmers they had ever heard.

With a fighting heart and under the

eyes of Coach Mike Hoyman, the lad from Idaho splashed onward. "Last year he changed everything but my kick and this year he changed that," the swimmer who scored 15 points at the OSC meet said.

Jack, many believe, will become one of the outstanding distance men ever to enter Oregon. He's flashed through the 220-yard free-style in 2:17 and has taken the 440 in 5:08.

### Lugs Oil Barrels

During the summers at Caldwell Jack keeps fit by wrestling barrels for an oil company and by swimming.

Regarding Saturday's coming dip with the Beavers he predicted without hesitation, "We'll take it in a breeze." But, as all of the others, he's looking for faster times also.

It has been rumored that Jack is planning to write a book in collaboration with one of his professors and that he has received offers from Hollywood but to these he says, "No."

# Beta 'A's Swamp Gamma; ATOs Win

## Fijis, PiKaps, Campbell Grab 'A' Tilts

By JOE MILLER

The Beta "A's" hit their high-water mark, ripping through an outclassed Gamma hall club, 38 to 11, while the ATOs really came on in the second half to swamp Omega hall, 42 to 19. The Fijis overcame the Sig Eps in a vicious battle, 22 to 18, and Campbell recaptured a lead they had lost to Sherry Ross hall to triumph, 21 to 18. The windup games of the "A" league gave the SAEs a 36 to 7 rout of the Phi Psis, and the PiKaps a 22 to 10 lacing over the luckless Canard clubmen.

A smart looking, smooth working Beta aggregation got from under the wire in a hurry and ran up 18 points, before the Gamma men dented the cords. Jim Rathbun was unveiled as Beta big gun for the afternoon, powering 14 markers into the net, most of them made in the first half. Jim "Nookie" Newquist took over in the second half, also hitting for 14. But the slick Beta teamwork was the thing that befuddled the hallmen. The count was 20 to 2 at the half.

### Betas Hit .500 Average

The Betas put in their shock troops in the second half to let Gamma pull the score tighter at 23 to 10, but the varsity came back to hit with a flurry of baskets near the end to make it 38 to 11. Al Peterson made 8 of the Gamma points and galloped with the Betas, but he had non-descript support. Every Beta point was made on field goals, and they canned a near .500 per cent of their attempts.

The first half of the ATO-Omega hall game was close and tight, but Omega pulled their usual "floperoo" in the second and the Taus ran away with an easy win. The fast break of both clubs made action fast, but the hall men tired from the hot pace, and it was soon all ATO. Ralph Dunn kept the scoring leadership of the "A" league

tanking 19 points. Vic Collin bagged 9 to complete the main Tau scoring.

The Omegans kept astride at first with Don Jones dropping 10 in, and Kenny Inahara playing a fast floor game to give the seemingly sluggish ATOs an anxious moment. But the second half was a Tau track meet.

### Fijis Gallop On

A scrapping Fiji band overcame an early Sig Ep lead and ground out a hard carved 22 to 18 win. The SPEs led 11 to 9 at halftime, but the Fiji galloping tactics slowly wore down the crippled Sig Eps. Rough play flared in spots, and feeling was intense throughout the contest. Battling Bill McKeivitt was a Phi Gam firebrand, leaping way up to snare rebounds and crowding 10 markers through the cords. Six foot 4 inch Hank Voderberg flipped the tie breaking bucket and played a rugged floor ball for Fiji. The hard-trying Sig Eps had Bill Mayther and Maury Salomon, both with stellar play in defeat.

Sherry Ross hall kept their stained record intact, once more losing, this time to the Campbell clubmen, 21 to 18. Campbell jumped way in front on 9 points by "Nobbsy" Morris, but the hallmen shifted to a fast break offense and overtook them, getting in front, 14

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to 13, at the end of the third quarter. Oly Rigo, former St. Mary's frosh flash panzered through the Campbell defense to count 10 markers.

But, unaccustomed to being in front, they slowed down and the clubmen tied it up with seconds to go at 18-all. They got the ball, and Bob Signer arched a gargantuan shot that earned the \$64 question. Somebody hit a foul shot for them, and it ended 21 to 18.

### Roblin Guns in PiKap Win

The Canard club held Tommy Roblin in the first half, but using a few tactics he picked up on the gridiron last fall, he bulled his way clear and got in the open to notch 12 points to lead the Pi-

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