

Ducks Battle Bearcats Tonight

Starting Berths Sought by Varsity

Local rainmakers have stopped manufacturing on such a mammoth scale those big, juicy, wet globules which pelted the local populace to cover and which bloated the Willamette to flood-stage proportions, meaning that maybe that old sportster, Gramp Basketball, will get everyone's undivided attention tonight.

Indian Now Sea-Lion

This is the basketball story of one James Pollard, second-high scorer for southern division basketball race in 1942. Pollard held down a forward position for the Stanford Indians, last year's national champions.

His experience is great and yet last season he was a sophomore. Four years ago he graduated from an Oakland, California, high school. Then he went on to play for two years for the Golden State quintet, a bay area independent five, that went to the AAU finals.

Starred for Frosh

After starring in freshman he finally checked in Stanford, and proceeded to blaze up the Palo Alto pinewoods in his freshman year. Even then he was more experienced than many of the 1941 Indian varsity hoopsters.

The next season he immediately stepped into a starting berth on the Indian varsity and received numerous all-conference ratings.

Mr. Pollard is still playing basketball, but not for Stanford. A little thing like a war came along and Jimmy enlisted in the coast guard. So he's now hanking up the baskets for the Coast Guard Sea-Lions of Alameda.

Stellar Attraction

Another Stanferdite, Hank Luisetti, is now playing for the St. Mary's Pre-Flight squad. The Coast Guard and the Pre-Flight team will meet soon in a highly-billed basketball game. And it will be Luisetti vs. Pollard.

Rare books dealing with early Mayan civilization have been given the Library of Washington State college by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Merritt.

Captain Jack London, 1901 graduate of the Naval academy, is new commandant of the University of Texas naval ROTC.

Basket Bomber



STEADY AS A ROCK . . .

. . . That's little Don Kirsch, who holds down a guard slot on the Oregon varsity.

Old Gramp was all set last week to cut some of his best capers—much to the elation of Eugene hoop hobbyists. Portland's Boilermakers and Vancouver's Ramblers, both silver-plated outfits without tarnish, were due to put in appearances Friday and Saturday nights, respectively, against our Webfoots. But then the rains came . . . Result: No contests.

Well, tonight Howard Hobson will herd his little covey of casaba kiddies out onto the polished hardwoods of the Igloo, there to sit down, wait, and hope that the opposition can ford the roaring Willamette and wend its way to the Duck hoop mecca.

Willamette's hoop strength is an unknown quantity, but fans can rest assured that those Bearcats have whittled their hoop-hitting eyes to needle-point sharpness. Our Ducks did not run a head-on into the Willamette hemp contingent last season, rather devoted their early season days to the conquest of eastern teams.

Hobby has issued a grim warning that no regular need be assured of his job on the opening five. He has thrown all positions wide open and invites participants to scramble madly for recognition.

Just who the amiable mentor will beckon from the bench to start this evening's fun-fest can best be denoted by a large and querying question mark. Many observers vouch that Hobby will make appointments from the following group: Forwards, Bob Wren, Warren Taylor, Ralph Fuhrman; centers, Roger Wiley, Wally Borrevik; guards, Don Kirsch, Bob Newland.

Wren On

The rambunctious Mr. Wren had an enjoyable evening Friday in the intra-squad scrimmage which served as a stand-in for the cancelled Boilermaker brawl. The aggressive junior forward served notice that his sights have been set on that hoop and that it'll be "fire-away" from now on. Wren snared 17 points in the rumpus which also bagged him high point honors.

Young Roger Wiley, 18 years old and still growing at 6 feet 7 inches, was another who drew a smile of satisfaction from the Duck hoop doctor. Wiley heavehoed the sphere for 13 points—many being tips from close in, a la Slim Wintermute.

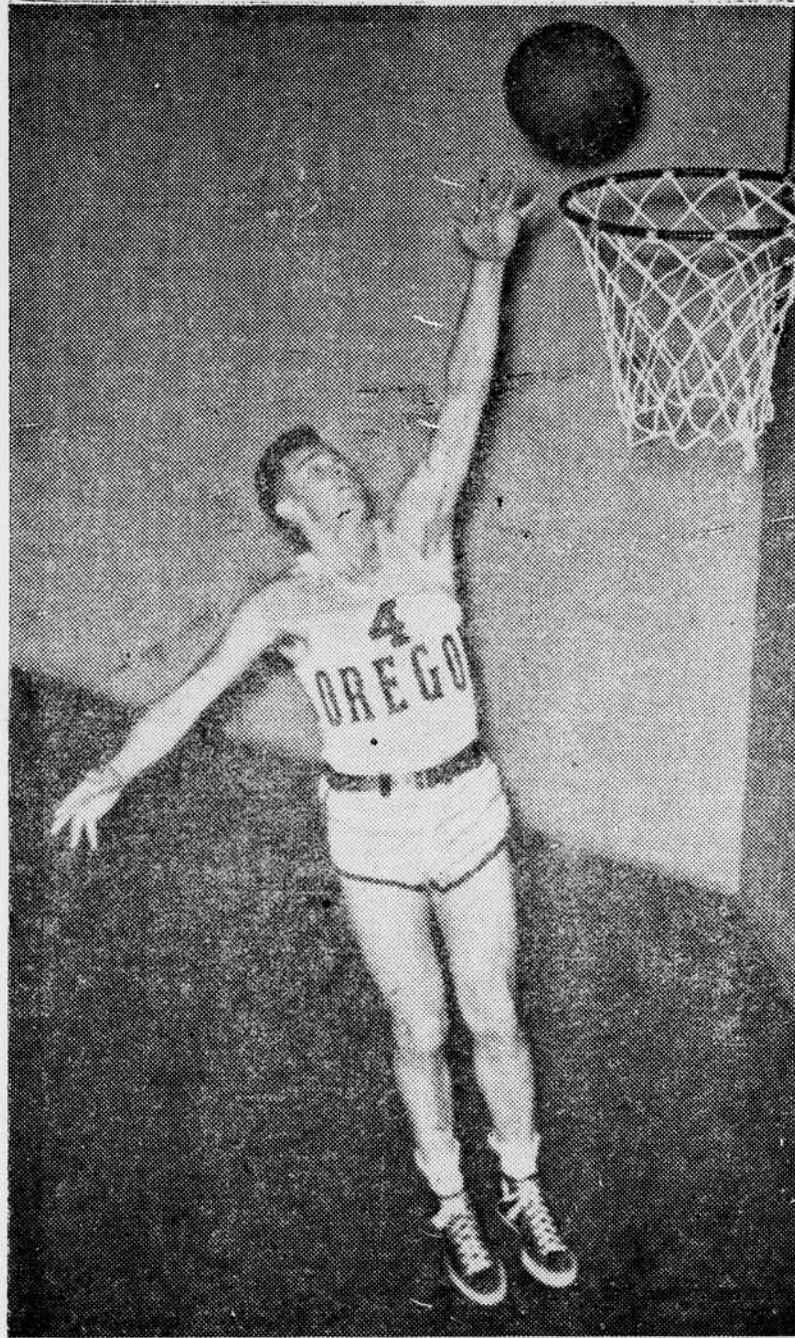
The Ducks will institute speed in their attack tonight, a weapon which has always been utilized with success by Hobson-tutored quintets. With such go-go boys as Bob Newland and Captain Kirsch to bring the ball down-floor, those Bearcat checkers will have to be prepared to stop the fast break by tackling if necessary.

One more crack at the non-conference Bearcats is set for Oregon when Friday eve swings this way. This time the two outfits will meet at Salem.

Saturday, Hobson and his wandering Webfoots will leap aboard the S. P. and be off for Pullman and Moscow, hangouts of Washington State and Idaho, in that order.

Sports

CAGE KING



FORMER DUCK . . .

. . . John Dick, All-American Oregon forward now performing for the Corpus Christi Air Force gang.

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Cougar Guard Likes No. '5'

Washington State's varsity basketball cohorts are already dreaming up rosy-hued ideas of a northern divisional championship. Their Cougars are currently winding up the last phases of an apparently very successful barnstorming cage tour through the East and Midwest.

Big gun of the Palouse country's representatives this season has been Captain Owen Hunt, who holds down a guard position on the starting five.

This is Hunt's third year of play, and second season as a starter for the Cougars. Incidentally he has carried the same numeral on his jersey since high school. At Highline, Wisconsin, the coaching staff gave him number "5" and he hasn't been parted with this digit ever since, although he admits he is not superstitious. Nevertheless, Hunt has been adorned with that same number "5" in three years of college ball, four years if you want, because he donned it when only a freshman.

In the summertime, Mr. Hunt's activities are taken up with commercial fishing. During the football season, it is Captain Hunt's booming voice that hawks those official pigskin programs you part with a quarter to purchase.

Hunt goes skyward some six feet. He is good on both defensive and offensive play and the big surprise thus far this season is that he is currently high scorer for the Cougar squad, having been very incongruous in WSU upset win over Bradley Tech of Illinois two nights ago.

Mr. Hunt will be putting in an appearance at the Eugene cage headquarters late before long and you can get a better look at one of the top performers in the northern division.

New Obstacle Race Slated For Physical Fitness Plans

By ROLLIE GABLE
"Recreational emphasis has been taken off the physical education classes and physical development emphasis has taken its place," stated Ralph W. Leighton, dean of the physical education school.

Times Have Changed

Before the United States had entered the war, the classes in physical education were primarily for the purpose of recreation in classes such as badminton, social dance, horseshoes, golf, archery, and softball. Now, with special stress being placed upon physical fitness, five major classes are being installed for the purpose of conditioning the college student and as a preparation for military service. These five activities are swimming, which comes in handy for the navy men, military track, combatives,

such as judo, boxing, and wrestling, team sports, such as soccer, football, and basketball; volleyball supplemented with calisthenics, and gymnastics. All these are entirely in accordance with plans and are endorsed by military authorities.

In previous years, coeducational sports also held a spot on the curriculum in the physical education school. Because of a purely recreational importance of this activity it has also been taken off the list of physical education classes in accordance with the military program.

Agility Essential

The reasons for this change of program in the physical education school is that all activities and classes are tending toward strength, agility, vigor, and endurance, and all activities that have not these physical require-

ments in them are cast out of the curriculum.

Dean Leighton remarked that there are few schools throughout the entire nation that adhere strictly to an all-out military physical program, but are somewhat on the order of the program that is in existence at school now.

Swimmers Improved

Over previous terms of physical fitness there has been remarkable improvement in the number of laps that the swimming students have been doing this term, stated Dean Leighton. Forty-four laps are taken for granted now which is the sum total of a half-mile. Also in track during a recent cross-country trek, only six men out of the 134 dropped out and failed to complete the three-mile course. There

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