

Just as if they resented being counted out of the pre-season favorite's circle, the Washington State Cougars pulled a nice basketball upset, by knocking over Bradley Tech of Illinois. The Cougars, like the Oregon State Beavers, are currently winding up their barnstorming eastern and mid-western road trip. Now here's the barnstorming angle—the Beavers, tabbed by some as the club to beat in the northern division race this year have lost but one game on their little cross-country jaunt. That game, friends, went by the boards to this same Bradley Tech team that bowed to WSC. Catch on? It looks as though the Cougars are in for a slice of championship pie. Could be.

Reversal

The Idaho Vandals who face our own court cagers in the near future have been boasting about their unbeaten status to date. Seems as if the Montana State Bobcats caught wind of the set-up, because they put a toboggan underneath the Idaho victory wagon and snatched a quick victory. So finis to the Vandals' wild claims.

Tonight our own fair-haired boys collide with the Willamette Bearcats. Frankly, it's a bit early in the season to make any sure-fire predictions. Best thing to do is grab a seat in the bleachers and watch the fun.

And now we have a new rumor from the intramural authorities. It is this . . . as many as six games may be played on a single afternoon. Which should afford Mr. Basketball Fan with plenty of entertainment. However, this is merely a rumor nature, and by the time our next official communique arrives from the physical ed offices, the entire situation may be entirely different.

Washington Not So Much

We see by the papers that those basket-mad Trojans are on their victorious ways again. Like the Beavers and Cougars, they too have been winning a few on the road. Their latest victim proved to be Washington University of St. Louis, Missouri. We don't like to throw cold water on this victory, but it was our good fortune to watch this same Washington U. quintet in action last year along about this time, and frankly, Jack, they didn't show.

Nevertheless, the Trojans are being hailed as future victors of the southern division by the California sportsmen. On paper, it looks as though the northern division has a good chance of lording the show this year.

Local Talent

St. Mary's college's starting quintet is made up of five San Francisco ex-all-city high school players. The California Bears have three all-city bay region boys on their squad, and Stanford has one. All of which doesn't mean too much except this—the California colleges are not giving the come-on to the Indiana crop this year. Maybe it's the war, or transportation, or Atherton or something.

Odds and Ends at Random: Bud Vandenynde came through with the answer to yesterday's quiz question. Joe Schmaltz is the name of the Spearfish Normal lineman who played in 1932. And for this brilliant bit of research on Bud's part, we have decided to award him not only his promised cup of hot steaming cawfee, but two lumps of sugar to boot! . . . California's sky-high cagers average six feet four inches per man this season . . . But so did Hank Luisetti's Stanford quintet a few years back. . . .

Tommy Roblin received a beautiful gold watch with his name and university engraved on the back cover, as a special gift for playing in the East-West Shriners benefit game at Kezar Stadium New Year's Day.

College Tennis

How about the future of college tennis? That's something we can't talk much about in this cold month of January. But it is a certainty that the net game will be as much affected as other sports by the war curtailment. The days of national collegiate tennis championships may be over for a while. As far as the local angle is considered, a further emphasis on intramural tennis seems like a good idea.

War Effort?

Ex-scribe Bill Stratton buzzed in last night to chew the fat. He came up with food for thought regarding the transportation costs, etc., involved in the traveling-hoopmen contingents of WSC, OSC, and USC. Seems to me that a certain Corvallis institution was moaning not so long ago about the Eugene citadel of higher learning not conforming to the best wishes of the war effort. Ho-hum! The Beaver basketball express is currently more than a few hundred miles from home, rolling around the country way-side.

That's the end of the sports log for now. See you shortly and I'll tell you all about that marvelous Palm Beach sunshine—if the travel folder holds out.

Frosh Cagers Meet J. Gordon's Hoopmen

Entire Squad Sees Action

By MART POND

Striking a chord in a victory tune which they hope to play during their 1943 hoop tourney, the Duckling casaba five worked in smooth unity Tuesday night in preparation for their tilt with Joe Gordon's All-Stars tonight on MacArthur court. The Frosh game is slated for 7:30, preceding the varsity game, which matches Oregon with Willamette.

This foray is the first official contest the freshmen have on their forecast. It also is the last contest over which the amiable athletic mentor, Rolph Fuhrman, will be able to direct for his adopted younger basketball brothers. Coach Fuhrman passes his directive duties to another Webfoot great, Earl Sandness.

Worked in a combination which in the past has seemed favorable because of its showing as a combination, five freshmen, including John Miller of Roosevelt high school in Portland, Bob Caviness of McMinnville, Dean Sempert of Benson in Portland, Joe Conenberg of Sutherline, and Kenneth Hume, another Portland grown ball player from Jefferson. Every practice for the last few days, these same boys could have been seen weaving and pivoting on the rhythmic "Igloo" floor, watching for new opportunities to show

Difficult to Select

their value in the group of freshmen whose playing ability has been augmented by more than one all-state high school basketball player of last season. So difficult was it for their departing coach, Rolph Fuhrman, to pick the starting line-up, that he is having the entire squad suit up against their Wednesday p.m. opponents.

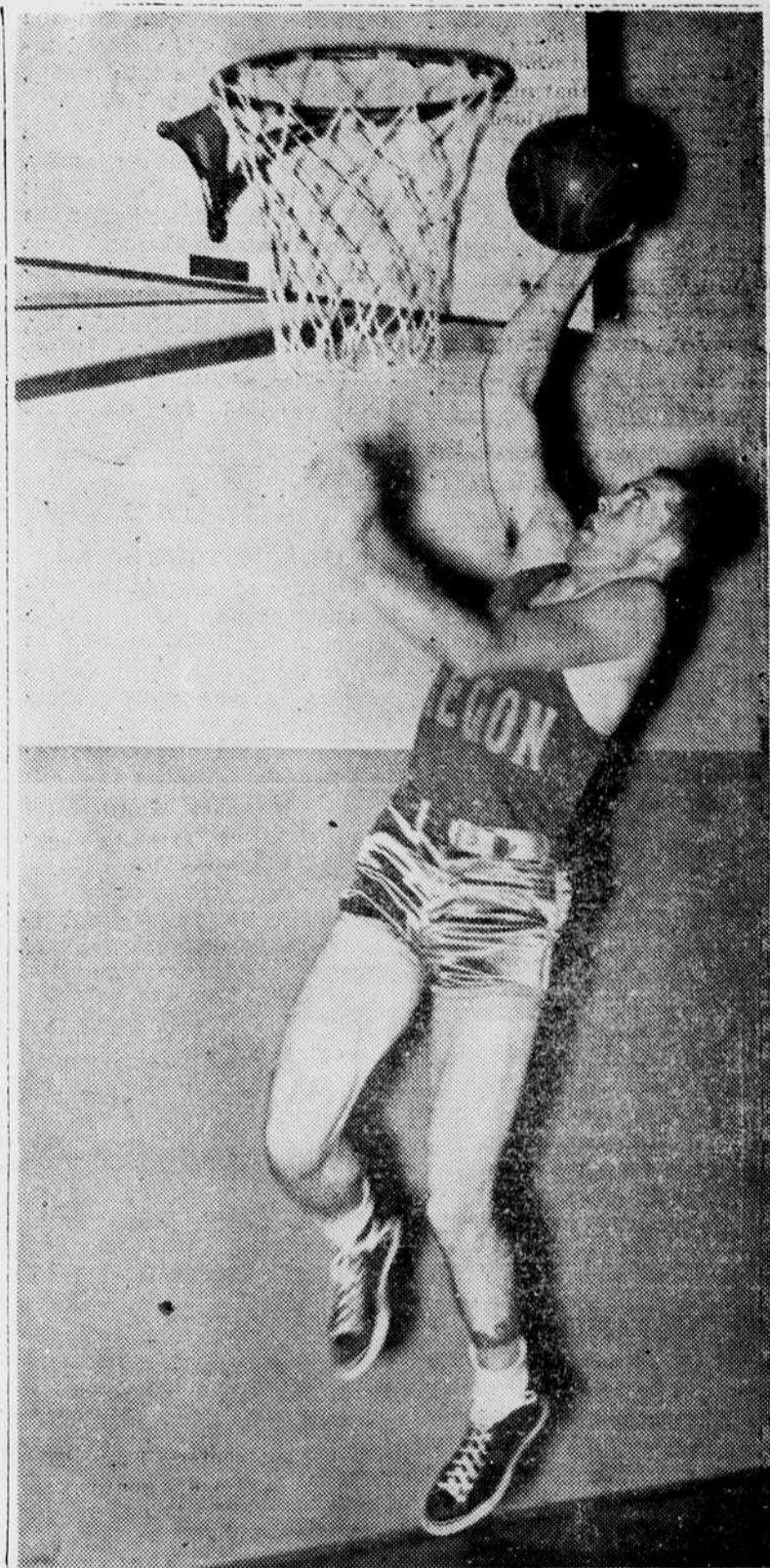
Mexican Stand-off

The last time the Gordon All-Stars were guests at McArthur court, the game was interrupted at the half-way point because of a scheduled game that was to be played between two high school teams. The score at the end of the half was 25-25, and failed to satisfy either opponent, least of all, the fighting frosh squad, who, according to reports, are waiting for an opportunity to settle a number of things with the group of ex-Oregonians. This group includes versatile Joe Gordon himself along with Mullen, Ford Danner, who was the high point man of the last frosh meeting, with 12 points, Doc Taylor, Bob Shisler, Lieut. Bob Taggett, Ed Weinitz, Juel Faubion, Merv Vater and Dick Strite.

Gordon's aggregation which he leads on the floor, represents a group of fine fellows who find a lot of fun doing something in every sport. The last time these two teams met, both of them had difficulty keeping any sort of attack going on the floor, but according to reports from the headquarters of the quintets, they now have developed fast-breaking rugged "Soldier" ball. This is the type of basketball the "Tall Firs" used in their past barnstorming tours.

Today, the freshmen have an entirely different situation facing them. It was only a year ago that the trend of thought was centered on the war's effect on all sports. Now, however, the situation has improved to the point that some

HIGH FLYER



HE HEADS FOR THE CEILING . . . on those tip-in shots, Mr. Seeborg really jumps for the rafters.

Girls Basketball Timers Meet Friday

By MARY ALDERSON

Alyson Hales, girls' head of basketball yesterday announced that a special meeting of all timers and scorers will be held Friday afternoon at 4:00 in the social room of Gerlinger hall.

It is essential that every house be represented by two girls who will be taught in this capacity in

outstanding freshman boys are allowed to play on the varsity squad, even though they do not actually play in the conference games, at least that is the reported situation of some of them. They will have an opportunity to practice with the older teams and perhaps fill in when the time comes for the varsity players to go into the service.

Probable line-ups:

Frosh		Stars
Gordon	F	Gordon
Conenberg	F	Seiford
Sempert	C	F. Danner
Caviness	G	Taylor
Miller	G	F. Mullen

the games this season, Miss Hales stated.

Practice Started

The plans for girls' intramural competition are well on the way to completion. Houses have begun to practice and interest is keen. Two new baskets have been installed in the indoor gymnasium making it possible for four teams to practice at one time.

The floor has been varnished and is in better condition now than it has been at any previous time for the past season.

Officials are practicing and reviewing their rules, while Miss Hales is supervising the job. June Walker has been appointed to work with Alyson. Every participant must have her checkup by Friday at 6:00 p.m. There will be persons detailed to check hearts in the indoor gymnasium from 5 to 6 p.m. on Friday, and from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday.

The procedure takes about two minutes and should be completed before commencing to practice.