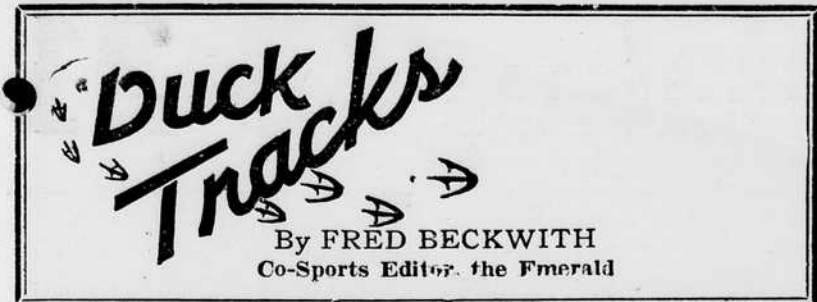




They staged the basketball classic of the coast last Saturday night in San Francisco when the Naval Pre-Flight cagers staged a court war with the Coast Guard Sea Lions of Alameda. The clash between these two titans of the pinewood was not only a testing match between the two top service quintets of the Pacific Coasts, it was a personal scoring duel between the Navy's ace casaba man, Hank Luisetti, and the Coast Guard's mighty forward, Jimmy Pollard.

The navy kids from St. Mary's annexed the contest, 45-36.

It was Mr. Pollard, former number one basketball player on the Stanford University national championship squad of 1941, who emerged from the contest with high-point honors. He bagged a cool twenty-two digits. Mr. Luisetti was not very far behind Mr. Pollard, however. Hank rolled twenty points through the hoop.

Undefeated

The Pre-Flight boys have, thus far enjoyed a season unblemished by defeat. The Coast Guarders have been bumped twice. But together, they have whipped every outfit in the bay area. Let's look for a moment at the Pre-Flight line-up. Besides Luisetti at one forward, the St. Mary's boys boast Hal Eifert, former great University of California star at a guard position, Ralph Hillsman, Olympic Club cager at another guard slot, Bob McDonald and Chuck Gentry, the latter a famed WSC court star, at centers, and Pat Valente, great Oregon State basketballer, as a reserve guard.

That's more material than the average basketball coach could dream up in a month of Sundays. The Coast Guarders have besides the flashy Pollard, towering Gene Gallette, who came from the same San Francisco high school that produced Luisetti, Marty Passaglia and Bruce Hale. Mel Dropo, another local high school star is holding down the reserve center slot. And then there's a list of cagers from the east, who have been accustomed to playing with fast company.

What we would enjoy seeing very much is a series of games between the Naval Pre-Flighters and the Coast Guarders against Oregon, Oregon State, Washington, or WSC or Idaho. We wonder how gum-chewing Hec Edmunson's great Husky quintet would hold up under fire of Luisetti, Pollard & Co.

Hank Showed

Hec openly admits that Hank is the greatest cager he has ever seen. Hec recalls the play-off of the northern and southern divisions of the Pacific Coast Conference a few years ago. His Huskies with Chuck Wagner and Egge and Bishop and a couple of other court luminaries had spread-eagled the northern field.

Luisetti, flanked by Phil Zonne, Art Stoefer, Jack Calderwood, Bob Zonne and others, had likewise closed the hatch on the southern division clubs. In the first night of the play-offs, held down south, Luisetti shot through the Husky defense like there was no-one there to guard him, and rang the bell for thirty-two points. Hec stopped chewing his gum during that contest.

All things being as they are, we would still enjoy seeing a contest between the above-mentioned teams.

Chris Ired

Ken Christianson, who used to pen this column, dropped in to see us the other day. He was more than a little incensed over the fact that the Baab Trophy Award was not conducted in the manner to which he had previously outlined some time ago. The previous set-up called for a special faculty committee composed of President Erb, Dean Earl, several athletic coaches, the Emerald sports writers, Dick Strite of the Register-Guard and one or two others to have the final say-so on matters. Evidently things were not run exactly that way on this year's appointment, although let it be said that Bill Caray is as fine an athlete as there is in the senior class.

It's a little off the beaten track, but it just occurred to us that Superman, that famous comic star, appeared a little bit ridiculous in yesterday's strip. He was very incredulous over the fact that there existed a number of fifth column propagandists in this country. His idea of a rumor corner, to spike all unwarranted rumors, is a good one, though.

We're wishing a speedy recovery to Sammy Crowell, varsity cub, who injured his foot in the second Willamette contest last week. Sam will be on the side-lines for a month, according to the earliest appraisals.

Bigger Things?

If the Idaho Vandals had bagged two wins against our beloved Ducks in this current basketball series, they might well be on their way to vacating any cellar reservations that had been accorded them in pre-season calculations. It would have marked the third time in the last twelve years that Idaho has not been the doormat of northern division basketball.

Yearling Casaba Travel Stopped By War Orders

New Ruling Aids Frosh

By MART POND

A graphic description of the situation facing the freshmen in the way of future basketball contests has grown from just a minor and insignificant item to a problem of feeding twenty point-hungry hoopsters who have to content themselves, it seems, with a brisk run up one side of McArthur court and down the other, while the older varsity squad is on their initial jaunt of the 1943 Northern conference race.

What does one do to promote reasonably tough games for a team that is quite a few miles further advanced than the competition that can be placed before them? Everyone realizes, of course, that the situation of gas, tires, and other war transportation necessities merit first attention over the possibility of finding far-off talent to face our touted Ducklings. Another necessity of course, or handicap, is the lack of sufficient time to place extra contests on the already over-crowded McArthur court roster, for the two Eugene high schools use the courts, too.

Original Plans

One of the original plans for the freshman basketball team this winter was to send the frosh with the varsity squad as much as possible, but the priorities of a warring world have denied the yearlings some of their top performers and curtailed the traveling plans for the duration. If the idea could last until after this war is over, the teams of the northwest under such training, would undoubtedly work into some of the finest balanced teams in the country. How is it though, that these plans can never seem to make a hit with anyone until the time comes when it's impossible to use them? Just think of all the experience these youngsters would receive, if they were allowed to follow the senior team to all of their games, in order to watch the plays of each, and to develop offenses that could be used in the years to come.

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BASKETBALL INTRAMURAL

Wednesday, January 13
4:00 court 40—Kirkwood vs. Sherry Ross (A)
4:40 court 40—Delts vs. Sigma Chi (A)
5:20 court 40—Alpha vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon (A)

Board Decision Aids Swimmers

By ROLLIE GABLE

At a special meeting last night, the athletic board assembled to discuss the alternative of either cutting the schedule that had been originally planned for the swimming teams this season or leaving it intact.

After some discussion, however, the board approved a third measure:

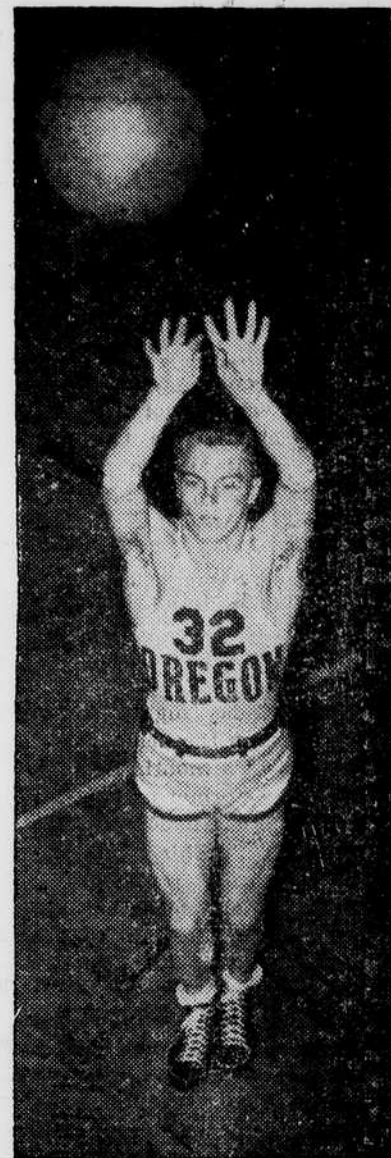
- (1) The budget of the swimming teams will be boosted to enable them to maintain their previously outlined schedule;
- (2) There will be no curtailment on swimming funds this semester.

Hoyman Glad

Such a decision was well appreciated by varsity swimming coach Mike Hoyman, who is now free to

New Ruling

One of the biggest propositions that has hit the Oregon campus for many years, is the new freshman eligibility ruling. Under this ruling, the first year students who wish to participate in basketball can, under the present set-up, play with the older varsity club. The reason this ruling has been repeated, is that an innumerable amount of interested fans have requested this change in conference law, to be rewritten. The boys who are capable of making the grade to a varsity berth, and play in one of the conference games, lose their freshman standing and can no longer be classified under that category. Roger Wiley, Ed Dick and Stan Williamson are three of the top-notch players from the first-year squad and at any time some of their former team mates might have to be called into action.



OVER THE SEAS . . .

. . . Wally Johansen is now in the services of Uncle Sam's navy. He formerly belonged to the Oregon N. C. A. A. cage champs of '39.

instruct his charges again without the worries of a slashed budget waving above his ears.

The transportation of athletic teams under war-time conditions has been a constant thorn-in-the-side to both coaches and athletes alike this semester. Oregon has suffered war-time curtailment as has every other college and university in the country.

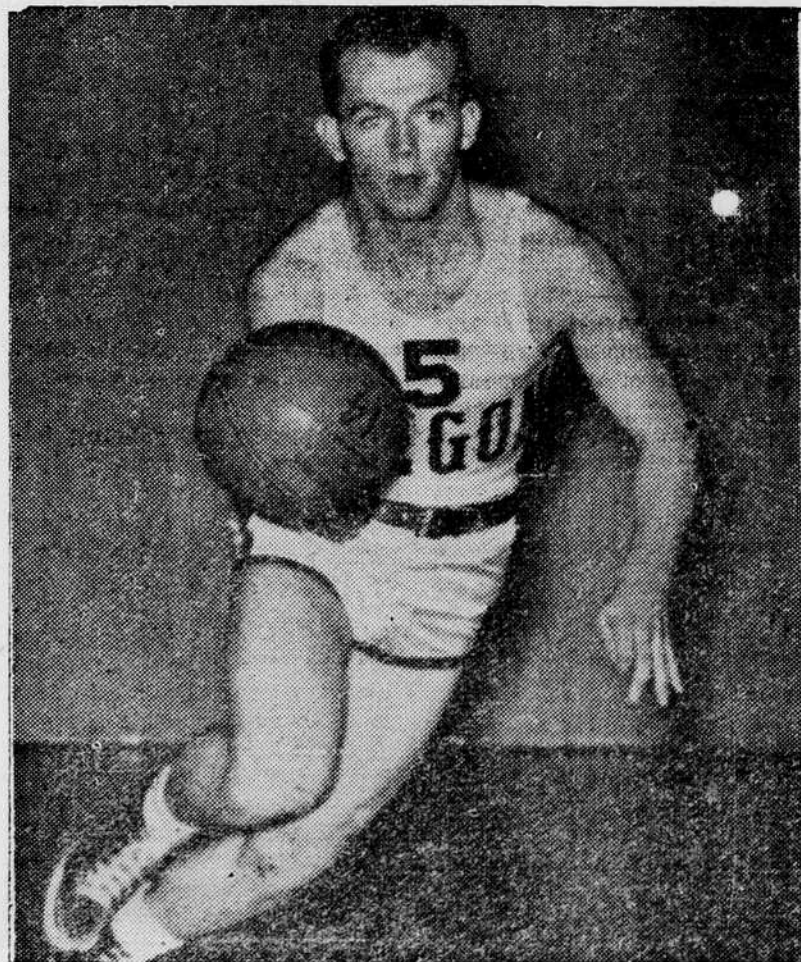
Varsity Happy

Members of the varsity swimming team were greatly satisfied to hear the news; the doubt that the full schedule would be carried out was heavy in their minds for the past two weeks.

Although the Northwest Championships at Seattle will not be held until February 28, varsity swimmers are training their sights on the Oregon State Beavers in the meet which pits the two teams against each other on January 30 at Corvallis.

The schedule as originally planned:

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OUT OF ACTION . . .

. . . Sammy Crowell, varsity sub, is now on the sidelines with a leg injury.