

King Basketball trudged his way laboriously through swirling, blinding snowflakes into snowbound Eugene this morning. He shrugged his shoulders to shake off the snowy mantel which had collected there, and shivered. It was a cold reception here in snow-clogged Eugene. . . . But a warm reception was being planned tonight for the old gent in McArthur court in the form of the Washington-Oregon hoop opener.

For tonight's the night which Duck sports fans, with a mania for watching the cage classics, have been dreaming of for a fortnight now. It pits Washington's highly touted gang of casaba speedsters with Howard Hobson's league-leading quintet in a tilt that should brood action aplenty.

Rivals since 1903, these arch-enemies are renowned for a spectator-pleasing, point-studded, nothing withheld, type of ball.

### Sports Scribes Overstep Bounds?

From all appearances, it seems that perhaps the Washington drum-beaters who have rattled off such a loud tattoo in boosting the Huskies for the conference rag after six years of famine, might have been swept away with it all and overstepped a bit. Granted the pupils of Hec Edmundson rambled through a rugged pre-season slate with scarcely a hitch, including a 49 to 30 upset of the Harlem Globe Trotters, crack colored team.

But the Huskies have blown hot and cold, and since hitting the Willamette valley Tuesday most of their antics can be safely classified as in the "cold" category. Oregon State mopped up the floor with the Huskies, 42 to 39, in a game that was more one-sided than the count would suggest. The following evening Washington was unimpressive in spite of their 44 to 39 triumph.

Oregon's chief-of-staff, Howard Hobson, declared yesterday that the clubs were on a par and refused to concede Washington any advantage.

In fact Hobson made it pretty emphatic that Washington State's Cougars, with whom the Ducks broke even last week, showed much in the way of offensive strength. Strangely enough, the Cougars were ones more inclined to running and fast-break tactics than Washington.

#### Let's Turn Back Pages

While we're on the subject of Washington-Oregon hoop relations, let us turn back a page to last year in a little background exercise:

January 17, Eugene. Washington jumped into an early lead behind the deadly shooting eyes of Doug Ford, Bobby Lindh, and Norm Dalthorp, who punished the baskets with a concentrated salvo. The count mounted to 38-18 and Hobby shot in a sophomore unit which more than matched the tempo of the Husky scorers. But the game was too far gone, the chasm too wide to leap, and Hec's boys coasted in with a 60 to 34 victory.

January 18, Eugene. The following night it was Oregon's turn. The Ducks hopped on the victory sleigh and proceeded to do a little first class point-running-up of their own. Washington fanned hopes of counting up their 14th straight win, but these wishes were soon to crumble and crash noisily to the floor.

#### **Ducks Turn on Heat**

It was a five-pointed attack which Hobby shot at the Huskies. Bob Wren plopped in 13 points, 6-foot 7-inch Archie Marshik connected for 12, Warren Taylor and diminutive Paul Jackson slammed through 10 apiece, and Porky Andrews netted nine. Final tally stood 54-35, Oregon.

January 21, Seattle. One of those heart-twisters. The Ducks ralloped and galloped magnificently. They put their hands on an early-game lead and clung for all they were worth. When the Webfoots trooped off the boards at halftime, the scoreboard glowed, 21-18, Oregon's advantage.

#### Story Book Ending

Then it happened. Washington pulled one of those story-book finishes. The count was knotted tightly 39-39 with two insignificant minutes left. A foul by Oregon, and Bob Lindh, Huskies' great bespectacled forward, shuffled up to the foul line, drew a breath, and split the hoop with the conversion. That was it—40-39, Washington.

February 1, Seattle. Plagued with the morbid thoughts of the previous night's reversal, the Ducks wilted under a ferocious Washington offensive. Sophomore Doug Ford found the hoop—and often—heaping in 14 counters to break trail for a 53 to 42 triumph.

That's last year's history. Tonight it's a clean slate for both outfits in an always-thrilling series.

## Swim Trials Up Saturday

Tomorrow's time trials will tell whether Oregon will be represented in the northwest conference by a two-man team, namely Chuck Nelson and Ralph Huestis, or by a full man squad, including the freshmen. All of which means that the Oregon team, is not doing as well as they should and might.

However, there are a few bright lights, glimmering rather feebly through the realm of gloomy prospects. Jim Gaetier has showed marked improvement in the short freestyle sprints, challenging Chuck Nelson in his excellent times. Also Jim has shown continued improvement in the 50, 100, and 220-yard freestyle. Gaetier is only a freshman, but if he continues to show the improvement he has shown it will cinch a berth for him on the varsity show.

Another one of these bright spots is Herb Hoffman, a junior transfer from Compton junior college, who has shown marked improvement in the 220 and 440 freestyle events.

Jack Pennington, member of the freshman swimming team, and under the tutelage of Jack Dallas, has been practicing diving as well as the freestyle stroke the past week.

As a potential backstroke man, Dick Smith, originally swimming the freestyle, is showing well and will be a valuable asset to the backstroke contingent of the Oregon team in the near future.

McCulluf, freshman breaststroke swimmer, who looked exceptionally well in competition with Ralph Huestis, varsity breaststroker, is on the sick list and Coach Mike Hoyman doesn't know exactly when to expect the boy back.

The boys are however, working harder than they did at the start of the season, and tomorrow's time trials will undoubtedly cut most of their times. At least Coach Hoyman hopes it will.

The University of California library has a collection of 7,056 Chinese volumes.

Weekly sale of war stamps at the University of Wisconsin has averaged more than \$700.



### **UO-UW Check Chart**

Game Time — 8 O'clock
PROBABLE STARTING LINE-UPS:

WASHINGTON					OREGON	
No	. Ht.	Player	Position	Player	Ht. No.	
7	6.2	M. Gilbertson	Forward	Bob Wren	6.1 7	
5	6.3	Doug Ford	Forward	W. Taylor	6.5 9	
15	6.5	Chuck Gilmur	Center	R. Wiley	6.71/2 22	
8	6.0	Wally Leask (c)	Guard	B. Newland	6.0 3	
17	6.0	Bill Morris	Guard(	(c) D. Kirsch	5.7 12	
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Reserves — Washington: Gissberg (6), Bird (10), Brown (16), Shaefer (20), Taylor (30); Oregon: Seeborg (4), Crowell (5), Popick (6), Sutherland (8), Borrevik (10), Fuhrman (11), Dick.

# Sigma Chis, Betas, Alphas Record I-M Hoop Victories

Sigma Chi "A" leaguers kept on with their winning ways in yesterday's basketball games when they handed the Fijis their second straight defeat by a 22-14 score. The game was fast and rough with the castle men by virtue of their smooth ball handling, emerging victorious.

The Sigma Chi Bees also won their second game when they swamped the Pi Kaps, 18-6. Neither team could get going but the rugged game played by the winners left no doubt as to the outcome. The Sigma Chi defense was clicking, keeping the losers at a distance all through the encounter.

Alpha hall looked good in defeating Campbell co-op in a dull game by a 23-8 total. Alpha hall led all the way and seemed to solve every offensive move attempted by the Co-op boys.

A surprising Gamma hall outfit showed power in beating the Pi Kaps 14-13 in a close "A" league game. The Greeks

led until the last few minutes of play and then the independents suddenly got "hot" to eke out the narrow victory. It was the second win for them in as many starts.

The Betas showed championship possibilities when they stopped a surprising Murphy outfit in a fast battle, 32-18. With Crawford and Duden leading the way the winners had just too much despite the fine defensive efforts of Jacobsen, bespectacled Murphy guard. It was a close game until the second half when the winners poured the heat on, only leading at half time, 12-11.

Yeomen Bees moved into the championship ranking when they swamped the Sammies, 24-13. Leading all the way the independents proved that they will be a tough team to beat when the going gets tough.

IM HOOP SCHEDULE

(Friday, January 22 4:00 court 40—Sigma Nu vs. Delta Upsilon (A) 4:40 court 40—Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Theta Chi (A) 5:20 court 40—Canard club

vs. Sherry Ross (B)



. . . Howard Hobson, crafty Duck casaba director, will have his fighting quintet out for a Husky pelt tonight at the Igloo.

