

Ducks Tracks

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We bear charges of eastern superiority in basketball, with an amused, take-it-with-the-grain-of-salt attitude. The New York university publicity drummers have been rounding in stag-cato fashion from old Manhattan lately. And the Violets cage mentor has been flouting claims of the east's right to the crown of the melon-tossing sport.

What is highly amusing, is the fact that statistics over the past five years will clearly show that the casaba teams of the Pacific Coast, have, in intersectional contests, annexed some 50 per cent of their games with eastern opponents.

It Often Happens

Every year, the icy-covered eastern slopes bellow forth with words about some new basketball five, who are promptly dubbed by Gotham scribes as the "Gems of the Generation," unbeatable, unsurpassable.

It wasn't so long ago that Long Island University sent a number of agents around the country, (dressed like peacocks or resembling the same) to describe their awe-inspiring quintet.

"Our club," modestly bragged the L. I. U. representative, "hasn't been beaten in forty-eight straight games." The Pacific Coast promptly picked up its ears. Such a challenge as this one always merited western attention and action.

It so happened that there was a bunch of basketball kids kicking around down on The Farm in those days, the Palo Alto campus of Stanford University. One of these shy creatures, a lad by the name of Angelo Luisetti, had developed quite a reputation on these fertile slopes for dropping the leather through the hoop.

At any rate, Stanford managed to schedule a game with Long Island University along with some other 12 teams on a tough eastern barnstorming schedule. The eventual result of this trip to the east was eleven wins and one loss. The loss, dear readers, was not to Long Island University. Nope, the Indians waxed that untouchable team by the count of 51-35, with Luisetti canning 15 digits to take scoring honors. Stanford's only loss was to Temple University, a team they later defeated.

Same Style

What was interesting was the contrasting styles of play. The eastern attack was based on set-shot work. The west-coasters cashed in on running one-handed efforts. These styles of play have not changed today.

The Oregon champs of '39 took to the east in the NCAA finals and walloped the eastern representative. Washington and WSC have both beaten a majority of their eastern foes. Even Idaho has held her own with intersectional rivals. Oregon State has a fine barnstorming record, as have the California teams.

Tiny Montana State has a splendid intersectional basketball record. And here's the funny angle. Obviously, our teams are at a big disadvantage in these cage junkets to the east. The Pacific kids are playing on strange floors on make-shift touring schedules, having no time for practice, stepping off a train, playing a game, and then stepping onto a train again.

Double Accomplishment

That's what makes it all the more amazing when you consider the high win-loss record compiled by the Pacific Coast conference teams. Varsity Coach "Hobby" Hobson is currently compiling a statistical chart of all the PCC teams' intersectional records for the past five years.

The results of his not-as-yet-completed survey should prove to be very interesting.

A post-card came in the mail the day before yesterday from a fan in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It's very interesting to know that our literary efforts are read way out there. Anyway, the correspondent demands a retraction for a previously printed statement to the effect that Washington State, on her 1943 eastern tour, tripped New York University in basketball.

The Time Will Come

If the reader will look up that certain issue, he will find that it was the City College of New York who was the victim of the WSC defeat.

The remaining space on the post-card was devoted to superlative adjectives about the "great, invincible, undefeated" New York U. cage team. Which just about brings us back to the start of today's column.

Some one of these days, some college outfit is going to smear that highly touted Noo-Yawk aggregation, and the moaning from the east will hardly be classified as a "Manhattan Sere-nade."

Oregon Swimmers Speed; Squad Takes Form for OSC



A MIGHTY COG . . .
. . . Bob Hardy was one of the famous Oregon "Alleycatters".

Oregon to Emphasize

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running mate, and "tall-as-a-telephone-pole" Roger Wiley, center.

Fuhrman has been labeled the "most improved" Oregon ball player this season by many of the league scribes. Inconsistent last year, the smooth 6 foot 3-inch boy from Coquille poured a torrent of points through the hemp against Washington in the first game Friday. Coming in as a substitute in that tussle, his brilliant all-around play, including a devastating backboard game, has earned him a starting role for tonight.

The rugged Mr. Taylor is definitely due to go on a scoring tear some of these nights. Second best point-maker last year for Oregon, he has failed to reach a consistent stride as yet.

The center of the controversy regarding illegal stoppage of field goals in a protest by Hec Edmundson, Washington boss, Roger Wiley is expected to provide a rough time for the Huskies at Seattle. Not only the best scorer for Oregon, but a capable defensive man (with the exception of a few rough spots), Wiley's presence in the lineup means a two-edged sword for the Ducks to wield.

Guards for the Ducks
Remaining guard slots are in question as to just who will fill them when game time comes up Puget Sound way. Captain Don Kirsch is almost a certainty to get the nod for one position, while anyone of the following have a chance for the other:

Bob Wren, shifted, temporarily at least, to guard; Bob Newland, regular till the shake-up this week; Al Fopick, sophomore, and tiny Stan Williamson, the pint-sized frosh.

Edmunson will probably unleash his scoring wolves—Doug Ford, Merlin Gilbertson, Chuck Gilmur, Wally Leask, and Bill Morris—in an effort to rake in

By ROLLIE GABLE

Predictions from Oregon sources saying that the Oregon State team has the Oregon team whipped before they get into the water is both whetting the Oregon's team desire to get into competition and wetting their bodies a trifle more than in the past, in order to throw these optimistic predictions to the wolves.

Small Squad

The team, with the exception of Chuck Nelson, who has a case of influenza, is in good physical condition. Jack McCauliffe, who has been laid up with a bad cold, is feeling better, and will be a welcome asset to the comparative small squad. The team's mental condition, which is vitally important for the coming meet is equally as good. The team is, as a whole, champing the bit to get into competition as the team has been practicing since the beginning of last term. Coach Mike Hoyman is really putting the team through the mill this last week, and the boys are responding; imagining an Oregon State boy is swimming in the path next to them.

According to Coach Mike Hoyman, the Beavers will really be in for a rough time tomorrow, and they will find the "Oregon team of Ducks are not just a bunch of decoys."

Plenty of Power

The situation was summed up by Co-captain Ralph Huestis, in saying: "We've lost more men than they have, but notwithstanding this fact, the meet should be the closest one that the two teams have ever competed in. We are really anxious to find out for ourselves the water power the State team has, because we're not going to accept the fact that the Oregon State team is good until we actually see the team for ourselves. The conference meet will be the time and place that the Oregon team will shine because of the fact that we are strong in three or four events and by winning first place in these events we will have the advantage of getting a good number of points. The other teams in the conference will have to split up the remaining points."

Dick Smith, the other co-captain also remarked on the coming meet. "We are weaker in some positions than we were last year in a couple spots, but we are strong enough to put up a good battle, and to make it hard for any team, no matter how strong they are. The Oregon State team will have to beat us in the water and not on paper." And as a closing statement, Co-captain Smith, said this about Co-captain Huestis: "I don't care how strong a team they might have, they certainly won't beat Huestis in the backstroke."

a double-win and bolster the Washington position.

A second game will be played Saturday night.

Probable starters:
Oregon Washington
Fuhrman..... F..... Ford
Taylor..... F..... Gilbertson
Wiley..... C..... Gilmur
Kirsch, c..... G..... Morris
Newland..... G..... c, Leask

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HEADS NORTHWARDS . . .
. . . Wally Berrevik, letterman center, has rounded into form, and goes to Seattle to battle the Huskies.

Hilyard Hot Edges Kappas

By MARY ALDERSON
Sigma Kappa and Hilyard house remained undefeated yesterday afternoon as they battled out wins from Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Chi Omega, 23-12 and 18-8 respectively in girls' intramural basketball.

Women Shooting
The smooth forward combination of Pat Carson and Pat Howard gave indications that the Sigma Kappas will be hard to beat. They scored long and short shots alike and gave the strong Kappa guards a workout.

The Kappas played smooth ball and were right in the thick of things all the time. Barbara Hawkins scored 8 of their 12 points while Alysone Hales and Martha Jane Switzer played a nice game at the guard position.

Third Win
Hilyard won their third victory of the year but met plenty of opposition from the Alpha Chi Omegas. Peggy McGuiness, Alpha Chi O and Dorothy Mills and Phyllis Lloyd of Hilyard tied for scoring honors with six points each. Jo Reginoto of Hilyard and Mickey Campbell of Alpha Chi O stood out at guard.

Wednesday afternoon contests found Helen Johns going on an 18 point gamma spree to lead her Delta Gamma teammates to a 21-15 victory from the strong Hendricks hall six. The Delta Gamma's showed plenty of forward strength both a guard and forward positions. Beverly Goetz played a very good game for Hendricks.

In the other game Wednesday the AOPis lost to the Alpha Gams, 30-18. Bonnie Umphlette led the Alpha Gam offense with 13 tallies while Gladys Sterenson starred for the losers with 11 points to her credit.

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