

# Duck Tracks

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Howard "Hobby" Hobson and his ten cage disciples are back in town again, fresh from a two-game split with the Washington Huskies on the latter's Seattle stamping grounds.

It was the surprise second-night win that elevated the robust gang of Ducks back into the respectable "500" circle; four wins and as many defeats. Youth has been the keynote of 1943 varsity, and it was youth to be sure, that was largely responsible for the Saturday night upset win.

## Enter Williamson

Little Stan Williamson stepped into the breach the second night when the going was tough, and our visiting hoop contingent was trailing by some eleven points.

Williamson was squirming around on the bench like a kid with a hot potato down his neck. "Hobby" felt the dismal picture called for new blood and he shot the following question to Williamson: "Think you can stop Morris?" Little Stan never batted an eyelash, just came back quick with "Just watch me go!"

Hobson gave him the green light signal, and boom! things started happening. Mr. Williamson proceeded to pull a stick-up-job on all-conference Morris, and before that startled gentleman knew what was happening, our Stan had raced over half the length of the floor, finally whipping the precious melon to Rolph Fuhrman, who canned two points from the right hand side of the basket. And that was the go-ahead sign that the weary Webfoots needed. The green and gold clad casaba man proceeded to tank eight baskets while Washington registered one.

## Kids Will Continue

Wally Borrevik, then in the Oregon line-up, hit one of the flurry of baskets. But the following five men composed the Ducks' "hottest" quintet: Dick and Fuhrman, forwards; Wiley, center; Williamson and Kirsch, guards. The most notable thing about this combination is that three of the five men are freshmen, a fact which shatters precedent of long standing.

Coach Hobson yesterday indicated that he will continue to play this same fivesome as long as they work together in as smooth a fashion as they did Saturday night.

Meanwhile, the Idaho Vandals staged a little upsetting on their own hook, and on that same Saturday evening, they ran roughshod over Slat's Gill's Oregon Staters, by a twelve point margin. And out of the potato-pickers' victory, several interesting facts might be noted:

(1) Fred Quinn, Idaho center, notched some 44 points in the two game series with the Beavers, annexing the northern division scoring lead;

(2) The Vandals, at one time on Saturday night, boasted of a 19-point lead, this with five minutes remaining in the game;

(3) Idaho, usually resorting to defensive tactics, went "all out" on a scoring spree, averaging over 50 points a game in both contests.

## It Will Be Close

Next Monday night, the Ducks open a two game northern division series with those same Vandals in spacious McArthur Court. Despite the fact that Oregon earlier in the season administered a twin win over the Vandals, this series should be very greatly contested, and a split is not entirely out of the question. The rest of the Oregon schedule will definitely favor the Eugene bucket brigade. Only two trips remain on the varsity schedule; two Friday night affairs at Corvallis with the OSC Beavers. Two Saturday night engagements will be played in Eugene, as will a pair of games with the Washington State Cougars.

And so you have it. Six of the remaining eight games will be played in McArthur.

## Greg's Error

L. H. Gregory, sports editor renowned of the Oregonian, made a little slip in print the other day. Besides hammering the play of Hank Luisetti, dear Greg blithely stated that one James Pollard played basketball for the Naval Pre-Flighters of St. Marys. Mr. Pollard was also "raked over the coals" for his "poor showing of late."

Truth of the matter is this: Mr. Pollard DOES NOT play for the Pre-Flighters, he performs for the Alameda Coast Guard five. He has been tabbed as the outstanding player of the San Francisco Bay area for his pitted in the past two weeks. Mr. Luisetti, who has admittedly been in a "two week" slump, has been collecting only 12 and 13 pints in games lately. Sure, Hank has a slump which puts him on the par with the collegiate gang. It's very amusing to say the least. Looks like maybe Greg should pick on two other guys besides Mr. Pollard and Mr. Luisetti. They're pretty good, even on their so-called "bad" nights.

# DuckMermen Trip Beavers

By ROLLIE GABEL

Once again this year the defending aquatic championship team of Oregon has proved its sterling mettle in the 'pool by dunking' the Oregon State "tubbers" 61 to 41 in the initial clash for both teams. The meet was held at Corvallis Saturday afternoon.

The Oregon Ducks took every event, with the exception of diving in which Jack Pennington, freshman, placed second. The entire aggregation showed pretty good evidence of being a second championship team, with the only ominous sign on the rippling waters being the University of Washington.

## Nelson "High" Man

Chuck Nelson, just recovering from a case of influenza, made the trip Saturday and was high point man on the Oregon team, amassing a total of some 12 points. Chuck placed first in the 50 and 100 yard free style events and served as anchor man on the relay. Dick Smith totaled a sum of 10 points for the Oregon team, and consequently his digits were second in the number of points gained by the team. Dick placed first in the 220 and 440 freestyle events which gave him the points.

Jim Gautier, the freshman wave hurdler, was third in the number of points taken by the team, which is very unusual for a freshman, especially when this meet marked the first competition of any kind that Jim has participated in.

## Good Performance

As a whole the freshmen and transfers performed valiantly in their first meet of the season. Prowell and Tugman took first and second places respectively in the backstroke events.

Another convalescent who had just arisen from a severe cold was McCauliffe. He fell short by two inches from taking second place in the breaststroke event, showing Coach Hoyman great potentialities for him to develop.

Jack Pennington, the freshman diver, did admirably for a boy who has never seen diving competition before. In one of his dives Jack lit on his ear, developing a probable ruptured eardrum pending the report of the doctor.

Even though the boys were green and jittery in their first actual competitive meet, they came through well, and Coach Mike Hoyman remarked that "We here develop a swimming team here yet," showing that he's still keeping an ear to the ground.

## Here's the summary:

Medley—Won by Oregon (Prowell, Hoffman, Heustis). Time, 3:19.

220-yard free style — Won by Smith, Oregon; Allen, Oregon, second; Hershberger, O.S.C., third. Time, 2:29.2.

50-yard free style—Won by Nelson, Oregon; Gautier, Oregon, second; Le Tourneau, O.S.C., third. Time, :25.1.

Diving—Won by Smith, O.S.C.; Pennington, Oregon, second; Karomanso, O.S.C., third.

100-yard free style — Won by Nelson, Oregon; Gautier, Oregon, second; Wells, O.S.C., third. Time, :57.8.

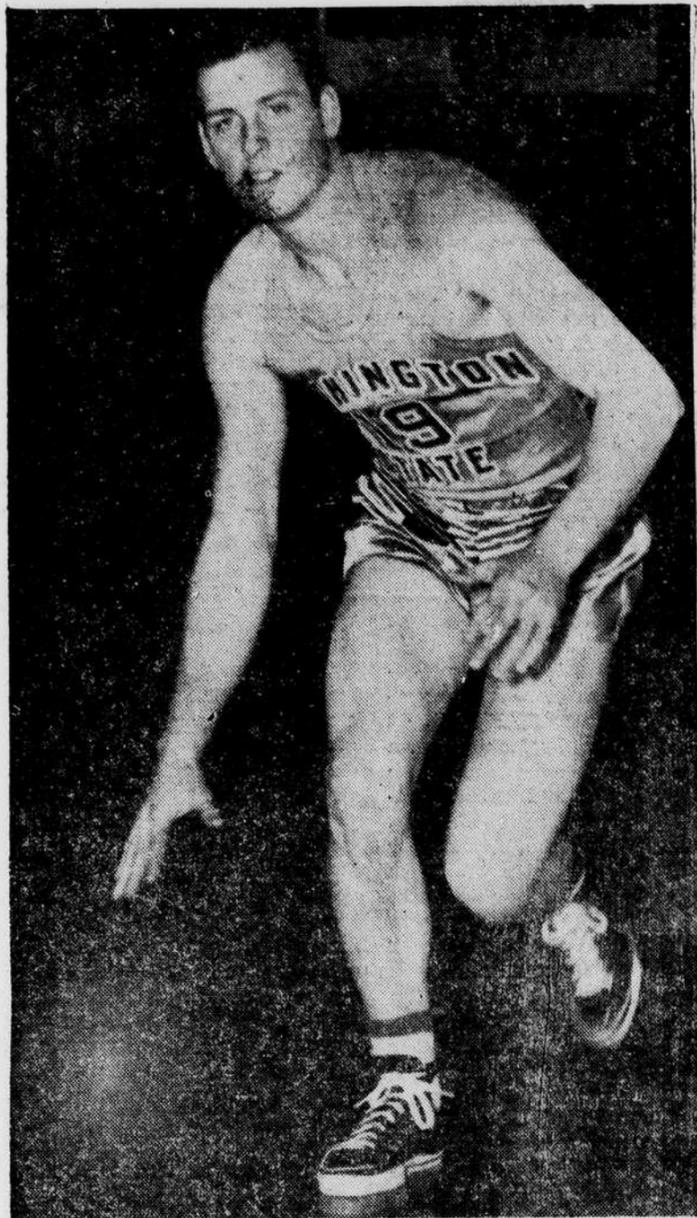
150-yard backstroke — Won by Prowell, Oregon; Tugman, Oregon, second; Schwartz, O.S.C., third. Time, 1:54.9.

200-yard breaststroke — Won by Heustis, Oregon; Woodward, O.S.C., second; McCaulis, Oregon, third. Time, 2:44.2.

440-yard free style — Won by Smith, Oregon; Allen, Oregon, second; Hershberger, O. S. C., third. Time, 5:28.1.

400-yard relay—Won by Oregon (Houston, Hoffman, Gautier, Nelson). Time, 3:56.4.

# Sports



CAVORTING FOR THE COUGARS . . .

. . . Bob Sheridan, who played his basketball for the Ducks as a freshman two years ago, is currently one of Washington State's stand-out cagers. Photo Courtesy Portland Oregonian

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## Come Through Kids

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added another and Oregon was in front by five now.

In desperation Morris cast off again . . . and was successful. But the time was too short for Edmundson's jittery hoppers to pull themselves together and yank the game from the fire.

Morris of Washington was successful in 8 of his 18 tries at the hoop from the floor and got one for one on the free throw lane to give him a total of 17 for the night.

Rating just one ahead of Fuhrman was thin-haired Doug Ford, portly forward, with 12. Ford had a bad night from the foul line and flubbed five straight gratis throws.

Oregon (47) (44) Washington W. Taylor, 7 . . . F . . . 7, Gilbertson Fuhrman, 11 . . . F . . . 12, Ford Wiley, 6 . . . C . . . 8, Gilmur Kirsch, 3 . . . G . . . 1, Mask Newland, 2 . . . G . . . 17, Morris

Substitutes: Oregon, Wren 1, Dick 4, Borrevik 4, Popick 5, Williamson 4; Washington, B. Taylor, Shaeffer, Bird.



SUB LEAVES BENCH . . .

. . . Rolph Fuhrman has been promoted to a first string forward job on the strength of his recent play.



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