

Duck Tracks

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Clarence "Nibs" Price, California's ancient basketball advisor, believes he has hit upon a plan to render partially impotent those "seven-foot Goliaths which the Golden Bear boss thinks are unfairly dominating the game, while the little fellows scramble madly around trying to get a look-in now and then.

"By getting those big fellows out of there—the ones that made the grade only because they're regular skyscrapers," Price said in a United Press news dispatch from San Francisco, "we'll have a fast, better, higher-scoring game."

And this is from the "Nibs" who has always favored the "king-sized" hooper and has been rumored on occasion to water at the mouth when he sees some young giant waddling down the avenue with the earmarks of a basketball player. Even now the Golden Bear varsity quint towers "head and shoulders" over the rest of the southern division clubs.

Nibs Outlines It

Now getting back to Revolutionist Price and his brain-child, "Nibs" says, "Suppose, we pass a rule to keep all players out of the free throw area under and in front of the basket—except for a period of three seconds for a quick shot or block. That'll stop these big boys from standing under the basket all evening just to reach up in the air and bat down shots when they come along. It'll discourage the use of those same big boys on offense to simply reach over the heads of the other players and drop the ball in the basket. And—it'll stimulate scoring."

By keeping players out of the free throw zone, Price's plan would move the defense to the sides and away from the bucket, thereby giving the offense a chance to fast-break plays across the keyhole and provide a clearer shot at the basket.

Little Guys Get Break

"This will place the premium on fast, sharp-shooting players," Price commented, "and the little guy would have just as good a chance as his taller teammate for some of the glory. He won't be penalized for his size."

By this three-second restriction, players are supposed to be given better chance at scoring and to speed up the game, which should be more interesting and pleasing to the spectators.

Violation of the three-second rule would be termed as a technical foul with either a free throw or the option of an out-of-bounds throw-in for the offense.

If such a proposal were accepted which is doubtful, it would work a hardship on such tall boys as Oregon's Wally Borrevik and Roger Wiley and Chuck Gilmer of Washington. All are most effective under the basket where their height can be cashed in on for lay-ins and rebound tips.

Can It Be Enforced?

Just how a three-second rule could be enforced in that vague, undefined "area under and in front of the basket" would be the biggest problem confronting Brother Price and his proposal—that is the biggest problem other than getting the darn thing passed and accepted by the coaches. Basketball mentors have seen the value of a big man as a keyhole pivot where the attack hinges and can swing to either side. An over-sized individual with a definite knack to the casaba game is too valuable a thing for any coach to kiss off for the first little rule innovation coming along.

Price's idea is another which borderlines the now-ancient notion of Forrest "Phog" Allen, head coach of Kansas University. Allen has had publicity and that's about all from his pet change which in the main would raise the basket from 10 feet to a 12-foot level. The reason is the same . . . to render impotent the tall man's height.

Sounds Good

But whether these latest proposals, tendered in full sincerity of Brother Price, catch afire and are eaten up by the hoop officials is another matter. The plan sounds beautiful—on paper. Too many innovations have been tempting, at first glance, but later turn out to be nothing but sour grapes.

Sound ideas go over big. Take the example of the no tip-off rule after each basket. At the birth of that proposition, opposition was terrific. But now that it's been in effect for almost ten years, it is deemed as the only thing. Main benefit has been a general speed-up of play and has been a boon to the jumping center who wore himself out trying to out-leap his opponent some 50 times a night.

Phi Delt, Canard, ATO Pi, Kap Hoop Clubs Turn in Victories

Well and Ready To Go...

. . . Sam Crowell, hopped off a bum ankle this week and straight into a second string guard spot on the Duck varsity. Against the Harlem Globetrotters and Camp Adair, Sam was all over the court, potting shots, and checking on defense.



Camp Adair Quint Faces Frosh Tonight

By MART POND

That there will be army maneuvers tonight in McArthur court at 8:00, when the 94th Infantry jousts with the Frosh hoop quintet, is an understatement, for this Camp Adair outfit is the second soldier team to invade the Oregon campus this week.

A tentative contest has finally turned into something more than just a promise of action according to Frosh center Earl Sandness. The soldiers from Adair come amply prepared for action though, for it seems that the companies and the different outfits stationed there, have teams representing them in an intramural type of play.

Simmons Returns

Finally whipped into semi-full strength just a day before this important meeting the Frosh have "Dutch" Simmons back in the lineup after a week of layoff for the Salem boy who has been nursing an injured ankle.

This return to the lineup can not however, take the place of rangy Dean Sempert who is still on the sidelines with an ailing toe. But even this loss to the Duckling squad is being handled by an adept Joe Coenenberg. Joe was the one who acted as the big point getter against the Rooks Friday night.

Because of the evenness of the individual players on the Duckling squad the opening lineup will not be announced by Coach "Sandy" Sandness until tonight before the start of the tilt.

The soldiers from Camp Adair will probably have more than one handful of basketball talent coming with them in their jeeps, but even a jeep-full of trouble for the frosh will hardly slow one of their combinations at the guard positions. One of the swiftest of foot and surest of eye, is the combination which includes Bob Hodges

Intramural Basketball Schedule

Friday, February 5	
4:00	Court 40—Alpha hall (A) vs. Sigma hall (A)
4:40	Court 40—Canard club (A) vs. Awful Awfuls (A)
5:20	Court 40—Beta Theta Pi (B) vs. Phi Sigma Kappa (B)

Hen Hall Mermaids Capture I-M Swim-Fest

Hendricks hall swimmers piled up 43 points to win the coed intramural swimming meet held at Gerlinger last night. Susan Campbell followed close with 36 points to take second place. Beverly Goetz, Hendricks, and Jeanette Neilson, Susan Campbell, tied for high individual scores with 11 points apiece.

There will be two more WAA swimming meets on Wednesday nights, February 10 and 18. Any university girl, sorority member or independent, who is interested in swimming competition is invited to sign an entry blank, under the events she wishes to enter. Any number of girls may be on the team representing an organization.

Milo Woodward is WAA swimming manager, and all lists of entries must be handed in to her or to the WAA desk in Gerlinger before Tuesday for next week's meet.

and Bob Hamilton in the spear-head of the attack.

A last minute comment from Frosh Coach Sandness was, "We are gunning for everything in sight."

Univ. of Texas recently dedicated its \$475,000 music building.

By ART CARLSON

Taking advantage of a good, tight zone defense, a "flash" start, and a strong "second-wind" spurt, the Phi Deltas sent the Kappa Sigs home with a 16-8 licking in yesterday's feature "A" game.

Starting right off with five points before the boys from Eleventh street even knew they had a basket to shoot for, too, the Phi Deltas looked like a runaway team. But as the second quarter began, the K. Sigs improved their man-to-man technique and kept the ball in mid-court most of the time, away from the Phi Deltas, enabling Spivy and Higgins to connect with a couple of long shots bringing the half-time score to 5-4.

The third period was just the lull before the storm as each quintet could only muster 2 points apiece. Then came the Phi Delt barrages.

Making their zone defense impregnable, and paced by the all-around play of Center Bill Skade, they took complete command of the backboards and started laying the ball through the hoop. Collecting nine markers in quick order, the Phi Deltas played as champions in that final spurt.

Canard Wins Again

In the other "A" game, the Canard clubbers almost "skunked" a bewildered Phi Psi quintet by registering 19 points against a lonely 2.

It was simply a case of six-footers against a handful of "squirts." While the Canard boys just stood and shot to their hearts' content—at that they missed the highest percentage of the time—the Phi Psis jumped desperately to get their hands on the ball. Whenever they did manage to regain the evasive casaba, it was handled well but they could never seem to overcome the height advantage to get close enough for a clear attempt.

Bob Simpson netted 8 points in this game, making him the high scorer of the day.

Fijis Eked Out

One of the closest, most hectic games of the season was witnessed in the "B" ranks as a fighting ATO crew squeezed out a 15-13 victory over a "never-say-die" squad from the Fiji house. A hard-fought contest throughout, the teams matched point for point with equal aggressiveness.

Both outfits brought rooting sections which so entered into the spirit of things that the players couldn't hear themselves talk and Referee Jim Sheppard blew out his whistle trying to rise above the din.

Benny Holcomb's dribbling and shooting shone for the winners as three times he hawked the ball to race down the center of the court for "cripples." "Pewee" Lonigan sparked the Fijis while team-mate Fred Treadgold's two long howitzers kept them in the running until the bitter end.

In another rough-tumble session, the Pi Kap Bees stung the Sig Ep aggregation, 10-4. "Moon" McMullin led the victors, while all the Sig Eps put up a good battle.

The final "B" game was a low-scoring affair which resulted in a DU triumph over Ole Sola's Sherry Ross five, 7-2. Delta Upsilon held the upper hand all the way, but Cartasegna of the Independents was the outstanding man on the court.

C. Politz distinguished himself by announcing that there remain only 9 letter writing days till Dads' day.