

# Duck Tracks

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With ten games by the boards and but six tiffs remaining on the hoop docket our rapidly-improving Ducks face some tough sledding during the ensuing three weeks if they expect to clutch the ND casaba tiara to their bosoms, something which they have not done since the 1939 "Alleycat" days.

At the present reading the Webfoots record looks like this: Six victorious starts and four not-so-good ones. That means Oregon lies just .114 percentage points below the loop-topping Washington State Cougars who have amassed a total of five triumphs in seven treks to the starting post. The speed-driven Washington Husky, who was tabbed by every sports-writing Tom, Dick, and Harry on the Pacific coast to waltz off with the conference plum, is breathing hot down the Cougar necks, just one-half game out of first.

## No Pipes Here

But those half-dozen ordeals that confront the third-place men of Howard Hobson are anything but pipes. Two of them are with the pace-making Cougars while four hemp squabbles remain with those deceptive Oregon State Beavers. The Ducks couldn't go up against much stiffer competition than this.

Washington State will dribble onto the Igloo hardwood February 26 and 27 in the season's wind-up, with the Ducks granted a week's respite for laying plans of devastation.

The "Civil War," which flared up with surprising ferociousness last year following some rough play on the part of both sides, will be re-incarnated Friday in the Corvallis cracker-box gym. Chapter two of this feud will be staged on McArthur court's wide hoop expanse Saturday. The final brace of OSC-Oregon hoop clashes is slated by conference schedule-producers February 19-20, here and there, respectively.

## Every Game Counts

And so with the pressure definitely on, the green and yellow hoop-hounds will have to be on their best behavior to wind up clutching the tattered division bunting in their hands.

However, the Ducks aren't the only ones who must surmount formidable obstacles before this 1943 campaign is spent. Perhaps they are better off than the rest of the three clubs who all still rate a look-in on conference championship proceedings.

Take Washington State for instance. All the cagey Cougar clan of "Black Jack" Friel has to do is moan through nine more conflicts. Washington, who thoroughly maltreated the brocketing WSCers by some 30-odd points last week, gets a couple more cracks at Friel's pets in their dog-eat-dog series this weekend.

## Cougars Must Meet OSC Twice

Then the Cougars from the hills of the Palouse country joust twice with Oregon State, who should be a little stronger with the return of Andy Anderson, crack pivotman, to the fold after a sickness seige. These are at Corvallis where the Beaver is always a rugged cookie.

Heap onto this growing pile of "must-do's" for the WSC Catamounts, the pair of clashes with Oregon here, and three more skirmishes with Idaho and you have the situation that is adding gray hairs to Jack Friel's scalp. The Cougars are far from in yet.

Those Washington casaba brigadiers themselves have eight morsels to munch before they can call it quits for the year. Besides the WSC double header there are four brawls with Idaho's scrappy bunch of youngsters who are just about due for an upset or two, if the stuff they showed here this week is indicative. Now tack onto that slate a couple of affairs with Oregon State. There is the Husky picture.

## Beavers Trod No Easy Road

The Beavers, squirming in fourth place, are just half way through. They bump heads with Oregon four times as mentioned above, run into Washington and Idaho twice.

Only Idaho is out of contention, but those battling little Vandals can do a whale of a lot of damage by clubbing down from behind the unsuspecting who figure that Babe Brown's boys are push-overs. Ask Oregon State about that one if you have your doubts.

Here's a suggestion: Why not talk up Oregon when you go home for spring vacation? We have a modern, little institution here with some of the best athletic facilities on the coast. It pays off in big dividends to let the high school students know a little about Oregon.

# DUs, PiKaps Nip Cage Rivals

## Beaver Clash Slated Friday

By STAN PIERSON

DU and ATO "A" basketball teams fought it out for a fast four quarters yesterday with the DU five finally emerging with a 19 to 15 triumph. Guarding was especially close on the part of both teams and fast breaks together with a few long shots gave the DUs all the advantage they needed. George Dugan's backboard controlling and Gordon Jones' 8 points stood out for the winners. Much of the ATO success was due to the accurate shooting of Bud Vandeneynde. ATO, 15 DU, 19

Kelters, 3.....F..... 7, Jones Vande neynde, 6..... F..... 2, Cellars MacDonald, 2.....C..... 3, Dugan Lester.....G..... 2, Ginn Gurney, 4.....G..... 2, Mann Cecchini.....S..... 1, Foster Sardam.....S..... 2, Lokany S..... Store S..... Schott

### Pi Kaps Win

In another rough and tumble affair, the Pi Kappa Alphas continued on their winning way as they defeated an Omega hall team, 21 to 16. Two points were all that separated the two teams



### BREWS TROUBLE . . .

. . . for Oregon's Ducks. Armory T. (Slats) Gill, OSC hoop generalissimo, plans ambush for the Webfoots at Corvallis Friday night.

throughout except during the final moments when baskets by Finnell put the game on ice. Much of the play took place on the floor as several players let their enthusiasm run away with them.

Omega hall Pi Kappa Alpha Gregos, 4..... F..... 3, Roblin Weber, 3..... F..... 8, Finnell Gelinsky..... C..... 4, Bergman Page, 7..... G..... 3, Jackson Donahue, 2..... G..... 1, Gilbertson Stephenson..... S..... 2, Klobas Calles..... S.....

The third game of the after-

## Sports Managers Meeting Slated

Athletic managers of all men's living organizations are asked to attend an important meeting on Friday afternoon at 4, in the intramural office of the PE building.

Among the problems to be discussed at this special get-together will be the proposed all-star games, as well as the play-off schedules in both basketball and handball.

noon, the scheduled tilt between Campbell and Sigma hall "B" squads, went to Campbell via default in as much as the Sigmas failed to put in an appearance.

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