

League's Top Cagers Chosen by Scribes

Prince Basketball's reign on the fertile slopes of the Pacific is almost over. But before the last spheroid has been pumped home through the cords of the target basket, we would like to announce our annual all-northern division basketball selections.

Realizing that there are few games remaining on the 1943 schedule, we shall proceed with the choice of naming the cream-of-the-crop in the northern regions of the Pacific Coast conference.

It's not an easy job. Gus Q. Fan could probably turn in a list of cagers that would be equally as potent as the following one we've dreamed up. We'll start with the forward positions.

Bishop Makes It

Gail Bishop of Washington State, currently leading the loop in point scoring, has a monopoly on one forward position. A hold-over from last year's mythical dream team, he is an excellent ball handler and floor man, and quickly gets the nod.

For the other forward position, we have converted Washington's great center, "Chuck" Gilmur into the slot, to make room for Fred Quinn of Idaho at center, Gilmur, normally a pivot man, is a dangerous point-getter and he would be just as valuable up front as a forward than if placed at center.

Quinn was the outstanding

Oregon Mermen Set

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ably swim him in the 100 freestyle event or in the 400 yard freestyle relay. Hoffman, still another freestyler, will be entered in any of the freestyle events that Coach Hoyman decides upon. He has been improving throughout the season and has been proving himself better in every meet.

Prowell, versatile backstroke artist and (diver) had a temporary relapse in the meet with the University of Washington last Saturday, probably due to his diving that meet, but has been and will be a valuable asset to the team in Saturday's meet.

Houston, freestyler, has been improving his time all through the season and will probably, depending on the mathematical whims of Hoyman, swim in the relay or in the 100 or 50-yard freestyle events.

Fox, another freestyle man who is new to the Oregon swimming hanks has been doing excellently this season, even though he is handicapped by lack of experience.

McAuliffe, another new boy to the Oregon squad, has been pacing record-busting Ralph Huestis in the breast stroke event. Though lacking experience has been a very valuable asset to the Oregon squad in the breaststroke department.

Oregon will have an entry, or rather several entries in every event Saturday, with the exception of diving, in which event Hoyman has not been able to find an entry, although he used Prowell in the meet last Saturday at Seattle.

The qualifying meet will be held today at Pullman with the main event to be staged Saturday. As usual the two strong powers in this quintuple battle will be the Oregon and the Washington squads, the two teams that have come out on top of this championship meet for the past several years; Oregon coming out

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cager for the Idaho Vandals, doormat aggregation of the league. A great rebound artist and backboard controller, Fred's own style of play has merited many exclamations of praise from the bleacher seat holders up and down the league.

And Morris

One guard vote goes to Washington's Bill Morris. Bill is currently fighting the scoring lead in the loop, and he is an aggressive, fiery type of ball player, coming through when the blue chips are down. He garnered honorable mention in 1942.

The other guard choice is Oregon State's Lew Beck, excellent offensively as well as defensively. He also grabbed off honorable mention in 1942. That's the first team.

And now for the second five-some.

Taylor on Second Team

Oregon's own Warren Taylor is the best backboard controller in the conference. His accurate

FIRST TEAM

Chuck Gilmur, forward, University of Washington.
Gail Bishop, forward, Washington State.
Fred Quinn, center, University of Idaho.
Bill Morris, guard, University of Washington.
Lew Beck, guard, Oregon State.

SECOND TEAM

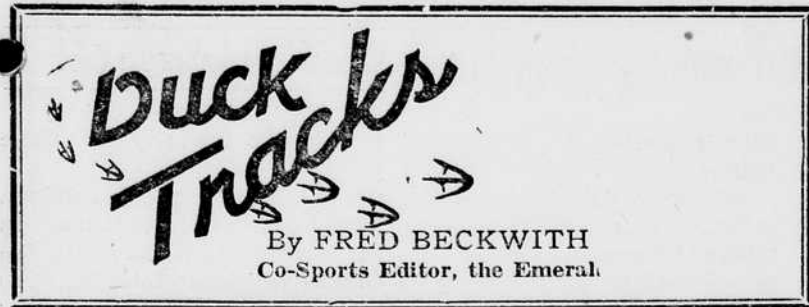
Warren Taylor, forward, OREGON
Jack Ryan, forward, Idaho.
Roger Wiley, center, OREGON.
Don Durdan, guard, Oregon State.
Don Kirsch, guard, OREGON.

shooting eye has swelled the Duck point total consistently throughout the season. Put Taylor down on the ballot for a forward position.

And at the other forward slot, we like aggressive Jack Ryan of Idaho, a lad who displayed plenty of fire in the Vandals' two-game stand here, and a gent who has been performing top-rate ball all season long.

The center on our second team is none other than Hobby Hobson's own protege, Roger Wiley, whose performance as a freshman was amazing, considering the cool manner he stepped into a starting berth on this year's varsity. Roger was the tallest man in the league, and one of the leading point scorers.

The guards on team number two are Don Durdan of Oregon State, probably the smoothest ball handler in the loop and Oregon's Captain Don Kirsch. That's the listing of the ten top cagers in the northern division.



Eleven thin percentage points is all that stands between Oregon's varsity Ducks and a second place position in the northern division of the Pacific Coast Conference basketball race. And the second place rung, currently held down by the Washington State Cougars, is on a definitely shaky basis.

The Ducks will be allowed the chances of completely knocking the props from under Jack Friel's Palouse country pupils tonight and tomorrow night on the comparatively smooth surface of the Igloo boards.

Is It Possible?

It will take a double triumph for the Hobsonmen to hoist themselves into the upper strata of second place. And should the league-leading Washington Huskies drop two of their remaining four contests, pass the gravy, Nellie, for our casaba kids will be in the middle of a three-way tie for that never-never land, Championship Road.

That would be the pay-off to this whacky 1943 season. A three-way tie for first place! And in a play-off series, anybody could grab off the right to face the Southern California Trojans in the PCC play-off. Cross your fingers tonight, fans. And by gosh, you better grab a seat before 8 p.m.—never can tell what's going to happen.

Brother Treadgold exited yesterday morning, having finished his column-writing chores for the semester. It looks like it's our turn today.

Review

IN MEMORY OF THE BASKETBALL SEASON: It has been a dizzy race, but an interesting one. Howard "Hobby" Hobson's experiment of playing three freshmen cagers with the varsity hoopsters has turned out fairly well. One of this first year triumvirate, Roger Wiley by name, is leading his team-mates in the business of glomming points.

He has also turned in a creditable job at the center pivot position.

Little Stan Williamson, another not-as-yet-dry-behind-the-ears lad, has proven to all concerned that he is the fastest man in a basketball suit in the northern division.

And that's not bad for a couple of freshmen. This war has produced many funny angles.

Then, while praise is dripping from the worn-out ribbons of this typewriter, let's shoot a few salvos down the line in the general direction of the senior barracks. There's a trio of four year men who are bowing out of intercollegiate basketball tomorrow night. You all know 'em. You've seen 'em all season long. Captain Don Kirsch, Forwards Warren Taylor and Rolph Fuhrman have all done a magnificent job of playing good, clean, hard-fought basketball this year for Oregon.

Unsung Heroes

And what about the other gents on the squad? Well, there's juniors Bob Wren and Bob Newland, a couple of hustlers. There's a soph forward Roy Seeborg, and guards Sammy Crowell and Al Popick. All good boys. And last but not least, comes a number of other subs who turned in good performances for the green-and-gold: Ed Dick, the Reynolds boys, Walt and Bob, "Suds" Sutherland, and Warren Christiansen.

While we are still on this orchid-donating spree, let's flip the last bouquet to the guy who has been the head boss-man over at the Igloo. "Hobby" Hobson, take a bow!

So much for the personnel. Their record is in black-and-white. The final season story is being penned tonight and tomorrow night up a few blocks in the University Street pavilion.

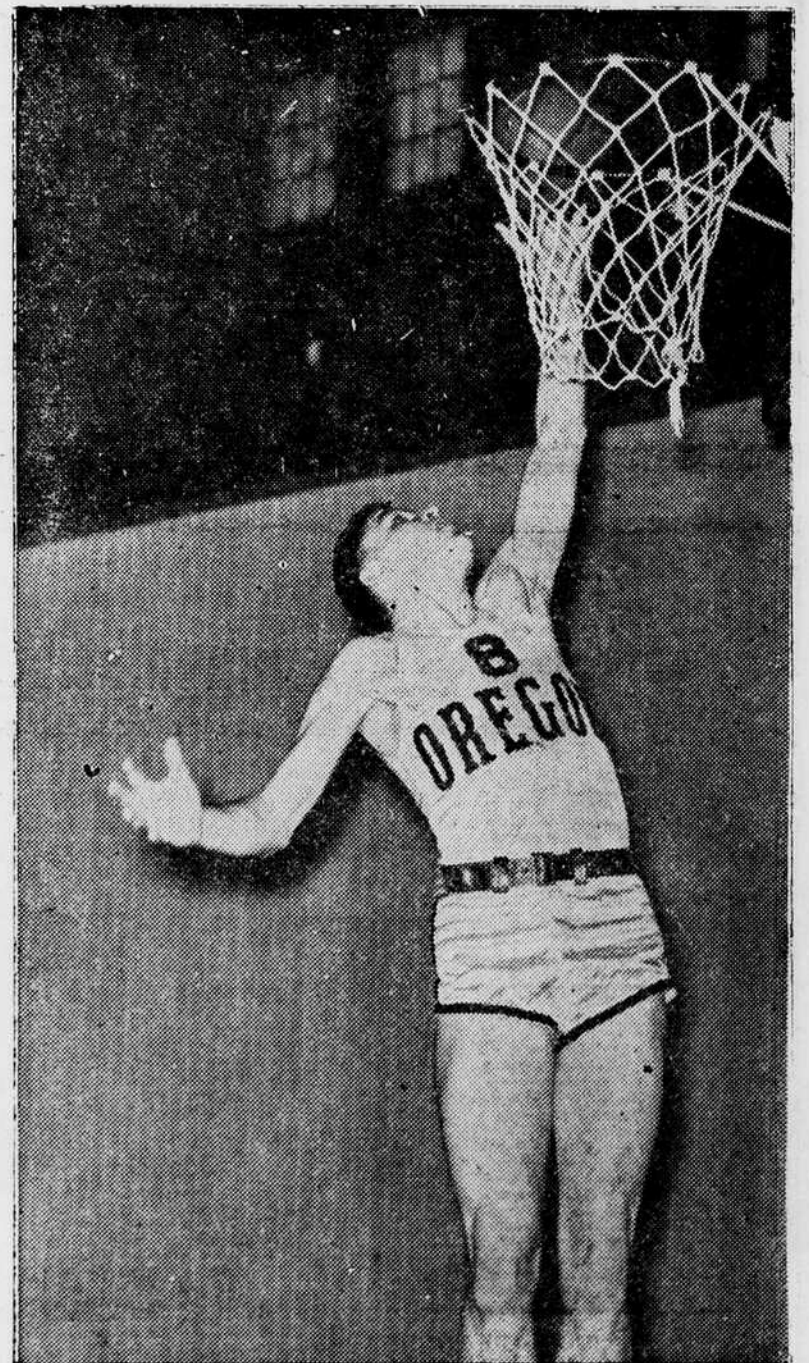
So we've sung the saga of the underwear athletes, we've tooted the toasts to the melon mentor, and now a word for Old OREGON.

One More Job

We've suddenly bumped into a stone wall, signifying the end of a journey's end, the termination of another scholastic semester. And our college is faced with the problem of its manpower draining away.

So we've got to plan and build for the future. Even though some of us are being yanked from our inactive duty status into The Real Thing, we've got to do one more job before farewell time.

And that job, small as it is, is vitally important to the future of this institution. When you go home at Spring vacation period, contact as many high school kids as you can, and TALK UP OREGON. Boom the school, your school. Tell 'em why YOU are here, and what they can gain by coming here. Tell the juniors and senior males that they can still get into reserve programs. Start to work, and earnestly for your school.



CHASES THE COUGARS . . .

. . . Roger Wiley, Oregon's leading basketball point-getter, clashes with the WSC Cougars tonight at the Igloo.