

# Duck Tracks

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Fouls and whistle-toting have long been considered a "necessary evil" in basketball to keep the game under control of the officials, lest things get too rough and approach the ferocity of a combined football-wrestling brawl. But the continuous rasp of the official's pitch-pipe, the parade to the foul line all have tended to rub the fur of players, spectators, and coaches alike the wrong way.

Basketball shouldn't be a game decided on who can commit more foul throws, nor should a team be deprived of its star player because of four perpetrations, some wholly unintentional. All this tends to take the fun out of the game for both fan and participant.

## Hobby Has Solution

Howard Hobby, Oregon's duo-coach, chieftain of both Webfoot baseball and basketball teams, has hit upon an idea which sounds so plausible that we wouldn't be surprised if it wasn't accepted. Not all angles of it have been ironed out, Hobby says, but the essence of the thing is there.

This seemingly highly-workable Hobby plan goes somewhat on this order: Eliminate the desire to foul by making the penalty severe enough, yet not toss a player out if he happens to err unintentionally. Wherever a foul occurs, the official will award the injured player a free shot at the hoop. He may be under the basket or at mid-court, but he will get his chance, worth two points if successful, at the point of contact.

To further put teeth into the ruling, Hobby would allow the offended team to take possession of the ball out of bounds. This ruling would be a two-edged sword to weed out players who foul purposely when a man is going in for a cinch basket.

## Violations for Petty Errors

Under the Hobby idea to eliminate unnecessary fouling, minor infractions would come under the heading of violations and would receive no foul-shot remuneration. These would be slight contact blows—such as wrist-slapping—which is not intentional and is all in the game of trying to get possession of the ball.

The two-point shot penalty and possession of the ball would serve as a damper to foul conscious players much as clipping and slugging penalties have outlawed such acts in football. Hobby cited an example when he declared that if the clipping penalty in football was just two or three yards, the amount assessed a team would be negligible so clipping would persist. But as it is, the 25 yards slapped on for a clipping act takes all the joy out of that practice. Same way with slugging; one-half the distance to the goal and eradication from the game, eliminates slugging almost entirely.

The only way to stop fouls, Hobby contends, is to make the penalty so severe that they will be frowned on.

## Coaches Want 5 Fouls

When he attended the National Basketball Coaches' association a week ago, the coaches as a whole agreed that five personal foul limit would be more desirable than the present four-and-you're-out stuff.

Hobby disagreed. Five, eight, or even ten fouls would not be the solution. Up to the last foul before elimination, a player is not careful as the penalty of one free throw doesn't carry much weight.

Neither does the Duck hoop-diamond director believe that a player should be tossed out of the game because of his mistakes, unless really flagrant. Basketball is the only sport which cans a player after so many errors.

In pro football unless the act is really bad, there is just a penalty. If a baseball player commits an error, bobbles a ball, throws wild to a base, he is not thrown out. But after four personal, a basketball man gets the boot. When these star players are gone, spectators lose interest as the quality of the game is sacrificed, cheapened, by the ever-blowing official.

## Basketball Attendance Up

Hobby brought back good news from the New York meeting, which convened for a special wartime session. Interest in basketball all over the nation had increased during last winter's season.

Clarence ("Hec") Edmundson, Washington's hoop coach who also attended said that in Seattle alone the spectator increase had been 24 per cent over that of 1942.

Lt. Cmdr. Paul Hinkel, ex-Butler university coach, now at Great Lakes Naval Training station declared that there are over 1000 basketball teams at the training station alone. It is the most popular recreational sport because it requires a minimum of equipment and a large number can play.

Hinkel also said that basketball as a spectator sport follows the service men overseas, that they like to hear the results of games.



NEW YANKEE . . .

. . . Joe Glenn is back in the majors with the New York American league champs, having been summoned up from the Oakland Acorn farm club.

## Oregon Meets OSC Scourge

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Andy Frahler, and King Lauderbeck.

Almost a certainty, Nick Begleries, 5-foot 7-inch Duck curve ball expert, will probably start things out on the mound for Oregon. Little Nick was the big winner for the Ducks last season, shows signs of the same stuff this year. He was superb against Portland U last week.

If the Beaver stickers start swatting Nick's curves hither and yon, it will be up to Johnny Bubalo, first base regular; Hal Saltzman, first-year man; Whitley Lokan, who gave Willamette just one hit Wednesday in three innings; Suds Sutherland, who turned in a fine showing in the Bearcat tiff, or Bob Caviness, lone lefthander on the club, to hobble the rampant OSC batters.

Remainder of the team line-ups will probably follow the same lines as in previous games.

There is a chance, however,

that Don Durdan won't be stationed in left field when the tiff begins. He has been confined to the infirmary with pneumonia and when Durdan will get his "release" from that institution is not known. Freshman John Mack will probably replace Durdan in the event he can't make it.

By GEORGE SKORNEY

When your reporter arrived at Hayward field shortly after ROTC drill Thursday, he found the large sport domain as empty as a sugar bowl.

Only one Duck cinderman—yes, one Duck cinderman—was on hand to greet him. This was very disappointing to say the least. A few University high boys in an assortment of warm-ups, that would make a rainbow blush, if it could, were huffing and puffing in a listless manner.

Wes Carpenter, the sole Duck, was methodically going through his steps in the javeline. Wes has been going through light practices since the season's opening. But with good reason, an arm thrown out of joint, with only a scant two weeks before the conference's initial opening, would put a crimp in Colonel Bill Hayward's plans. Carpenter's best, for last season, stood close to the 180 foot mark.

### Still Lost

Coach Hayward lost a sparkling prospect in Wally Still, who tossed the willow 165 feet 4 inches in a tri-way meet with the cities' high schools. On this same day Still won the 100 and 220-yard dashes. His loss by way of ERC left a gap that Colonel Bill has failed to fill as yet.

The program in track for tomorrow is as yet undecided, but whatever it is Webfoot fellows in this sport may be sure that Colonel Bill will have events galore. The boys in the field department have yet to show their wares. Hurdles should be on the docket for Saturday's contest as well as regular distances in all events.

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