

By Bill Walkenshaw

Taking a quick look over the nation, we find Oregon isn't the only school having "coach" trouble. Now that the war is over, it seems victory-eager students are tired of the coaches' worn out lament "The material is green and inexperienced."

PIT REBELS

Clark Shaughnessy, Stanford's idol, is ever about to get the axe in his coaching berth at Pittsburgh. The students at the University of Pittsburgh have accused him of being inadequate for his job of football coach there.

Pitt de-emphasized football in 1938 when the university felt that the Panther teams were too good. Pittsburgh then became a second rate power and absorbed bad beatings at the hands of eastern schools.

Then in 1943, the administration did a right about face, and hired the best they could get—Shaughnessy—to produce a representative team from the skyscraper university.

Immediately the university plunged Shaughnessy into a tough schedule against all of the Eastern grid giants. (Notre Dame, Illinois, Ohio State). The first year his team was pretty poor. Last year the team was progressively better and this season against top competition, he turned out a fairly representative team.

Why the university students feel that Shaughnessy is inadequate we don't know. Maybe they are thinking too much about Jock Satherband's powerhouse at Pitt ten years ago. Maybe the students don't like the colorful razzle-dazzle plays that we saw Shaughnessy use at Stanford. Maybe they feel like the majority of students feel here at Oregon. Beats Me!

THEM TOO!

Now comes the killer diller! Believe it or not, mighty Ohio State under Coach Carroll Widdoes is even having a little revolt here and there. Last year the Buckeyes, under Widdoes, ran wild to capture the "Big Ten" title and have lost only one this season to Purdue.

In spite of all this, it seems Widdoes is still having team trouble. His ace halfback Paul Sarringhaus and other back-field members claim he isn't being fair to them and threatened to quit. We wonder about this!

GOPHER TROUBLE

Bernie Bierman out at Minnesota too is bothered by team mutiny. Bernie is being accused by critics and several players of being cold and distant. Hmm! He has given the Gophers six "Big Ten" titles in nine years but he is still faced with a bitter team and has an incipient revolt on his hands.

From up in the Ozarks too comes a little fire. Coach Glen Rose has been having a bad time with his Arkansas squad which was expected to be great and yet has lost five games. This one really smoldered. Seems like we are not alone! The students there are in revolt and demanding a new deal in football and a new coach. How familiar!

When even coaches like these are about to get the proverbial gate, we wonder just what is behind it all. In some cases perhaps it is a general steam-letting, but in others your guess is as good as mine.

HERE WE GO

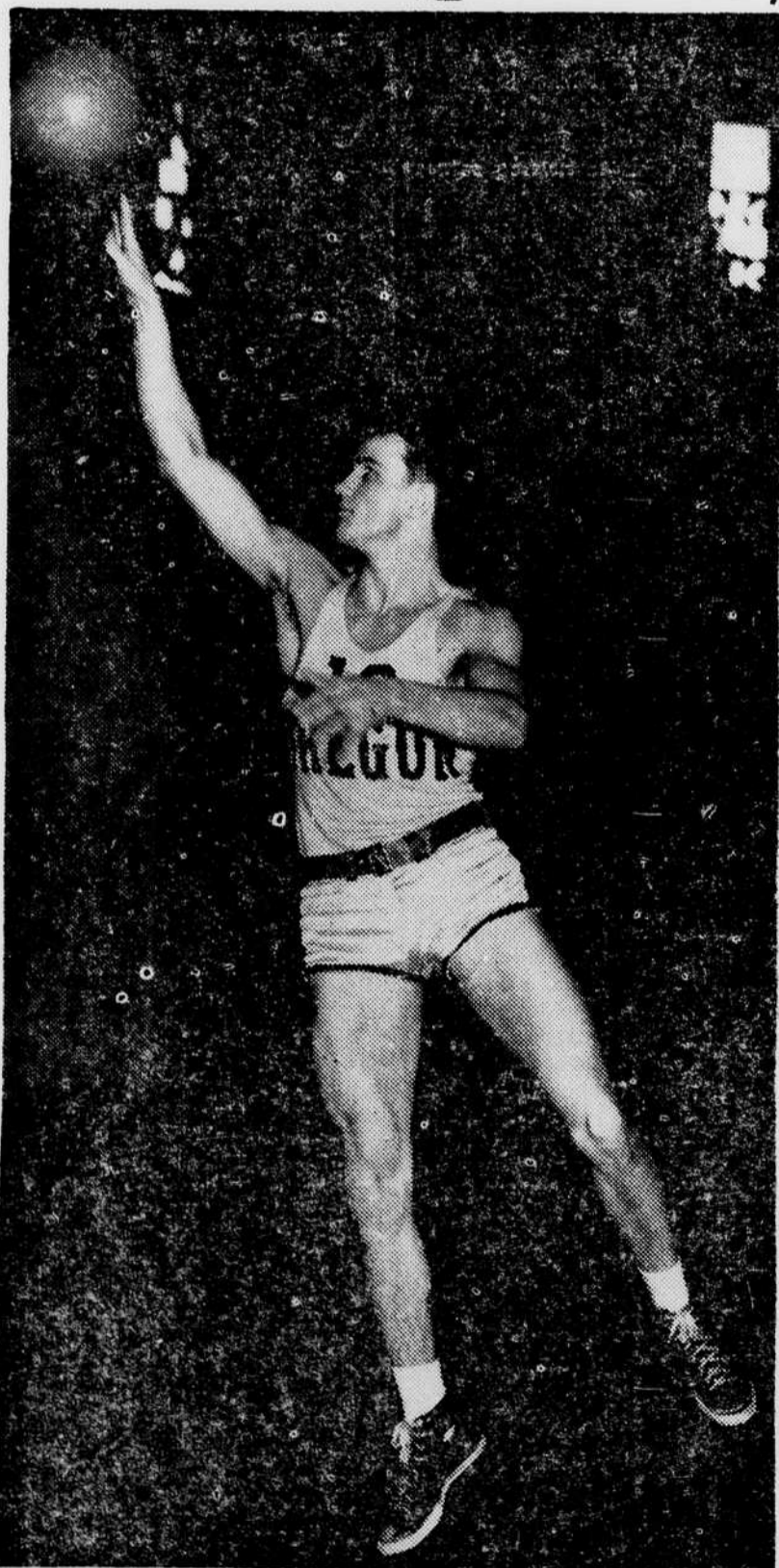
This week basketball season comes in like "Gang Busters" when the Oregon Webfoot five starts off with the University of British Columbia. The Ducks have their entire starting line-up back this year from their last season's Northwest champs five. What with Coach Hobby Hobson's return the Webfoots are looking up to a repeat performance of last winter's fine squad under Coach John Warren. Hobby has planned an extensive eastern schedule and plans to make the Oregon Webfoots well known.

Stanford comes back to football for the first time in three years when they open their informal season Saturday against the Stockton Commandoes. A crowd of 25,000 is expected to see the Big Red Machine in action. The Stockton service team is a mystery, no one knowing much about them except they have beaten C.O.P., tied Albany Navy, and lost to St. Mary's by a 26-point margin. Whether they win or not, we welcome Stanford back to football and wish them luck.



BOB HAMILTON

Star guard and captain of the Webfoot basketball quintet is Bob Hamilton dropping one in for two points.



DICK WILKINS

High scoring forward of last season's championship casaba squad is Dick Wilkins. Wilkins was a runner-up in the nation's high scoring list during last year's cage battles.

Coach Hobby and Crew Go North; Big Two Game Series in Session

Coach Howard Hobson and his ten letterman basketball players left the campus Friday afternoon for the Friday night game in Vancouver, B. C. Distance is a small item to Hobby, now that travel by plane is available. This speed in transportation means a great deal to the team. It relieves the players of school work piling up while they journey to remote spots. The team will be back in Eugene Sunday afternoon, after the Friday-Saturday night series is over.

This week's basketball game starts Oregon's intercollegiate schedule. The next big games will be played in Chicago, New York, and Columbus during the month of December. This will be a trans-continental plane jaunt.

Four Regulars Return

Oregon, the Pacific coast conference champs and the NACC title holders from last season have the same squad as last year. These men include Dick Wilkins, Chuck Stamper, Reedy Berg, forwards; Ken Hays, Ed Allen, Centers; Bob Hamilton, Jim Bartelt, Frank Hoffine, Les Wright, guards; George Bray, 1943-1944 letterman forward.

These men made the journey to Canada yesterday to play the University of British Columbia.

The regular conference season does not get underway until January. But 16 pre-season tilts have been arranged. Return games have been scheduled with the UBC for January 2 and 3 in Eugene.

Ideal Chance

Coach Hobby will be much informed after the weekend is over. These men are all men to the returned mentor, and their ability to

perform under pressure is what the basketball chief wants to see.

The reserve problem is one of the ironies that confronts Hobby. Too little men with too little height makes the Oregon five considered a small college ball club.

The close of football season will find some grid men reverting their talents to indoor activity, and the freshmen teams will be on hand to add strength.

Practice games ahead will give Hobson a good chance to work in his nation-wide fame of basketball strategy.

THE Dope Bucket

By TOM RILEY

This week let's shove the predictions down a bit and get in a few words on the contemporary subject Bill Walkenshaw has caused so much comment about. "Why can't Oregon win?"

Like everyone else put it "that's a good question." A few people are very resentful to the discussion coming at "mid season" and are afraid that it will cause dissention among the players. Since when is "mid-season" given the name, with only two games remaining on the Oregon schedule?"

As for dissention among the team, the players know what they want and what they can do a football field, they too want someone to lead the way to victory.

It certainly is an obvious fact question from the letters the student body is behind the question from the letters sent in. Also, when news like this circulates to other papers and is hashed over by men who write for a living, there's plenty in the facts to give Oregon students thought.

Walkenshaw's doing a swell job in presenting the facts, and I for one, am with him, how about you?

Well now for some predictions. First is Oregon vs. California.

Oregon has some new plays ready to throw at the Golden Bears, and both teams are fighting to keep clean of the cellar. Oregon by 6.

Oregon State vs. Washington State.

The Beavers have greatly improved since these two first played. The Cougars are the favorites but I lean towards Oregon State to win by 7.

St. Marys vs. UCLA.

The Uclans lost five first string men, while in the meantime the Gaels won another game. St. Marys to win by 13.

Washington vs. Idaho.

Poor Idaho, Huskies by 21.

Army vs. Penn.

Looks like Army all over the again. Army by 4 touchdowns.

Here's this week's quickies: Navy over Wisconsin, Alabama on top of Vanderbilt. Notre Dame over Northwestern and Lou Little's boys to beat Princeton.

See you Tuesday, in the meantime I'll think up alibies for Saturday's predictions.

American nationals own about 57.7 per cent of the world's present proved crude-oil reserves, estimated at almost 64 billion barrels.