

Vandals Invade Valley Monday



(Bull's note: Yesterday we were honored by a guest columnist from the University of British Columbia, namely, Luke Moys, who, by the way, turned up with a very creditable job. Today the column is handled by Fred Beckwith, who thus far this term has been the answer to my prayers for a co-worker. Fred battled with the hell box and printers in putting out the sports pages for the 1942-43 Emerald. The situation looks like a little sleep for me and maybe a date with one of these hyar coeds running around the campus, every now and then. Fred will take it one night and Duck Tracks will switch over to Bull on the other. And believe it or not, writers are finally coming to the sports department—blast the jumping crickets, beeples are sure fine animals.)

This is the toughest season for covering sports, but there are many small angles to cover for filling space. The issues of '42-43 prove that Co-sports Editor Beckwith was more than adept in this respect. His tour of duty with the navy in the Pacific has not dulled his sporting pen. This is absolutely too long a blurb—your man Beckwith.

By FRED BECKWITH

We're back in harness this morning, after an absence of some thirty-two months. We feel somewhat like the dazed freshman who steps on the campus for the first time. There are many, many new faces, and a whole gang of new athletes. On the whole, Oregon is back in the sports picture in a big way, after carrying the load with war-time material for over two years.

Football has done a fade-out, and basketball has already made its appearance on the local athletic scene. Duck spectators are calculating the chances of their ball club in the forthcoming Pacific Coast conference race. The local Casaba men face the tough prospect of upholding their 1945 championship laurels. Every outfit in the Northern Division this season will be measurably stronger than a year ago.

DEFENDING CHAMPS

We've seen Hobby Hobson's cagers twice, both games being against the British Columbia gang. The emerald-and-green boys looked a lot better the second night, and the close score is not the only indicator of this thought. Presence of Stan Williamson, Seeborg, Rasmussen and Smith made a lot of difference the second night of the B. C. series. When these boys work together with the rest of the squad for a while, you're going to see a greatly improved quintet, and, unless we miss our guess, a definite championship contender.

Coach Hobson is well aware of his main problems on the team right now. He realizes that he has a 100 per cent offensive squad; and that the defensive picture so far has been rather defective. The addition of the afore-mentioned returning veterans will do a lot towards correcting this negligence. Most important of all, the morale of the team took a sharp jump for the better when some of the "old hands" showed up for practice. What the situation amounts to is this: nobody is sure of a first-string berth. There will be keen competition for every position, and that's exactly what boys like Wilkins (1945 national high-point king) and others welcome.

RELIEF IN SIGHT

Hobby has been plagued with the dearth of competent substitutes for Bray, Wilkins, Hamilton and Hays. These melon-tossers have had to go at least 40 minutes in most of their ball games thus far, and that's not so good considering the fact that they had a strenuous road trip in the east. It may be possible for Coach Hobson to mould a team-unit system, alternating two quintets, but for the present, the Oregon mentor is searching for his best combination of men.

In the 1943 season, Stan Williamson was perhaps the fastest man in the Northern Division. When he completely finds his basketball speed and endurance again, he should repeat in the same status. He and Roy Seeborg looked like the best Oregon ball hawkers on the court in their appearance against British Columbia.

AND THE FANS

From all previous indications the crowds are going to be huge at McArthur court, and that's a good sign. It looks as though basketball will just about be back on a pre-war basis, with so many veterans pouring in every day to every club in the conference. Fred "Wimpy" Quinn of Idaho and Anderson and Warren of Oregon State are just a few men who will probably give the Webfoots more than a little trouble.



Coach Howard Hobson's Oregon cagers open their Northern Division schedule Monday and Tuesday against the Idaho Vandals at McArthur court. Hobson's team has split even on sixteen pre-season games including a win at Madison Square Garden over the highly publicized Long Island University. "Hobby" is no newcomer to Coast conference competition; this being his tenth season as head man for the Ducks.

Intramural Entry Deadline Set For All Teams Today

With the opening of winter term a full schedule of intramural sports has been planned and will soon get underway, according to Paul R. Washke, head of the intramural sports program, located in the men's physical education building.

The deadline for entries, Mr. Washke stated, will be extended until 9 a.m. Saturday morning. All teams wishing to enter may secure entry blanks at Mr. Washke's office. Basketball and handball are

Sports Due Super Year

Billions for sports. Today more money than ever before is being spent on sports. Promoters of all types of sports are spending many millions on ventures from coast to coast in an attempt to make billions from the sports fans in America.

Already the new year of 1946 should make this year a year to break all money making records. The All American Football conference, conceived by a Chicago sports editor and backed by many men with money the nation over, is the biggest and costliest promotion for the new year.

Baseball, boxing, and horse racing ventures for the booming post-war years are taking on proportions unequalled in past years, along with professional football. Much money will be made in the seasons ahead—but money will also be lost if spendings on sports continues at their present rate.

scheduled to fill out the winter term program. With the return of fraternities on the campus, Mr. Washke observed, a full schedule of intramural activity will be carried out.

Basketball will be conducted on a round-robin basis. Each organization may enter two teams which will be designated as "A" and "B" teams. If only one team is entered it will be classified as an "A" team, Mr. Washke noted. He also added that if five or more teams enter both "A" and "B", a "B" tournament will be conducted.

Both tournaments will be awarded points on the all-year intramural point system, as will the winner of the handball tournament. Handball will be played on a straight elimination basis. A team consists of two singles and one doubles. The University of Oregon handball rules shall govern all intramural play, it was added.

Eight Teams Enter

By 3 p.m., Friday, eight organizations had turned in entry blanks at Mr. Washke's office. Eight "A" basketball teams have entered and three "B" teams. Six handball teams are scheduled to compete. The first basketball contest is scheduled for Thursday, January 10.

Teams already entered, and their managers, include: Omega Hall, William L. Pickens; Yoeman, William L. Gardner; Phi Gamma Delta, Leonard E. Lonigan; Sigma Phi Epsilon, Erling Erlandson; Phi Delta Theta, LeRoy A. Erickson; Beta Theta Pi, E. K. Jackson; Delta Upsilon, Milton Sparks; Alpha Tau Omega, Elvert Wilson.

Ducks Set For Idaho Contests

Not too unhappy over the fact that their pre-season non-conference tilts are a thing of the past, the Oregon basketballers are taking advantage of a few days schedule rest to sharpen themselves for next week's pair of games with the University of Idaho cagers.

On Monday night Howard Hobson's boys trade baskets with the Vandals in their first Northern Division clash, and from all advance reports, the affairs will be hotly contested. Idaho, opening their league play with Oregon State last night, will bring a veteran-loaded quintet into McArthur court.

Quinn Sparks

Vandals will be sparked by Fred "Wimpy" Quinn, who frequently dumps 20 points through the hoop for his alma mater. Besides Quinn, Idaho boasts the return of another member of the 1942-43 aggregation, Bob Ryan, one of a long line of Idaho U. Ryans.

In the remaining practice sessions, Coach Hobson will concentrate on sharpening his team's defense play, which, of course, has been the primary factor for the recent non-conference reversals. As far as the recent British Columbia losses are concerned, the Webfoots can take consolation in the fact that the Canadian cagers have been tipping over other Northern Division outfits, and have definitely moved into the class of top-drawer cage participants in the Pacific northwest.

No New Lineup Yet

As of this writing, Hobson is not going out on the limb in naming any starting line-up for the Vandal fray, because the Oregon squad competition is very keen now. If Seeborg and Williamson, 1943 veterans, round into shape, they may very possibly crash into the first string, despite the fact that the present first unit is composed of four veterans from the 1945 championship Oregon team.

In another conference battle last night, the Washington Huskies, to date a mystery package, were set to clash with Jack Friel's highly-respected Washington State Cougars.

Sherry Ross Holds Intra Point Edge

The beginning of winter term finds Sherry Ross leading the intramural point totals with 217 on the all-year score chart, posted in the men's physical education building.

The Barons are not far behind with a total of 215 while Omega Hall trails in third place with a close 210 points. Other totals include Sigma Hall 182, Independent Seven 172, Campbell Co-op 172, Greeks 150, Zeta 87, Emery's 75, Lodgers 0 and Hansen House 0.

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In California, twice as many people are now employed in agriculture as 50 years ago, and on approximately the same amount of acreage.