

Duck Tracks

By LEONARD TURNBULL



Vaughn Corley, line coach of the varsity footballers, came in the men's pool a couple of weeks ago while the swimming team was holding a workout. "I don't know who will pull me out if I fall in the water," he stated, "but I have been appointed swimming coach for this year."

"All of us believe in being winners," Corley continued, "and we will have a winning team this year. It means a lot of hard work and regular conditioning—we can do this."

CORLEY PROVES THAT ADAPTABILITY COUNTS

From this point on the experienced coach of pigskin proteges proved adept in the new field. Workouts became a little tougher as days rolled by, the group of swimmers became a team. By reading books on the subject of natators, carrying on talks with swimming authorities, and by generally applying himself to the new job, Coach Vaughn Corley forged a winning combination.

Two returning lettermen, Bob Prowell and Cub Callis, proved invaluable; and Coach Corley made full use of their added experience in instructing the plebe swimmers. Other men on the team roster showed a spattering of former competitive water racing or diving. The coach dug up this factor and added it to the growing list.

Last weekend against Oregon State, the 64 to 10 victory brought down the first fruits of his labors, but the times in all events were far from impressive. This Saturday the winning combine will be put to a severe test in the men's pool, with the ever-strong Huskie mermen from the University of Washington arriving for a nine-event meet. Corley's watermen will be in there all the length.

REAL ROOTERS WERE THERE

Maybe my hearing wasn't up to par last Saturday night, but I thought the Webfoot rooting section was okay. The booing of the announcement by Mickey Davies is far from being sanctioned by Bull, but all in all there was no general outburst until the second half when the decisions seemed to fall a little too regularly against our Ducks.

Last week I wasn't hitting at these spontaneous demonstrations by the male rooting section. I verbally battled with men who believe in decrying every whistle toot by the referees that seem to hold the slightest annoyance to our shooting Ducks. Just keep in memory the fact that name calling and excessive booing has no place in a group of sporting fans.

GREGORY SETTLES WRONG-WAY NAG PROBLEM

L. H. Gregory, dean of sports writers in the northwest, finally settled a pressing problem. Horses do run the wrong way (clockwise) on four of England's seven principal tracks, and the right way (counter-clockwise as in the United States) on only three. He forestalls any debate on the way British greyhounds chase toy rabbits by displaying a photo in the sports department of The Oregonian with the dogs galloping the right way—"thank goodness," he adds.

In New Zealand race horses do trot the wrong way—I know from Marine Corps shirt-losing experience. And are those "little wobbly" nags slow! Betting on my judgement of horse flesh, I never pulled more than a show in many a day at the wrong-way tracks, and that was betting across the board on the slow buggers.

CASABA SQUAD ON WINGS TO SEATTLE

It's in the air for the varsity basketballers on their trip to Seattle tomorrow for the weekend affairs with the Huskies. Webfoots will travel by car from here to Portland, and will hop a plane for the traveling north.

Webfoots became acquainted with the Washington five in the De Paul tournament at Chicago, where they dropped a close one to their northern rivals. Coach Hobby Hobson is expecting a fast, wide-open game, without the height disadvantage experienced against the Beavers. Man to watch closest will be 18-year-old freshman Le Don Henson who is currently topping the mark in the division scoring race.

BULL WITH BULL

L'il Audrey Swoape, a cute keggerette from Medford, won the women's state bowling title with a 57 accumulative, led her team to a title with a 529, and teamed with her partner to take second place in the class "A" singles, with a 549—all this pin knocking over the weekend—Slim Wintermute, former "tall fir" pivot man, is averaging 15 points a game with Dow Chemical company of Midland, Michigan, against competition including the world champion Zollner Pistons and the Sheboygan Redskins, leaders of the National Professional Basketball league's western division—Ace Parker signed with the New York Yankees of the All-American conference to scratch the hot-bed of professional grid relations.

Ducks Take to Skyways For Husky Cage Tilts

By FRED BECKWITH

Victory through airpower" is the cry of the varsity basketballers this weekend. Head Coach Howard Hobson and eleven of his casaba contestants will fly from Portland to Seattle for an all important weekend series with the University of Washington Huskies. At a sports press conference yesterday afternoon, Hobson disclosed that he and eleven men would drive to Portland and then make the rest of the trip to Seattle by air. The Duck mentor admitted that it was somewhat of an experiment, but he stated that the plane is already chartered and there seems to be no travel problems in view.

Hays, Wilkins Rest

In the meantime, Hobby is planning to give some of the first stringers a day or so of rest. Dick Wilkins and Ken Hays are slated for a few "breather" sessions this week, to sharpen them for contact with the dangerous Huskies. Hays went forty-five minutes against the Oregon State Beavers in last Friday night's contest at Corvallis, and played the majority of the game time here Saturday night. Wilkins is reported to be twenty pounds under his pre-season weight. Outside of the still injured Bob Hamilton, the Ducks seem to be in fair shape.

The eleven men making the Seattle trip include Dick Wilkins, Reedy Berg, Roy Seeborg, Stan Williamson, George Bray, Bob Hamilton, Bob Kuhlrie, Marv Rasmussen, Ken Hays, Bruce Hoffine and Luke Balisari.

Henson Dangerous

The Washington crew is currently occupying the second place spot in the Northern division race, just a notch behind the high-flying OSC Beavers. An 18 year old freshman, Le Don Henson, will be one of the more dangerous performers on the Husky club that will bear watching. Norm Dalthorp who went on a season long scoring spree in 1942, and Jack Pomfret, forward, will also be on hand to give the locals lots of trouble.

According to the statistics, the Seattle scrappers don't measure quite as tall as the troublesome Beavers. Oregon's losses to date against the Orangemen, can partly be attributed to the height advantage the Ducks did not enjoy.

Washington defeated Oregon 44-41 in a pre-season last month. Coach Hobson feels that if his gang is to stay in the thick of the league championship fight, it will have to whip the Huskies on their own home court.

Free Throws

In the Oregon State series, the Ducks and Beavers were cashing in on about 65 percent of their free throws. This fact is a bit better than that of the Washington team, judging from their recent games. Unlike Oregon State, the Huskies do not "tie up" under pressure. They can and often do strike on to win a contest even if they are trailing by a dozen points or so.

For the balance of the time remaining before getaway-day on the trip, Hobson will hold special defensive drills, as well as the usual amount of scrimmages.

The conference leader, Oregon State, will embark on the annual Inland Empire tour, facing both Idaho and Washington State on the Cougars' and Vandals' home courts.

NCAA Tourney Slate Formed

Plans for the 1946 NCAA basketball tournament are already well formulated, according to Howard Hobson, northern division representative of the national membership committee. According to present organization, the Eastern playoff will be staged in Madison Square Garden, New York City, Thursday and Saturday, March 21 and 23. The Western playoff will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23. The final championship contest will be played in Madison Square Garden, New York City, Tuesday, March 26.

The selection committees all over the country are charged with the responsibility of selecting the best National Collegiate basketball team from their individual districts.

Barry Heads Coast

Coach Hobson is a representative for District 8 of the NCAA tournament. This district includes the states of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Nevada. Justin M. Barry, head cage coach of the University of Southern California Trojans, is chairman of District 8.

In 1945, \$21,600 was divided among the eight top teams in the

Phi. Delts Trip Campbell Club

Phi Delta Theta clipped the Campbell club three games to nothing in yesterday's intramural handball at the men's gymnasium. Jimmy Griswald was the only Phi Delt that had a rough time of his match when he was forced to go the limit with Campbell's J. Mosby in the best two out of three games. Griswald won 21 to 15 and 21 to 13 but lost a close one 21 to 17 in the second game.

The other singles match was an easy one for the Delts' Dan Mahoney who bested Bill Cooley in two straight, 21 to 3 and 21 to 2. A clean sweep was provided for the Greeks when their doubles team, composed of Don Stanton and Dick Tansing, held Campbell's Sturges and Nelson scoreless in the two contests 21 to 0.

tournament. The two finalists drew \$3,600 each. Last year Oregon was the Pacific Coast representative in the tournament, but was eliminated in the Western playoffs.



Taking first place in the backstroke event against Oregon State, Cub Callis, Oregon letterman swimmer, is seen splashing across the finish line Saturday afternoon at the men's pool in the opening intercollegiate swimming meet of the season. The Webfoots trounced OSC 64 to 10. Courtesy Eugene Register-Guard.

Wednesday's Intramural Schedule

BASKETBALL

- 4:00 Beta Theta Pi "A" vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon "A"
- 4:45 Law School "A" vs. Shmo-hawks "A"