

## Around The Clock With Duke

By Duke Dennison

The baseball circuits are going in for a lot of action according to the big boys who see all and know all.

The Yankees aren't letting any grass grow under their feet. They've added four new scouts to their roster: Jimmy Hamilton, who will handle the South; Tom Greenwade, the Missouri Valley; Joe McDermott, the Northwest; and Dutch Lorbeer. The necessity for these additions is found in the 14 farms that the Yanks are maintaining.

### Yanks Eye Flag

The boys are eyeing the pennant, and have a better than even chance, unless Marse Joe McCarthy decides to jump the team in mid-season and Joe DiMaggio lets his ulcers and family difficulties get the best of him. If you can recall, he was having quite a bad time of it the season before he entered the service, encountering the enmity of the fans time and time again.

Marius Russo is definitely an unknown factor at the moment, having undergone an operation for a chipped left elbow, the stitches of which were recently removed. He incurred the injury while in the service.

### Portsiders Join

Tommy Byrne, who had a hot season with Newark in '42, and who won 2 and lost 1 for the Yankees in '43, and Jake Wade, veteran leftwinger, are a couple of welcome portsiders who have just gotten out of the service. These two will prove of great value to the Bronx Bombers, their lefties being on the short side with Russo ailing, Byrne is felt to be the boy to replace old Lefty Gomez as top man.

And, Mr. Reed, never let it be said that I doubted for one moment the potentiality of our mutual friend, Charley Keller. If you have ever seen Charley in action over the span of a year, you would have noted some very pertinent facts.

### Doesn't Chase

Have you ever seen Charley chase down a hard hit fly? No, you haven't. Neither have I, and neither have some 100,000 Yankee fans.

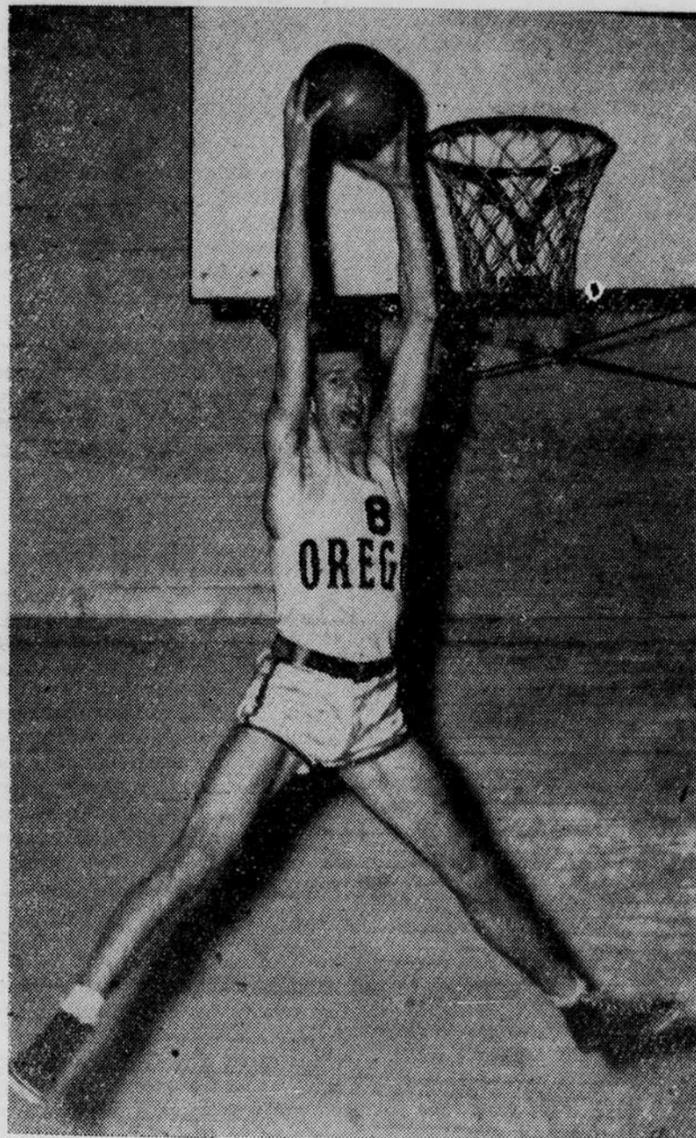
Have you ever seen Charley on the paths? That's what you would call the buggy looking for the horse. I'll grant you that the Killer hits a long hard ball; but only off the curveballers and mediocre fast-ball hurlers. Knucklers have him crying Uncle. Feller and company call him cousin Charley. I say, let's all dance.

Keller is a better than average team player. He tries like mad—sometimes too hard. DiMaggio made many a catch when seemingly backing Keller up, and its pretty hard on Joe, cause he likes to get his licks in when he has all of his steam.

Now, we'll take that wild blue yonder that you mentioned. Many a day, along with a mediocre writer by the name of Considine, did this Rebel gaze askance at the uncertainty of what was actually happening at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx. You had better change your sports listings. The Hearst papers in their daily "Murder" can brown off with the same amount of gusto. So it goes.

## HANDBALL

4:00 Phi Delta Theta vs. Beta Theta Pi



Dependable, clever floor man, sharpshooter—all are attributes praising the work of freshman forward Marv Rasmussen, 6-foot, 3-inch returned veteran who is slanting toward a top rating on the 1946 varsity basketball quintet of Coach "Hobby" Hobson.

# EMERALD Sports

## Duke, Here's Your Reply: King Kong Still the Man

By Bob Reed

A wide variety of opinions seem to have arisen over my story about Keller, but I still think "King Kong" rates the top position over both DiMaggio and Williams and I have three very good reasons to back this statement up.

Of course, I will admit that every fan has his own opinion; one fellow wants a player who is a great percentage batter, and the other wants a man who can win ball games and it is in this category that Keller rates tops.

### Pointed Query

First, I have a little question to ask my good colleague Mr. Duke Dennison. Duke, "Where do you get your dope on which to base your own opinions." Not out of the blue sky I hope.

Back to Keller and my number one reason regards winning ball games for a team. Deadpan statistics are worthless or misleading signposts in a ball player's career unless the figures are translated into winning games—big money games.

Here my boy Keller goes to the head of the class with no challengers in sight, including Williams. Pitchers really fear Keller more than any other batter when the pressure is beginning to press hard.

### Keller's Average

My second point has to do with

Keller's batting average. Sure he is no .300 hitter, but he could be if he wanted to. Instead he goes in for long hits that will win ball games for the Yanks.

Keller is strictly a team man, and that is a definite advantage that he has over Williams. It is a known fact in major circles that Keller hits a ball farther than any other player in the league today when he gets all power behind it.

The third and last reason brings us to compare fielding averages over the two players' respective years in the majors. After five years with the Yankees Charlie has accumulated a total fielding percentage of .979 as compared with a four year record compiled by Williams of .964.

### Can't Go Wrong

If a club manager wants a player who will give the team that extra punch needed to win ball games, he cannot go wrong with Killer Keller. In fact, Keller was one of the big reasons why the Yanks won four pennants from the '39 season through '43.

Enough for Keller or Williams; I think a lot of people are wondering who will win the major league flags in the coming season, therefore, my next columns will deal with the relative strengths of each team and then I will stick my neck out and pick the

## Duck Morale At Peak For Husky Five Visit

### Topsy-Turvey Division Tangle Readies Webfoots for Surge

By FRED BECKWITH

Brimming with confidence, the varsity basketballers went through a heavy workout yesterday afternoon in preparation for the weekend series with the University of Washington Huskies. The Ducks were grateful to the Washington State Cougars for their second night defeat of the Oregon State Beavers. The already topsy-turvy Northern division race just got a little more tangled up as a result of the Cougar victory.

### Morale High

For perhaps the first time this season, the morale of the locals is exceptionally high. The Washington series demonstrated the fact that the Ducks could hold their own with the best in the loop. The gradual return to form of Captain Bob Hamilton and the remarkable performance of Dick Wilkins lately have been big factors in this new rejuvenation.

Coach Hobson is, at the present moment, undecided about his starting lineup for the Husky series. He may repeat his Saturday night experiment of using Hamilton in the opening combo; he may decide to play Berg and Williamson for the greater portion of the contests.

The Huskies bring with them a crew of sharpshooters, and on the basis of previous contests between the two teams, it would appear that the Seattle scrappers enjoy a slight edge where reserve strength is concerned. The Huskies' Jorgensen, always an Oregon nemesis, will be close at hand on the bench, and ready to answer the call of Coach Hec Edmundson when and if the going is rough for the league-leaders.

### Husky-Beaver Next

After winding up their series with Oregon, Washington moves on to Corvallis for a two game series with the Orangemen. Should Washington annex three out of the four games on their current barnstorming trip, they would be in a favorable position to waltz away with the championship laurels. On paper, it does not seem likely that the Huskies will be able to perform such a trick, and they may be lucky to grab an even break out of the two contests here and the pair of games at Corvallis.

Stan "Salmon" Williamson, the varsity's leading scorer in Northern division competition, will be out to fatten his point average. Dick Wilkins, the nation's number six scorer last year, is coming with a rush, and may yet surpass the efforts of the diminutive Williamson. Ken Hays' stand-out performance in the recent Washington series, indicates that he, too, may be one of the stand-out performers in the court clashes Friday and Saturday nights.

Graduate manager of athletics Anse Cornell is anticipating another record crowd, and the fact that the scheduled games coincide with the appearance of "Dads" on the campus, adds up to a large attendance.

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position each team will finish in. This task will be a wild goose chase, but it will be fun at any rate.

## Position Race Tightening Up

The race for first place honors in the Northern division of the Pacific Coast conference is tightening up with the force of a vise, as tabulations show the leading University of Washington quintet a scant game-and-a-half ahead of the fourth place Webfoots.

Washington State, bolstered by the return of Gail Bishop, are making bids for top rings on the ladder in an effort to relinquish their role as cellar dwellers.

### Northern division standings:

	W	L	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Washington	5	3	.625	395	371
Oregon S.	5	4	.555	414	411
Idaho	5	4	.555	419	415
Oregon	3	4	.428	336	365
Wash. State	2	5	.286	301	302

## Mermen Trim Time For Beaver Splash

Mermen of Coach Vaughn Corley are stepping up their stroking pace in daily workouts at the men's pool in preparation for a return meet with Oregon State at Corvallis, February 8.

Driving Huskies downed the splashing Webfoots last weekend in a nine-event meet that saw the Seattle visitors take first place honors in all races. Impressive times were clocked in all the events.

Coach Corley is presently working the aquamen on endurance. This factor more than any other beat the Webfoots in the Washington meet, as Ducks tired and fell behind the leading Huskies in all races.

In the first meet with Oregon State paddlers Ducks had little trouble in downing the paddlers. Since this meet the Beaver mermen have been stressing condition and speed and a much closer meet is slated for the Ducks on the Corvallis visit.

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