

Duck Tracks

By LEONARD TURNBULL



The two hoop teams that clashed on McArthur court last night were out for hot spillings on the hardwoods. Both were keyed up for the tussle, and it is a sure bet that the players remain in the same status tonight for torrid action.

Washington State has been traveling a long, rock-strewn path in the Northern division this year. The bolstering effect of returning lettermen from last year, and the gaining of old hands from the service discharge route upped their point satisfaction very little.

WILL ALL-AMERICANS CLICK?

The Cougars are dangerous—that is a well-known sporting fact. Just when the all-American aggregation that Coach Jack Friel has will start clicking with win precision is the puzzle that many prognosticators have slipped under on many times this season.

Gale Bishop topped the world for points scored in basketball games last year while with the Fort Lewis Warriors. During the present hoopers season Bishop started off with many net swishings, and racked up 26 points and more, regularly against top-notch competition for the soldier five.

Since rejoining the alma mater quintet, the scoring pace of the "Mr. Basketball" player has dropped considerably. Bishop takes over 20 tries for field goals during the regular game, but has been hitting for an average of seven per game since his return.

COUGAR SUPPORTERS HAVE LONG LIST

Vince Hanson is also on the worry list of Cougar supporters. The 6-foot 8-inch center led the scoring parade in the Northern division last year, setting a new record. Hanson's record was 253 total points in 16 games for a 15.8 average per night on the hardwoods.

Stiffened competition in the Northern division this year may be the reason for the pivot shot master's present game point average of 11 digits per setto. Hanson has been off stride but he may reach it soon—maybe last night—but the Duck defense is set.

DUCKS SNAP INTO BETTER FORM

On the Webfoot side of the situation, the season started the same as with Washington State. The Ducks snapped out of an injury lethargy in Seattle against the Washington Huskies, and have continued at a hot pace since the enlightenment in the pavilion.

After their final home appearance tonight against the Cougars, the Webfoots will prep for the coming tour to the Inland Empire. Coach Hobby Hobson is saving a lot of travel weariness on the long trip by taking the team by air. The plane travel will take around two and one-half hours, while the same route over the rails would be an all-day affair. Series with the Idaho Vandals and Coach Jack Friel's Cougars are on tap for the traveling basketballers, with the season finale at Corvallis with the ever-threatening Beavers.

AQUAMEN TRAVEL SAME ROUTE

Swimming Ducks also travel this weekend, over the same country as the higher-flying basketballers. Coach Vaughn Corley will take a ten-man tank squad on an invasion of the waters in the Inland Empire, with the University of Idaho and Washington State offering competition.

Coach Corley is batting .750 at present with a record of two wins against one loss by his swimmers. The Ducks fell before a watery onslaught of the University of Washington Huskies, who splashed on to take top honors in the Northern division, with wins over Oregon State, Washington State and a forfeit by Idaho. The Webfoot mermen are rated the second best in the league, and will make a strong bid for honors in the conference meet at Corvallis on February 23.

BULL WITH BULL

Halftime antics tonight at the Duck-Cougar basketball tilt will feature solid tussling between the 7th grade teams of Woodrow Wilson Jr. high school and Roosevelt Jr. high school, both in Eugene—the small-scale hoopers have been competing with each other throughout the season—True, the Man's magazine, will sponsor the selection of an all-American basketball team for this year, with the selections based on votes of basketball coaches and leading basketball writers.

Hooping Set Peps Scribes

Preparing for the coming fracas with the Oregon State Barometer sport scribes the Emerald casaba club take to the hardwoods this Saturday morning at 10 a.m. in the mens gymnasium for a tune-up tussle with the independent Law school quintet.

Eager to get the team in condition for the Beaver clash in the near future, Co-coaches Len Turnbull and Fred Beckwith have accepted the challenge of Manager Don Walker, pilot of the Lawyer squad, in an effort to iron out the offensive wrinkles in the Emerald scoring machine.

Co-strategists Turnbull and Beckwith have scoured the campus thoroughly for available talent to amend the under-staffed sports department. No comments are forthcoming on the possible starting lineups for the journalists, but it is believed that the scribes will floor a formidable aggregation for Saturday's contests.

Bull and Beck are temporarily confronted with the problem of what strategy they will employ in bottling up the Law school's high-scoring offensive threat, Davis, who has paced his team to an even .500 percentage in the intramural league this term.

Walker will probably start Kabler and James at forward and Salstrom in the center position to give added strength on the backboards. The guard slots will be filled by Davis and Walker. The Law school substitutes include three seasoned veterans of the cage sport who have seen considerable action in the past intramural campaign. The capable replacements, who give the Lawyers plenty of support from the bench, are Anderson, Luoma and Jordan.

Phi Delts Win 'A' Ball League

Victors Trip Bums 24-18 In Fast Tilt
As Salstrom Pours 8 Points Through Hoop

By Carl Cluff

The Phi Delta Theta casaba club added another championship to their trophy case yesterday afternoon when they downed the Bums 24 to 18 in a close battle that gave them the "A" league intramural basketball crown. Last Friday the Phi Delt Bees annexed the "B" division bunting thus giving the Greeks a clean sweep and the undisputed championship of both divisions.

The Phi Delts went on a last half scoring spree that spelled defeat for the Bums. Stevenson tossed in a quick pivot shot from under the bucket just as the whistle ended the half to put the fratmen ahead for the first time in the game. The score board favored the Phi Delts 11 to 10 at this point.

Abbey Scores

Huffman opened the second half

with a free throw to tie up the contest. Abbey quickly took a pass from a team mate going in under the basket at top speed and let fly a perfect hook shot to grab the lead again for the Phi Delts.

Eddie Salstrom added a pair of free throws to extend the lead to four points, but Huffman evened the score for the last time by flipping in two gratis shots on Dyer's foul and a cripple shot from under the net, as the Bums showed possibilities of staging a third quarter rally.

Phi Delts Lead

The third quarter ended with Salstrom swishing another and Congelton following twenty seconds later to put the Greeks ahead again. The Phi Delts displayed some brilliant floor work as they

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Hobsonmen Stage Farewell Igloo Basket Performance

Oregon's crusade for the casaba championship moves on again tonight under the friendly lights of the Igloo, when the battling Ducks collide with the dangerous Cougars of Washington State. Tonight's affair is the second in a two game series, the same clubs having traded baskets in a howitzer parade last night.

The Hobsonmen will probably take the floor with the same

starting lineup: Rasmussen and Wilkins at the forward posts, Hays at the center pivot spot, and Captain Bob Hamilton and Stan Williamson holding down the guard slots. There is a possibility that Wilkins might not start tonight's fray, but he is expected to see action. Close at hand, and ready to jump into the fray when they get the green light signal from Coach Hobson, are George Bray, Reedy Berg, Roy Seeborg, Frank Hoffine and Del Smith. Still other varsity men may participate in tonight's cage clash, which must be labeled as a "crucial" as it will have definite bearings on the championship outcome of the Northern division race.

Bishop Carries Load

Coach Jack Friel of Washington State will again post his victory hopes on the husky shoulders of Gale Bishop, one of the most colorful performers on Pacific Coast pinewood parlors. Bishop will receive plenty of help from team-mates Hanson, Arndt, Siver-son and Johnson.

The Cougar reserve strength is estimated as being a little stronger than that of the home guard. It will again be a contest of Oregon speed versus Washington State height.

If the Ducks are to win, they cannot allow the Cougars to maintain the pace or tempo of the game throughout. Bob Hamilton is approaching his normal form, and his presence on the court makes a big difference in whether or not the locals emerge triumphant in their latest foray.

Emil Piluso and Hal Eustis will officiate the game which gets under way at 8:00 p.m.

Final Appearance

This will be Oregon's final home appearance for the season; the Hobsonmen must make the Inland Empire trip and will complete their melon tossing schedule at Corvallis for the final game in the Beaver series. A good crowd of supporters is expected to turn out for this fadeout attraction.

Coach Hobson revealed yesterday (Please turn to page six)

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WINTER WEEKEND



Oregon students have been going up to Hoodoo Bowl on the weekends for just such relaxation as is pictured in the above scene. The skier here is jabbing his foot in the snow for a turn into the slalom gate.