

Webfoots Face Peril Road--Inland Empire

Hobson Takes Eleven Cagers On Jaunt That Will Decide Northern Division Title

By LEONARD TURNBULL

The traveling squad is set, the Webfoot casaba men are ready, the condition of all concerned is at a peak, and the invasion of the fabled Inland Empire is on tap for the basketball proteges of Coach Howard Hobson who leave tonight on the first lap of their over hill and dale air trip to Pullman, Washington, and a two-game weekend series with the Cougars of

Jack Friel in decisive battles for the final conference standings of the defending champion locals.

Taking four wins out of their last five games, the Webfoots currently are holding second place in the Northern division pennant race. Coach "Slats" Gill's Beavers are tied with the "lost slipper" team of the Idaho Vandals for first place honors, two full games ahead of the trailing Ducks.

Dangerous Combination

Floor plays are set for the question-marked team of the Cougars. Learning from experience that the combination of Bishop-Hanson can click with winning precision on hot nights, the local basketweavers are primed to stop the free-scoring pair. They dropped the first game of the four game home-and-home series on their own stomping grounds in McArthur court.

Led by whirling Gale Bishop who fired away at the bucket from all angles for 32 points, the Cougars took the first game by a slim margin. Coach Hobson's men came back the next night and closed the home appearances of sparkling captain Bob Hamilton, and the little leader paced his men to victory with 23 points.

Since these two games the WSC men have traveled to Corvallis for a disastrous series with the Oregon State quintet, dropping both by wide margins. The scoring combine of Bishop-Hanson was ripped apart by the close guarding Beavers, and the Cougars never threatened the lead.

Good Condition

All of the Webfoot casaba men are in good condition for the road trip. They leave by car tonight for Portland and will board a plane tomorrow morning for the two-hour flight to Spokane. From there the migrating Ducks will travel over to Pullman by bus, arriving at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow, in time for pre-game workouts on the scene of the pending clashes.

The starting lineup of the Webfoots will probably see the combination of Captain Bob Hamilton and Stan Williamson at guard, Dick Wilkins and Mary Rasmussen at forward, and Ken Hays at the pivot position. The rest of the traveling squad is comprised of Roy Seeborg, George Bray, Bruce Hoffine, Reedy Berg, Bob Kerhli, and Walt Kirsch.



Manager Joe McCarthy is satisfied with the condition of his New York Yankees, currently in training at Balboa in the Canal Zone. Former servicemen Joe DiMaggio, Charley Keller, Tommy Henrich, Spud Chandler, Joe Gordon and Phil Rizzuto are gradually rounding into form.

Casabamen Await Corn Kids Canto

By Ken Hume

The high-riding Emerald Sports Staff quintet, fresh from an easy triumph over a game, but out-classed Law school five, was looking forward to its proposed game with the Oregon State Barometer staff Saturday morning. Co-editor Len Turnbull dispatched a brief telegram to the Corn Valley institution late yesterday afternoon, and an acceptance of terms is expected any hour from the hay-and-straw kids.

If plans now drawn up materialize, it'll be staged at the Igloo again at 10:00 a.m. The visiting Beaver clan will undoubtedly sport Bob Reiman and Dick Lorenz as well as chiefs Knoll and Sackett. Despite this array of talent, the local scribblers are confident of annexing their second game of the season, thereby keeping the perfect slate spotless.

Investigation

Paul Bocci, spokesman for the vanquished shingle boys, announced yesterday that Dean Orlando Hollis is conducting a private in-

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FADES FROM GRIDIRON



Elmer Layden finally severed his connections with football recently as he resigned as commissioner of the pro football loop, and also turned down a lucrative offer in an advisory post. Read "Duck Tracks" for further information.

Duck Tracks

By FRED BECKWITH
CO-SPORTS EDITOR



Tex Oliver, football mentor of the varsity Webfoots, came up with a couple of good ideas about the coming pigskin season, the other day. If his plans are put into practice, student body interest and enthusiasm for the performance of the team should be hypood to a great extent. In the first place, Tex plans on showing pictures of all the out-of-town cowhide clambakes in which Oregon participates this autumn.

It would work like this: Oregon goes down to Berkeley, Calif., to play the Golden Bears. Two or three days later, in the middle of the following week, the student body sees moving pictures of the game, and gets a first-hand glimpse of the goings-on. Movies could be staged in Chapman hall.

ANOTHER SUGGESTION

Tex's second suggestion concerns the opening of one practice session per week to the student body at large. On the day that the boys are slated for a scrimmage, the student body, complete with cheer leaders and band and what-have-you, would all be invited to sit in on the proceedings. That way, the followers of the Ducks could get a much better idea of the potentialities of their team, as well as absorb a little extra pigskin atmosphere for free.

Frankly, both of these suggestions are plenty okay by this department. We are asked to pass the information along to you, the readers. Coach Oliver is interested in getting some sort of an unofficial survey on student body opinion of both of these proposed moves. Drop a letter or postcard, at your convenience, to Emerald Sports Dept., and let us know what you think of the idea. So much for football at the present time.

Tonight, Coach Howard Hobson will take his varsity basketballers on the first leg of their Inland Empire journey. The boys move to Portland tonight, and then by plane in to Pullman, Washington, for their weekend series with the WSC Cougars. The next stop on the way is a mid-week scramble with the Idaho Vandals, and a week from this Saturday night, the Hobsonmen close their Northern division schedule with a single performance against Oregon State at Corvallis.

TOUGH SLEDDING

In order to remain in the running for the coveted championship, the locals may well have to win all five of the out-of-town contests. Oregon State journeys to Washington for a two game series, and from all advance reports, the Beavers will have tough sledding. Idaho is definitely in the driver's seat in the loop race. The Vandals with the exception of their WSC game wind up their season with the two games with Oregon. A double win for Idaho would practically insure the top-spot in the fight for the Moscowites. Idaho should not have too much difficulty in pushing over an up-and-down Cougar five. The Cougars have been bothered by internal dissension the last three weeks, and that always sends a club's chances reeling.

HEADLINES IN THE SPORTS WORLD:

Minnesota and Washington will open a two year home-and-home football rivalry in 1947 . . . St. Mary's Pre-Flight, winner of 21 straight cage games and the NCBA title, meet the Iowa Pre-Flighters March 12 in San Francisco . . . Sammy Baugh rumored to be in line with a coaching assistant's job at Maryland U. with Clark Shaughnessy . . . Herm Wedemeyer is reported to have been offered \$20,000 to play ball for an L. A. Pro outfit this year . . . This year's Kentucky Derby will be the richest in history, with \$100,000 in additional money . . . Stanford reported to have good track team this year.

FOOTBALL FAREWELL

After some 30 years in the game as a player, coach, and executive, Elmer Layden has said goodbye to football. Layden tendered his resignation a month ago as commissioner of professional football and president of the National pro loop. Recently he bowed out of the sport completely by declining a \$20,000 year offer to serve as advisor to the new commissioner, Bert Bell. At the same time, the former fullback of Notre Dame's famed "four horsemen" of two decades ago announced he had accepted an appointment as assistant to the president of the Shippers Carline corporation, a subsidiary of the American Car and Foundry company.

Just for the books: All members of the Sport Staff casaba team that waxed the Law School in the Igloo last Saturday morn, were legitimately entitled to perform. Hume and Taylor, co-sparkers of the victors, are regular members of the staff, and t'is rumored that they may soon be joined by another athlete, varsity pigskinner, Bobby Reynolds.

A Tout's Report

By LARRY LAU

Bill Kyne, the wheel behind both Portland and Bay Meadows, has announced that the minimum purse at the bay city track, opening on March 23, will be \$1700 and that a \$145,000 stakes program is in the offing. Over 1000 applications have been received for many of the better horses who expect to journey northward at the close of the Anita meet. We doubt if any of them will bother to cross the Oregon line.

A Third As Rich

According to Kyne, the Portland Meadows program will be only one third as rich. Is it that he thinks Oregonians can't tell the difference between a thoroughbred and a cow pony, or is it that we just aren't supposed to be the sporting type?

Spending a million dollars on a new track and then getting a bunch of goats to break it in seems like one heck of a way to introduce big time racing to the northwest. We can see \$600 races at a county fair!

Riding is a tough, dangerous business, entirely professional in its outlook, seldom sentimental and often practical to the point of coldness. It usually requires months and months of training, race after race on the platter tracks and a long period as an apprentice before the jockey hits big time. Once there, he's a freshman all over again.

It takes steel bands for arms, legs that can stand gruelling punishment, a thorough knowledge of racing and the horse under him, the wisdom to know when to move a horse up, when to hug the rail and when to swing wide, the courage to move between horses on a muddy track . . . all wrapped up in a 105 pound package of bright silks and a peaked cap. Small wonder that every turf fan always asks of a horse, "Who's riding him?"

Difference Great

The difference between an Atkinson and an apprentice rider may amount to a length or more, and a length is equivalent to 1/5 second! It's a good bet that the jockey has the flyer you've got your two bucks on, under control. His one hand holds the reins and the other the whip. His spurred feet goad or remind, urge or punish, depending on the potential of the horse and the performance he's giving.

If you run into an asterisk mark beside a horse's name, it means that the jockey is an apprentice and that a certain number of pounds have been taken off because of it. Neglecting to take the sign of the asterisk into consideration is apt to mean the difference between doping the race out right and merely coming close. Don't confuse racing with horse-shoes!

And Heroes

Few sports are without their
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