

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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Tonight the varsity basketballers plunge into the first of their out-of-town forays, colliding with an unpredictable Washington State quintet at Pullman, Washington. The Ducks are on the boards again tomorrow night in the windup of the WSC series. To remain in the title running, the Hobsonmen will have to snare both ends of the double attraction, no mean feat. It will be of interest whether or not Gail Bishop and Vince Hanson have patched up their mental differences. Against Oregon State, the Cougars were handicapped by the quarrel, as neither Bishop nor Hanson cared to perform on the pinewoods at the same time. Both of the lads are handy when the scoring situation is taken into consideration. According to the experts, they were, or are, considered as all-Americans. We never pay much attention to this AA ballyhoo, because it's so darn hard to single a handful of casabamen out of the nation and clap an all-American title onto them. However, we cannot deny that Bishop and Hanson are very talented gents, and capable of breaking up a ball game when they click, individually or collectively. We'll hope that they don't click this weekend.

We see by the papers where a Mr. Abbott of Portland has come up with the idea of installing four baskets in a basketball court, not being satisfied with the regulation number of two. Mr. Abbott contends that there are too many sky-scrappers in basketball today, and he wants to even the odds by his system; he figures that the tall lads would be more than busy guarding two baskets instead of one. We think the idea is all very dumb. The scorekeepers would have a nightmare trying to follow the proceedings. You might just as well add a couple of extra basketballs while you're changing the game. This would have the same effect. And why not add a couple of extra teams just to make it a confusing merry-go-round? The tall men received a jolt several years ago when the center jump following a basket, was eliminated. There are a number of good little men in the game. They do not seem to be particularly bothered by the beanpole artists. They're all athletes, regardless of whether they're five feet-two inches tall at 140 lbs., or whether they're 6-11 at 190.

TELETYPE MACHINE

The United Press teletype machine is merrily clicking away reports of sports events all over the nation even as this being written. We're thankful for its presence, long desired by this department. On the out-of-town basketball games, we can get an accurate wire report of the situation, instead of patching a few hen-scratchings together. The sports staff will continue its present policy: campus coverage first, and national news second. We'll try and insert the national news which will have a higher interest flavor. We would appreciate your comment on the type of sports news you enjoy the most, though.

No word yet from Corvallis concerning the proposed Saturday morning game with the local scribes and the Barometer's gang. Bull sent 'em a wire, which they have failed to acknowledge as yet. Could be that they have heard of the quality of our team, and are afraid to trade baskets.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The first annual meeting of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches was held in conjunction with the NCAA's meetings in St. Louis, Missouri, on January 7, 1946. The association completed its business in one day and voted to meet again next year at the same time as the NCAA. An excerpt from the official minutes reads as follows: "BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Association of College Baseball Coaches, in an earnest endeavor to improve its relations with organized baseball and at the same time contribute to the advancement of baseball on all fronts, shall seek a conference with Baseball Commissioner Chandler, President Ford Frick of the National league and President Will Harridge of the American league, at which their mutual problems shall be discussed openly and frankly, and solutions sought to such pressing questions as premature contractual arrangements with college players; and that the president of this association shall be empowered to name a committee from the membership at large, and shall instruct this committee to seek such a meeting at the earliest possible date."

COUGAR COACH



Billy Sewell, who at one time was a star passer for the WSC football crew, returns to Pullman this year to act as backfield coach for the Cougars.

Splashmen Strike for Loop Title

By Leonard Turnbull

Striking out from the turns with ever-increasing speed, the Webfoot mermen are settled for the annual northern division swimming championship meet tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Corvallis pool, with the victor's laurels hanging in the balance for the locals.

Coach Vaughn Corley's tankmen will be seeded second only to the powerful splashers from the University of Washington Huskies included Oregon Ducks in their clean sweep of northern division competition this year in dual meets.

Callis Leads Mermen

Led by co-captain Cub Callis, the Webfoots swam through the season with a totaled record of four wins against the one loss to Washington. Callis has regularly chalked up first place positions in the 50-yard free-style and 150-yard backstroke events.

Star swimmers abound on the local water cutting team. Co-captain Bob Prowell is regularly setting a winning pace in the relay events, and gives the locals a one-two punch in the backstroke by teaming with Callis for super-fast races.

Val Robbins masters body coordination in the diving event. The small-statured Webfoot has only dropped honors to Ernie Hoff, of Washington, who bested Robbins off the three meter board by a close count in the men's pool here.

Multiple Stars

Rated as the power swimmer on the Oregon team, Bob Hiatt will be counted on tomorrow for points in the 220- and 440-yard free-style events. George Moorhead and Alden Sundlie will speed-pace each other in the 100-yard free-style.

Washington Huskies are top-heavy favorites to swim away with honors in the final conference competition. Sparked by record-setting tankmen, the Seattle men will have strong entries in every event.

The Webfoots will offer the Huskies their strongest competition, with a better than even chance to splash out first place honors in the battle for the crown. Washington State and Idaho are rated next in the pre-meet favorites lineup, with the Oregon State mermen doped to take last place in their home festival.

Local Representatives

Representing the Ducks will be Callis in the 50-yard free-style, 150-yard backstroke and the 400-

Cagers Face Cougars In Home Lair Fight

Hobsonmen Must Win to Stay In Running for League Title

Stalwart Webfoots will batter against the first block on the rugged Inland Empire road tonight as they meet a basketball quintet from Washington State college in the first of a long-winding bid for final honors in the flag race of the northern division.

Always slated as the toughest swing of the season, the Ducks are scheduled to engage the Cougars twice on the Pullman courts, then the migrators will hop over to Moscow, Idaho, and will tangle with the Vandals on Monday and Tuesday nights of next week.

Return and Practice

After these four crucial games, the lemon and green colors will be returned to McArthur court. Several season-closing workouts are in store for the Webfoots before the final game of the year on the hardwoods with Oregon State in Corvallis.

Yesterday the proteges of Coach Hobby Hobson worked out on floors of the men's gym at the University of Idaho. Reports have returned to the local headquarters of departed Coach Hobson that his men are still in peak condition for the Cougar-Vandal tussles.

Captain Bob Hamilton has almost completely recovered from an old leg injury and is set for full-speed action in his final hoop games for Oregon. Dick Wilkins has a sharpened shooting eye and will aim for many additional digits to his soaring season total of 112.

yard free-style relay. Prowell will splash in the 300-yard medley relay and the 150-yard backstroke.

Robbins will swim in the 300-yard medley relay and the 150-yard breast-stroke and will represent the locals on the 10-foot board; George Moorhead, the medley relay, the 100-yard free-style and the 400-yard free-style relay; Bob Hiatt, the 220- and 440-yard free-style events.

Also, Alden Sundlie in the 220- and 100-yard free-style and the 400-yard free-style relay; "Pug" Mayer in the 50-yard free-style and the 400-yard free-style relay; Cliff Brooks, the 200-yard breast-stroke; Dick Tretheway and John McGee will compete in the 220- and 440-yard free-style; and Willis McCullough and Cy Garnett, diving.

Hap Kuhn of Portland, and Herb Eisenschmidt of St. Helens will assist the OSC officials in the running off of the meet. Coaches will judge the diving event.

Starting Lineup

The rest of the starting lineup will feature recently elected "King of Hearts" Marv Rasmussen performing a steller role as the cohort of Wilkins at a forward slot. Ken Hays will be launching a lanky frame for rebound shots and tip-ins from his pivot position. Little Stan "Salmon" Williamson will add another sparkplug to the sixteen-cylinder scoring machine from the other guard position, opposite Hamilton.

For the Cougars, the story is one of a frantic searching for the right winning combination. Coach Jack Friel has been working his charges long and hard this week in an effort to dig up the reason why he doesn't have a league-leading club—one that has two all-Americans on its roster.

Vince Hanson will start against the visiting Ducks tonight at the center position. The 6' 8" ceiling duster still remains among the top scorers of the northern division league.

Bishop Leads

Directing the floor strategy of the Cougars, Gale Bishop is also expected to be in much better condition tonight. The high-scoring ace has shaken a lot of Stateside army life poundage, and is reported in top condition for the Oregon five.

"Tiny" Arndt, Ray Johnson, and all other Cougars are in toned up condition for the fray. Holding the cellar position in the league and a record of only three wins against 12 losses for the season still holds back forecasting that prophecies victory for the Webfoots.

First place Oregon State travels over to Seattle tonight for a two game series with the University of Washington. Vandals, currently tied with the Beavers and two full games ahead of Oregon, will remain idle. Northern division top honors are swinging around like the little ball in the roulette wheel this weekend and next week, and prognosticators are holding their respective breath until the final gun of the season finale.

SPRING VACATION TONIC



Student thoughts are already focusing on plans for the coming Spring vacation. Camping and fishing and riding and what-have-you appear to be quite in order. But these dreams may be temporarily shattered by final examinations.