

# Ducks Mar OSC Title Picture

## Duck Tracks

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The time has come to write a swan song to the column work for this term. We'll take one last look at the Pacific Coast basketball picture before signing off. Shortly after this is in print, the Northern Division champs, the Idaho Vandals, will be fighting for the PCC title with the Golden Bears of California. The Cal kids are favored to stop the boys from potato-land, thanks mainly to Andy Wolfe, who has been consistently in the list of the leading collegiate scorers throughout the nation. Wolfe is to California what Bishop was to Washington State.

### UPHILL FIGHT

Idaho's ultimate victory in the ND hoop chase came only after a terrific uphill fight. As the season opened, the word from the Northlands was that Washington State (at that time without Bishop) was the team to beat. Washington was tabbed as a strong contender, too, as the Huskies had dumped Oregon in a pre-season match. Idaho was considered fairly dangerous, and Oregon State was labeled a definite contender. All of which left Howard Hobson's 1945 defending champs strictly on the spot. You remember what happened. Injuries to key men shot the Duck squad full of holes, and the confidence to win, based on a generally high morale, was absent from the varsity in the early weeks of the season.

Idaho's start in league play was far from dynamic, to say the least. The Vandals, invading the Willamette valley, were promptly dumped twice by the OSC Beavers. Heads began to nod understandingly, and the experts were prepared to write down Idaho as an also-ran. Then the boys of Babe Brown blew into Eugene. Reedy Berg went on a scoring spree, and averted a first night defeat. But the margin of victory for the Hobsonmen was one point, no more no less. While Oregon experts were wondering if they could luck through another photo finish, a group of determined young men were having a hectic conversation in the Idaho dressing room. In the center of a circle of water-dripping cagers was Center Fred Quinn, known to some of the casaba followers as "Wimpy."

### WIN WITH QUINN

"We're going to win tomorrow night, fellas," predicted Mr. Quinn. Assenting cries of "Tha's right, Fred," "You betcha, boy!" and "Can't lose that one!" shot out from all the points of the circle. Mr. Quinn, however, was not through speaking. "That's not all, either," he added. "We're going right on to win the title!" And the Idaho teammates acted like a bunch of school-boys. They all shouted and danced around and whooped it up sumpin awful. The local press representatives were not too impressed by this demonstration of enthusiasm, but they decided to drop back and watch the proceedings the next night.

It's all history now, my frans. Idaho did win the next night. The Vandals, tabbed the "Cinderella Kids," bashed the Washington Huskies in three out of their four scheduled games. Idaho swept the remaining two games from Oregon State and then pushed Washington State all over the map and grabbed four from the Cougars. They lost another one to the Hobsonmen on the second night of the Moscow series. But by that time, they were tied for the league leadership. The crowning touch came when our own melon marauders took the Aggies into camp in an overtime contest that brought down the curtain on the 1946 season.

### ROUGH GOING

It was definitely rough going for Idaho. It became apparent after the season was several weeks under way, that only four of the five ND clubs had a chance for the bunting. Oregon was not excluded, for the Ducks turned in their best performance of the year in trimming the Huskies in a doubleheader under the Igloo kleigs. Until the disastrous Inland Empire trip, the Ducks were definitely in the running. Washington was very much in the picture until she folded like a pup tent on the

## Varsity Trips Bevos As Idaho Triumphs

### Hobsonmen Capture Overtime Contest After Trailing At Halftime Junction

March came in like a lion and is supposed to leave like a lamb, and thus did the OSC basketball team leave the Bell field court last Saturday night, lambish-like. The Oregon basketeers handed them a 42-41 defeat in a five minute overtime period.

The lemon-and-green squad virtually handed the Northern Pacific championship to the potato pickers of Idaho with this win. Idaho defeated the Washington State college Bishopless team 37-35, Saturday evening at Moscow. This Vandal win and the Beaverville boys' loss gives Idaho a chance to face the Golden Bears of California for the Pacific Coast championship.

Pulling from the small end of a 18-13 halftime score, the second-half Oregon team completely outplayed the cow collegers in an all-out thrilling game. Everyone on the Duck squad played with excellent coordination, although at times it looked as if it was a game of water polo instead of basketball. The court at Corvallis was soaked with small pools of water that had collected from the leaks in the pavilion roof.

This game at OSC was the last time that Bob Hamilton will ever play on the University of Oregon's basketball team. His eligibility in college sports terminated with last Saturday's game. Hamilton as captain of the squad made a fine showing as did the rest of the team in defeating OSC.

During the first part of the game the Orangemen completely outclassed the Ducks, both in ball handling and teamwork. In the second half and in the overtime period the lemon-and-green squad played as if a victory was inevitable. This loss registered by OSC gave the Beavers second place and Oregon third place in the Northern division final standings.

#### Summary:

Oregon (42)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Wilkins, f	3	1	4	7
Bray, f	0	1	1	1
Hays, c	5	2	3	12
Hamilton, g	1	5	3	7
Williamson, g	4	0	4	8
Rasmussen, f	2	1	1	5
Berg, f	1	0	0	2

TOTALS ..... 16 10 16 42

Oregon State (41)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Warren, f	3	1	3	7
Anderson, f	3	0	1	6
Rocha, c	4	2	5	10
McGrath, g	3	2	4	8
Crandall, g	0	3	3	3
Henningsen, c	0	1	0	1
Esping, g	3	0	1	6
Moore, g	0	0	0	0
Neal, f	0	0	0	0

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Halftime score—OSC 18, Oregon 13. Referee: Emil Piluso; Umpire: Hal Eustis.

Missed Free throws: Oregon: Wilkins 1, Hays 2, Hamilton 1, Williamson 2, Rasmussen 3. OSC: Anderson 3, Rocha 1, McGrath 3, Crandall 3, Henningsen 1.

### All-star Pick

## Emerald Names Ten Top Cagers in Loop Chase

After racking its collective brains (?) for some two weeks, the Emerald sports staff has finally emerged with the 1946 Northern division all-star basketball team. In fact, the selections by this group of peerless promoters includes not one team, but two. Honorable mention credit was omitted in this, the first post-war year of cage action.

#### Idaho Places Two

The champions, Idaho, placed two men on the first squad. Freddy Quinn got the nod for one of the

forward posts and the little Len Pyné was the choice for one of the guard spots. Elsewhere, distribution was fairly even. Gangling Red Rocha was acclaimed the top-notch center in the loop, and Gale Bishop was listed as the other forward. Norm Dalthorp of Washington at guard rounded out the first string selections.

On the second squad, Oregon placed two men: Dick Wilkins at forward and Captain Bob Hamilton at guard. Other

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Willamette valley invasion, dropping two to Oregon, and two to Oregon State. Exit Washington. Only one hurdle remained in the Vandals' path—Oregon State. A group of the visiting firemen from Seattle and Eugene spelled no dice for Slat's Gill's crew and OSC missed the boat.

So for the first time in 23 years, the victory bells clanged merrily in Moscow. Babe Brown had pulled a "Shaughnessy." He had taken a potential door-mat and turned it into a cup of gold. It was a case of rags-to-riches in 16 easy lessons.

Now we're not sure of what the outcome will be when Idaho bumps into California. The Bears have snagged 23 out of their last 25 starts, which is pretty good in any man's loop. Win or lose, Idaho gets the season's biggest hats-off salute.

## Duck Harriers Time Trials at Post Saturday

By Dave Goss

Once again the cinders of Hayward Field will be ground with the spikes of track stars, eager to garner spots on the relay teams for the coming Oregon-Oregon State annual classic to be held April 13. This information was revealed at track practice recently by Colonel Bill Hayward, lemon-and-green mentor since the days of Dan Kelley in 1903.

The time trials will start at 2 p.m. Saturday on the local oval. Probably no permanent team members will be chosen, but according to Coach Hayward likely men will be singled out.

Little is known of the actual showing to be made by the hopeful harriers, and many spikesters will be tested before the season gets too far underway. Practice in all track events will follow the initial trials, and field men will continue to practice in the unfinished area of the P. E. plant.

Bill Beifuss and Jake Leicht are the only returning lettermen from previous seasons. Bill made his "O" with his high leaping kicks in the high jump and Jake was one of the top sprintmen in the northwest until he pulled a muscle prior to the conference meet at Pullman.

#### Not Likely

It is not likely that another Mack Robinson will turn up in these practice meets, as Mack was one of the greatest all around stars coached by Colonel Bill. On a day similar in weather to these of the last few weeks, Mack turned in great performances in four events. Wins in the 110-yard dash, broad-jump, and high jump were not enough as dusky "Robbie" turned in a scintillating run in the 440 yard to beat out Kirm Storli, the great middle distance man, in the home stretch. Such a runner would eagerly be awaited by Oregon fans, so who knows another trackman may develop the versatility needed to lead the Duck thinclads on to a successful 1946 season.

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### Coeds Urged to Sign For Swimming Tests

Women's swimming classification tests will be given March 13 at 4:40 and 5:10 in the women's pool in Gerlinger hall. Women are requested to sign up for the tests as soon as possible in the physical education office, Room 120, Gerlinger.