



Lanky Bob "Foothills" Kurland, 7 foot basketball giant of the Oklahoma A. & M. basketball team, is seen going after the ball but North Carolina's Horace McKinney (15) has the edge on the redheaded Aggie in the NCAA championship game at Madison Square Garden. The Aggies went on to annex their second straight title by a score of 43 to 40, with Kurland tossing in 23 points for the Oklahomans, to boost his total to 643 points, an average of 19.5 for 33 games.

Duck Tracks

By LEONARD TURNBULL



A note of cheerful optimism permeates the timbers of McArthur court and the premises of Hayward field during these opening days of spring term here at the University of Oregon. Athletes are returning by the thimble-ful—millions of 'em, all over the nation. Yet there is a problem of how the men will re-adjust themselves to the collegiate scene once more after several years spent sweating out chow lines and the like.

Football is on the upbeat after a lapse in the immediate aftermath of the war. Head Coach Tex Oliver has a dreamy, satisfied look in his eyes as he shakes hands with such former star players here as Duke Iverson, blocking ace from '39 to '41, or Tony Krish, quick action end during the same period.

RETURNING GRID LETTERMEN SET FOR ACTION

Many other footsteps resound with a familiar echo in the spacious quarters of the Igloo. Ray Blatchley, who showed brilliant form in 1942 as a frosh blocking back, will re-enter school for grid warfare. Brad Eklund, freshman in 1941 and service star in the Marine Corps with Duke Iverson, is back in school for the opening sessions.

Add to these the names of Jack Munro, all-star Portland athlete who, according to the men in the know, is the answer to prayers for a fast traveling guard. Then there are new men. A couple of guys from The Dalles, Oregon, Jim Berwick and Duane Potter, guard and end, have transferred, again respectively, from the University of Washington and Dartmouth. Reliable information places these guys in the roll of "to be watched."

At last the local grid coaching staff has the experienced talent on which the possibility of outstanding elevens may emerge. The men may be a little rusty, but the kinks will come out.

SKULL SESSIONS ARE PRELUDE FOR THUDS

Football meetings this week will consist of miniature skull sessions with the coaches. Plans and policies will be discussed with the gridders. The whamming gets underway Saturday when the grid men take the field for the loosening of some muscles and the looming misery of others. Coach Oliver calls attention to the fact that any interested footballers on the campus can come to the three o'clock sessions in the locker room of McArthur court, whether or not the man has talked to one of the coaches.

Baseballers tuned up with the third workout of the new term yesterday. The horsehide wallopers show lots of slow reactions and too fast pulling at the bat. This is another case of where the kinks will have to go.

PROBLEM OF UNKNOWN TALENT

Mentor Hobby Hobson, of the local nine, is confronted with an unusual problem that is becoming commonplace in all the baseball training camps this spring. Talent abounds on the squad roster of the locals, but how much the talent will come through is the question.

Men on whom Coach Hobson can build a team are scarce. Lettermen are a center fielder toss-in apart in a compact group. There are fellows with experience on service nines, and there are former high school players, but the weeding out process will have to be painstaking.

In order to accomplish this weeding out, Coach Hobson has scheduled seven double-headers as pre-conference settos. The slugging starts Thursday with a twin-bill here with a visiting outfit from Pacific University. Friday continues with two games in competition with Willamette University here, with the Ducks returning the visit Saturday. Next Tuesday the Salem Senators will arrive in Eugene for a two game affair. The Portland and Pacific Universities fill out the remainder of the pre-conference test game when the Webfoots starting lineup will emerge.

BULL WITH BULL

Webfoot athletes will miss Bob Officer, well-liked trainer who could fix every injury from a sprained knee to a broken toenail, all because the University Athletic board refused to raise an admittedly low salary—Bob Waterfield, tops among the T-quarterbacks, recently returned to the Bruin UCLA campus to assist with spring practice sessions at a salary "in line with" his three-year contract for \$20,000 per year with the Cleveland Rams—the spawning grounds of seven Poughkeepsie champions and an Olympic games winner in crew competition splashed into activity recently as the University of Washington prepped for championship rowing form.

Coed Sportlights... Versatile Sports Activities Offered University Women

By Mary Anne Hansen

Spring term has arrived with its various spring sport activities such as tennis, golf, softball, and archery. Other activities sponsored by the University include life-saving, square dancing, folk dancing and "basic." All sports will be given on campus with the exception of golf which will be played on the local course, Laurelwood.

Also getting off to a good start is the intramural picture. Sport managers Monday received full instructions and entry blanks for the spring annual softball tourney, which is scheduled to begin April 18 despite Jupe Pluvius's attempts to forestall this competitive activity. Any one is welcome to enter providing that the living organization or independent group has a team of at least nine members, although a full squad consists of ten players.

In case of the Oregon mist interfering with plans, the tourney may be finished by indoor baseball. Entry blanks are due April 15 and all play is under the direction of Ann Stevenson, sport manager. A similar tennis tourney will be held later.

Amphibians are beginning their practice for their annual festival to be given Junior Weekend. The theme as yet has not been decided upon but plans are being formulated by Betty Bennett and Miss Margaret Brewster, instructor in swimming. Group drills, formations, tandem swimming and comic diving are some of the events scheduled.

Events planned for this term include a playday with Oregon

State with such sports such as softball, badminton, swimming, volleyball and tennis being played. WAA will have its annual retreat up the McKenzie where plans for the coming year will be formulated. Amphibians will hold tryouts the first few weeks of the term.

Of interest to coeds might be the National Swimming Championships for Women to be held in Seattle April 12-14 where the nation's top swimmers will compete for honors. Such swimming experts as Ann Curtis, San Francisco star, and Nancy Merki, Oregon Cody Kid, will be on hand to defend their titles. Your reporter will also be there.

And so it goes. . . .

Oregon Basketball Featured in 'Look'

Featuring a series of action photographs, shot during collegiate basketball play in Madison Square garden during the 1946 season. Look magazine, in its April 2 issue presents pictures of Oregon players in action.

The color shots, which demonstrate Look photographer Hy Peskin's technique with the flash bulb and action camera, picture Oregon pitted against the Long Island university five in late December, when the Duck quintette traveled east for the pre-season schedule. The series is on page 36 and 37.

Oregon players Dick Wilkins, Ken Hayes, Reedy Berg, and Bruce Hoffine can be identified in the photos.

Intra Program Announced For Spring Schedule

Deadline for team entries in the spring intramural sports program has been set for Wednesday, April 3, at 5 p.m., and must be filed with Paul R. Washke in the intramural office of the men's physical education building, it was announced today.

Softball is scheduled to get underway Wednesday, April 10, with the opening games of the league pitting the teams against each other on a round-robin basis. Tennis and golf will complete the activity program for the term.

Each tennis team will consist of two doubles and one singles, and golf will comprise four players on each team that will play in four twosomes in match play. A number (Please turn to page six)

Gridders Meeting Today Gives Info On Policies

Footballers will meet at 3:30 this afternoon in the football locker room of McArthur court for a confab with the football coaches on the plans and policies of the local staff that are set for the spring workouts on Hayward field.

"We want all men to come to these meetings that are interested in turning out for spring football," Oliver stated. "It is not necessary for the fellows to have talked with one of the coaches."

The meetings will take place this week until the first day on the field Saturday. The sessions will only last for one-half an hour.

Coach Oliver wishes to clear up points on the training schedule and what will be required of the gridders during the workouts.