

DUCK TRACKS

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Conspicuously absent last night when the Webfoots took to the court for their conference opener with Washington State was big Marv Rasmussen. For big Rass will spend the season on the sidelines, the victim of a bad knee injury.

This has been a year of bad luck for Marv. Shortly after the fall term started he broke a bone in his wrist. That bothered him little, however, as he was given a sturdy cast and the green light on playing basketball.

He did well despite the cast, reaching high on the boards for rebounds and shooting fairly well, the injury being to the left wrist. In fact the solid cast was almost an advantage when play got rough under the boards.

He caused a bit of concern during one practice session when Center Roger Wiley came roaring out of a mixup in agonizing pain. All hands feared the worst, but it proved nothing serious. Wiley had bumped his elbow against the cast and struck a nerve, and he was as good as ever a short time later.

Big Rass Strong on Back boards

Rass was mighty close to a first string berth when the pre-season schedule started, being Hobby's number one replacement in the front line. His entry into the game hurt the Webfoot backboard strength not at all—his pair of rubber legs putting him as high in the air as most men of 6-6.

His knee injury came in the third pre-season tilt and was in part due to the broken wrist. He fell while going for a pass, and as he went down he tried to protect his wrist and in so doing twisted his knee instead. He was taken to the infirmary where a cast from ankle to hip was found necessary.

Marv was still in the infirmary as the Christmas season approached and his fraternity brothers (Phi Delta Theta) decided he should attend their Christmas party. So Rass was hauled to the house for the evening's festivities in, of all things—a hearse! The vehicle precursed no further ill, however, and Rass is still on the campus, hobbling about with both bad wrist and knee.

Oregon Still Shy Two Football Games

Still unfilled are two games on Oregon's 1947 football schedule, but expect an announcement on them soon. The open dates are October 4 and three weeks later October 25. The Webfoots open September 27 against the Texas Longhorns in Portland.

Oregon has only five conference games on tap for this fall plus a tilt with the Idaho Vandals. This situation drew a few critical remarks in regards to Anse Cornell, athletic manager, but actually Cornell did well. The Webfoots will not play California and USC.

It was impossible to arrange the game with the Golden Bears from Berkeley because of the conflicting schedules. Oregon and USC both had open dates on October 5, but Southern Cal in "big school" style refused to come north. Cornell in return said "no dice" on a trip to Los Angeles as the week previous the Webfoots meet Texas in Portland and the week following travel to Los Angeles for a game with UCLA. A trip to LA in between for a battle with the Trojan would have been just too much.

There is still no definite indication as to who will fill the other dates, but the big independent schools to the south are reported as being quite interested.

Basketball Court in Lemon and Green

The basketball floor at McArthur court is well trimmed at present, but not nearly what Coach Hobby Hobson would have liked to present the Oregon fans. When the floor was re-finished last summer, a really light finish was desired, but the painters thought otherwise and came up with a dishwater blonde.

During the Christmas holidays, the court was relined in lemon and green. It was planned to paint the entire key-hole area green with the foul line in lemon, but again the painters did otherwise. That would really have made a colorful playing court.

The new finish has its practical as well as glamorous aspect, too. Movies are taken of conference games, and a light colored floor makes much better pictures.



Coach Howard Hobson

Frosh Win Two

Hayward Calls Duck Runners

All aspirants for the Oregon 1947 track and field team should sign up for winter track as a regular course, according to Colonel Bill Hayward, track coach. One hour of credit is given for this course where each trackman is assigned a special muscle coordinating and developing routine.

Hayward is especially anxious to meet all men who plan to turn out for the spring sport as soon as possible and have them start a mild training program. In the past, many athletes have neglected to sign up for the course offered, depriving themselves of an extra hour of credit.

One of the main reasons that Colonel Hayward wants to check on his potential runners and field men this early is to determine exactly the spots on the team that are going to be weak and those that will be strong.

The Duck harriers lost all their dual meets last year but came within 9/10 of a point of winning the division meet. If adequate manpower had been at hand in the Seattle title tilt, Oregon could have possibly eked out a win.

Prospects Good

Prospects point to one of the best teams in Oregon's history for this year. Besides almost the team from last year, Hayward has added several strong men who will be bringing in needed points. Bill Kydd, division champion in the javelin, is the only member of the javelin garnering squad from last year that is lost via graduation.

One of the new men added to the track roster and counted on for stellar performances by the Colonel is George Rasmussen, 18 year old pole vaulter who placed third in the national AAU meet last summer. Rasmussen has hit better than thirteen feet in the event, and pulled his third out of the best national amateurs.

Champ to Hurdle

Jack Doyle, state champion hurdler has enrolled at Oregon and will be one of the top hurdlers for the Ducks. Still in his teens, Doyle shows promise of becoming one of the best hurdlers at Oregon before he graduates. Besides Doyle, Hayward has Wyn Wright for the stick topping event. Wright copped third in the division meet last year and will again be one of the top men in the conference. Wright and Doyle should give the Ducks a one-two punch in the hurdles.

Don Pickens, Springfield's ace pole vaulter, and number two man in the high school state meet last year, will give Hayward added strength in the vault.

Jake Leicht and Carl Maxey took care of the sprints with ease for the Ducks last season. Jake will be burning the cinders again. Maxey will probably be switched to the 440 yard dash, where he will show his speed.

In the number one position in the division finals last year, Maxey clipped off the fastest 440 of the day—faster than the regular quarter mile race with all the individual stars performing, and although he took second in the 220 yard dash, Hayward

First Year Men Topple Battleground; Benson Teams to Continue Win Streak

By LARRY LAU

Webfoots can still proudly say, "No Oregon basketball team has been beaten this season!" Just to keep the Lemon and Green record clean, and refusing to be outdone by the Varsity and JV squads, Oregon's red-hot Ducklings racked up their fifth and sixth consecutive victories Thursday afternoon. Playing a double-header they drubbed a highly regarded Benson Tech team, 40-27, in the first game and came roaring back to swamp a formidable Battleground quintet, 65-29, in the final tilt.

The first game, with Benson Tech, was a furiously fought contest with the Ducklings grinding out, point by hard-earned point, their victory margin. At the end of the first quarter the score was 6-3. Halftime score posted under the big clock read 16-7, Oregon, tally early in the second half and The Ducklings faltered momentarily early in the second half and the determined Techmen came to within five points of tying the score; they never got any closer.

The Frosh ran wild in the latter half of the third quarter, and once led 36-20, their longest lead of the game. The fourth quarter was a dogged, evenly fought contest, which saw the boys from Benson

outscore the Ducklings three points. Ed Gudgel, chunky guard, and the oldest man on the team, captured scoring honors for the Ducklings by accounting for 11 points. Benson came to Mac court with a record of eight wins as against only two defeats. They had beaten such highly regarded quintets as Vancouver, Lincoln, Salem, Hood River, and Longview.

With the floor scarcely cooled off from the last game, the tilt with Battleground got under way. The Ducklings swept to a 14-11 first quarter lead with Bill Green, sharpshooting redhead from Ashland accounting for 6 points in the first eight minutes of play. At the half it was Oregon 31-14 with Elton Lantz blazing the way with three unerring shots and a free throw.

At the end of the third quarter the scoreboards read 44-21, Oregon. Playing the fourth quarter of their second ball game in less than 90 minutes, the Ducklings seemed only to gather more steam, scoring twenty points in the final period. Don Kimball, ex-B-team All-State, and Bill Green, shared scoring honors for the game with ten points each. Elton Lantz, four year letterman from Molalla, followed closely behind with nine.

High point man for the losing Battleground quintet was Curt Mitchem, lanky forward, who accounted for 12 of their 29 points. Fifteen year old, six foot three inch Harold Storey, playing center, tallied nine. Battleground had journeyed down from Southwest Washington with a record of eight wins and four defeats.

Two Sports On IM Winter Sked

"A" and "B" basketball leagues plus a handball elimination tournament will comprise the winter term intramural program according to the IM sports office spokesman, Paul R. Washke.

Both basketball "A" and "B" will be played on a round-robin league basis. If more than five "B" clubs are entered in the competition, in addition to the first-division squad, a tournament will also be carried on in that loop. Handball will be conducted on an elimination basis with two single and one doubles composing a four-man team.

Both sports will award points on the all-year IM point system. Application blanks must be turned in to the men's gymnasium before the January 7 dead-line.

has his eye on him for quarter mile duty this spring.

Still Backs Leicht

Wally Still, speedster from Milton-Freewater, and numeral winner at Oregon before the war will back Jake Leicht up in the sprints and will take over Jake's chores next year.

Hayward is set nicely in the quarter mile. He has a group of eager and speedy quarter milers.

Andy Swan is the top man as far as past performances go. Swan was the number one man in 1946 and placed second to Oregon State's O. B. Hughes in a tight race in the Division final. Swan developed fast and should knock additional

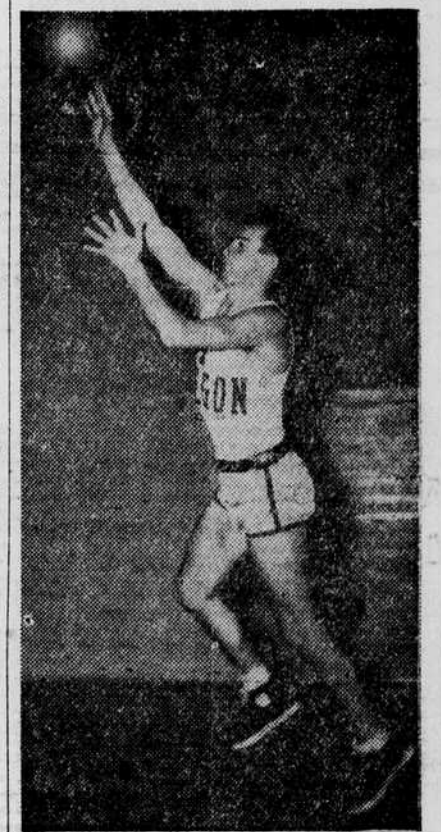
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Cross Country

Oregana pictures of the Oregon cross country team will be taken on Hayward field at 3 p. m. Monday. Members of the team, George Watkins, Al Pietschman, Dale Harlan, Hugh Stapleton and Bob Dreisner are asked to be ready for Mr. French, university photographer.

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- Wally Hunter
- Bernie Hammerbeck
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Roy Seeborg . . . Ex-Astoria high school all-stater who helped last night as the undefeated Webfoots rolled to victory. Seeborg, one of the few seniors on the squad was a former teammate of Guard Stan Williamson. He is a two-year letterman. Seeborg first saw action on a Hobson squad in 1943, and then came back from the service last season to make his second letter.