

DUCK TRACKS

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A chatty, athletically minded friend of ours from a neighboring school where the students worry about the status of farm price indexes paid us a visit yesterday, and what he had to say about the basketball situation at his institution was interesting. Being very proud of the basketball showing made by the Oregon State quintet made him prone to brag a wee bit. He confidently predicted that the Beaver lads would sweep the Oregon-OSC series this year—only they might possibly lose this first one to the Ducks.

Of course it wasn't because the Beaver five was inferior to Howard Hobson's lads, it was just because they (the OSC basketball team) has been cooped up in the Aggie infirmary for the past three days. According to his information Forwards Cliff Crandall, and Norm Carey, Center Red Rocha, and Guard Lew Beck have all been taking things easy in the Corvallis pill palace for the past three days while recovering from bad colds and flu. This had him worried because he feared greatly that Hobby's guys might want to run somewhat tonight, and he didn't reckon as how the Beavers would be in very good shape for that sort of thing.

Sick or Not He Says They'll Win

Nevertheless he figured that his guys would handle themselves nicely and probably tuck the game away in spite of the aforementioned facts. After a second thought he said that it might have been a good idea for him to have kept all of this under his hat, because, "we weren't supposed to say anything about this." He feared that someone might try to scalp him with a plowshare. Not that it isn't known on the Aggie campus—because it is—but maybe it isn't a good thing to spread something like this around, especially when Oregon State press releases haven't mentioned it. We agreed that it might be bad.

Possibly our friend's information wasn't too good. That is a strong possibility, but though he isn't the most enlightened lad in the world on sports affairs we trust that he should be able to judge fairly accurately whether a man is sick or not. We just thought that you might like to know that the average Cornvalley student (he hasn't shown any signs of abnormality, so we judge him average) figures the Beaver quintet is better than Oregon's best—even when they are half sick.

Record Low Set in 1944

When Oregon State held Washington State to a slim seven point total in the first half of their first game at Corvallis this year many people thought that this was a new record for a low scoring first half in the Northern Division. George Varnell of the Seattle Times took a look at the record books and came up with a hearty "No" in answer to the question of a record. He cited a Washington-Oregon State-game in 1944 when the Beavers were the low men on the totem-pole—only worse.

According to Varnell, Washington held the Orangemen to a five point total of one field goal and three fouls. Varnell goes further in crediting Referee Frank Heniges with an assist. It seems that Beaver Fred Lee cast off with a long one and the Huskies' Jack Nichols in an eager attempt to block the shot from the basket inadvertently touched the basket strings. The eager Heniges spotted Nichols in the process of committing this dastardly crime and ruled an automatic two-pointer for Lee.

KOAC to Broadcast "Civil War"

If you have to take in the big "civil war" battle via the air-planes tonight you can do so by getting in touch with station KOAC. Broadcaster Jimmy Morris, KOAC's ace sports announcer, assured us that he would "treat the Oregon boys right," vocally that is. Morris was handling the WSC-Oregon series at the Igloo last week and so is well acquainted with Hobson's team.

Dunkel Rates Oregon High

Dick Dunkel, who is to basketball what Paul Williamson is to football, has been rating the 1947 Webfoot cagers as one of the top ten teams in the nation for the past several weeks. Dunkel, not a prognosticator, merely tabs a team with an index number that he believes shows their strength in relation to the strength of opponents.



COACH HOBSON

Swimmers Have Intra-Squad Meet Today

There will be no "For Men Only" sign on the men's pool this afternoon when the Oregon mermen launch their 47 aqua-campaign in an intrasquad affair to determine starting positions on the traveling team. The first event is at 2 p.m., and the general public is invited.

The traditional meet with the University's greatest rival, OSC, looms on the sports horizon at Corvallis next Saturday, January 18, and the chance to compete in that contest will depend on individual performances today.

Two Missing

Two key performers will not take

part in the festivities, however. Don Rush, top-notch distance man, and George Moorehead, number one sprinter, are spending the weekend in the infirmary suffering from bad chest colds, but they are expected to be primed for action next week, Coach Warren declared.

A diving duel for top honors will be one of the afternoon's highlights as veteran star Tom Corbett and footballer Benny Holcomb battle it out for first place with Willie McCullough also pressing.

In the backstroke event, the runner-up slot is due to be filled by

either Don Kessler or Johnny Miller. **Three-Way Medley**

Another contest guaranteed to bring onlookers to their feet will be a three-way medley relay, consisting of one backstroke, one breaststroke, and one free-style heat. Participants in the race are matched so that no trio of aqua-men will be overly-superior to another. This will be the initial event on the program.

Yesterday Warren sent his charges through a brief workout, emphasizing starting and limiting the paddlers to a few laps in order to prevent any strain or fatigue.

Frosh Ding Oregon City, 59-31, For Eighth Consecutive Win

The University of Oregon's high-riding Frosh continued on their unbeaten path last night as they downed the Oregon City high-school Pioneers 59-31 on the losers' court. It was the eighth consecutive win for Coach Ted Schopf's Frosh without defeat this season.

It was strictly the Lemon and Green's show the entire game as the campus quintet went into a 15-4 lead at the first quarter. By halftime they had run the count to 29-13. Score after three quarters of play was 43-24.

Coach Schopf used two complete squads in downing the Pioneers. Grabbing top scoring honors was Ed Gudgel, a guard, with nine points on four field goals and one free throw.

Tallying eight points for the Frosh were Bill Green, Don Kimball, and Chuck Rufner.

The Frosh go back into action tonight, this time playing the Medford Black Tornado on the South-

erners court. The Medford five is coached by Hank Anderson, former Oregon great.

Lineups:

Oregon City				
Shooks, f	0	1	2	1
Shaible, f	1	5	4	7
Thompson, c	1	1	1	3
Sanatel, g	3	1	0	7
Johnson, g	1	0	0	2
Hoffman, f	2	1	0	5
Martinet, f	0	0	0	0
Van Pelt, c	0	0	0	0
Myers, g	0	0	2	0
Kenibik, g	2	2	2	6
Total	10	11	11	31

Okie Aggie Quint Sunk

STILLWATER, Okla., Jan. 10—(AP)—The heralded Oklahoma Aggie basketball team fell apart tonight, bowing to underdog St. Louis university 38-20 in one of the major upsets of the cage season.

The giant killing Aggies, with 10 victories in 11 starts this season, including a triumph over Kentucky, could do nothing right. The NCAA champions, unable to hit or work the backboards, scored only three field goals in the second half.

Frosh				
Green, f	4	0	3	8
Lantz, f	1	0	0	2
Mockford, c	2	1	1	5
Downey, g	2	0	3	4
Wilson, g	3	0	0	6
Wohlers, g	3	1	3	7
Gudgel, g	4	1	3	9
Patton, f	1	0	3	2
Rufner, g	4	0	3	8
Kimball, f	4	0	1	8
Totals	28	3	20	59

Officials—Adams and McPike.

Bruin Five Knifed By Indians, 38-33

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10 (AP)—Stanford University's Indians, who had won only four of their 12 practice games, opened the Pacific Coast conference basketball season tonight with an upset 38 to 33 win over the strong UCLA Bruins.

The Bruins started fast and had a 7 to 0 lead before Stanford got its bearings. At half time the Bruins were still in front, 18 to 17, but the lead see-sawed in the second period until about 10 minutes before the gun. Stanford then spirited into a 10-point lead, 34 to 24.

The crowd of 2,500 saw UCLA try vainly to pull up in the last few minutes, but careful ball following by the Indians routed the Bruin attack.

IM Hoop Season To Open Monday

GAMES MONDAY

"A" League

- 3:50—40 Phi Delt-Sigma Nu
43 Legal Eagles-SAE
- 4:45—40 Sigma hall-Delts
43 Married Vets-Kappa Sigs
- 5:15—40 ATO-DU
43 Sherry Ross-SAM

The winter season intramural program gets underway Monday with six "A" league basketball games on two courts. Starting times, courts, and rules for forfeiting in case of late arrivals will be the same as during the fall volleyball program.

Each team must furnish a timer and a scorekeeper. Five minute quarters will be played with three-minute overtime periods when necessary. Three minutes will be allowed between halves and one minute for timeouts.

The intramural department also announced that more referees are needed for the program. Applications can be submitted to Director Paul Washke's office. Seven have signed to date.

Huskies Grab Another

SEATTLE, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The undefeated University of Washington Huskies trounced Western Washington College 59 to 33 for the second time this season tonight in their final non-conference basketball game of the year, using the first team only about 18 minutes.

With the first stringers in the first 12 minutes, Washington ran the score to 20-9 and the second team boosted it to 32-14 at the half. The first team played six minutes at the second half opened, bringing the count to 43-19.



"HONEST JOHN" WARREN . . . Oregon swimming coach, sends his varsity splashers into action today in an intrasquad meet to determine entrants in the season's opener. The meet is set for 2 p.m.