

DUCK TRACKS

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Coach Howard Hobson's Webfoots are not the only Pacific Coast team to fall on their collective ears thus far in 1947 conference play. Equally as disappointing has been the plight of the Southern California Trojans.

The Mighty Men of Troy boasted a record nearly as impressive as that of the Webfoots, and to date Coach Sam Barry's quintet rests on the bottom of the southern division heap with no wins and four losses.

First they dropped a pair to the darkhorse California Bears in Berkeley and then last weekend lost two to their crosstown rivals, the UCLA Bruins. That's not a very enviable record for a club labeled the team to beat.

Sports writers on the USC campus paper, the Trojan Daily, left the door open for possible alibis before the conference play opened, when they claimed the Trojans were in good shape as long as their starting five of Gene Rock, Bob Howard, Alex Hannum, Tex Winter, and Fred Bertram was in action, but should they be forced to rely on reserves, they were through.

In their four conference games so far Hannum has fouled out in three and Winter in one. Their four-game foul total is 95—by game 30, 17, 25, and 23. What effect that had upon the starters, however, is pretty hard to determine from here.

McLarney Scouts Oregon Teams

Although Oregon fans were mighty unhappy over Friday night's humiliation at the hands of the upstate Beaver, there were others in the house who registered an equal amount of displeasure. Among these was Art McLarney, assistant basketball coach at the University of Washington. Art was in town to scout the two Oregon schools, and Friday night's Washington trouncing by WSC at Pullman knocked the props from under his enjoying the evening.

According to McLarney Washington has already filled its new 14,000-capacity pavillion, but the seats in the ends offer a very poor view of the hoop action.

Pros Outlaw Zone Defense

Hoop fans are getting quite a chuckle from the action of an Eastern professional basketball league, the Basketball Association of America, in outlawing the zone defense. That's just about the same as declaring the five-man line or the T-formation illegal in football.

Said Walt Kennedy, publicity director for the loop, "It was done because it slowed down the game, kept scoring down, and bored the customers." All of which may or may not be true, but what are they to do about a combination defense.

Oregon's national champ Alleycats used a combination defense in 1939 and on the same team in 1940 and the opposing coach still thought the Alleycats were using a zone. That will be a great day when the officials start tooting the whistles at optical illusions. Or have some of them been doing that for quite a few years even as things are.

Notre Dame Lashes Back

Rev. John Cavanaugh, president of the University of Notre Dame, hit many of the football "purists" squarely between the eyes recently, when he replied to the NCAA proposal to clean up college athletics. Speaking at a Chicago dinner session, Cavanaugh charged that many (he didn't say all) reformers were more interested in de-emphasizing college football than in eliminating dishonesty, illegal practices, and abuses.

Esquire Drops Annual Game

Many baseball fans are disappointed over the action of Esquire Magazine in dropping its All-American baseball game. The game scheduled for late summer was composed of outstanding high school talent from the 48 states.

Pat Wohlers, cotton-topped scrapper on Ted Schopf's freshman hoppers, was the Oregon representative in 1945. Pat was an outstanding prepper in Portland circles in both basketball and baseball, and was taken East for the game by George Bertz, sports editor of the Oregon Journal.

With plenty of talent on the Frosh and JV squads the best bets to move up next year seem to be the JV guard pair of Jim Bocchi and Ken Seeborg. Bocchi has been troubled with injuries but is very fast, a beautiful passer, and has a good shooting eye. Seeborg started slowly but of late has improved tremendously. Another Jayvee who at times shows a lot of talent, but as yet has failed to show enough fight consistently, is big Bob Don.



ART McLARNEY

SAM, K Sigs Take Close Games; Theta Chi, Betas Easy Victors

By BOB REED

Sigma Alpha Mu and Kappa Sigma held the spotlight in intramural "B" league action yesterday. In the only thrilling contests of the afternoon, the Sammies tripped Sigma Chi 18 to 13, and the Kappa Sigs edged past the Fijis 12 to 9.

Other "B" league games were one sided contests. Theta Chi trounced the Phi Psis 26 to 4, the Legal Eagles downed the SAEs 29 to 13, and the Betas dropped the Yeomen 24 to 14 in contests which saw the winners take early leads and retain them throughout the entire game.

The Legal Eagles in an attempt to win their second game of the afternoon lost to Sigma Nu by a score of 20 to 13 in yesterday's only "A" league game.

Capitalizing on every break, the Sammies led at half time 9 to 6. Counting six points on stolen balls, the Sammies continued their attack to rack up nine points in the second half to lead by five points at the game's end. Fulop and Saltzman led the Sammies with two field goals apiece. Bayliss topped the Sigma Chis with five points.

In a slow but rugged contest, Kappa Sig stopped a last minute Fiji attack to eke out a 12 to 9 victory. Ending the first half with a two point advantage, the Kappa Sigs dropped in six more points to insure victory.

Building up an early eight to

two lead, Theta Chi easily downed a rugged but punchless Phi Psi squad. Hitting the basket with regularity, the Theta Chi quintet piled up a 22 point advantage by the end of the game. The half score was 12 to 2. Contrary to the hoop swishing accuracy of the Theta Chis, the Phi Psis were unable to make any of their shots count. Tom Collie led the Theta Chi attack with 12 points.

Using a fast break combined with accurate shooting, the Legal Eagles won with ease from a fighting SAE squad. Masters led the scoring for the Legal Eagles by hitting two field goals and three charity tosses for a total of seven points.

Overcoming a half time deficit of one point, the Betas hit with phenomenal accuracy from all parts of the court to rack up a 24 to 14 victory over the Yeoman club. Trailing 9 to 8 at the half, the Betas made their shots good for 16 points in the second half. Jackson was high point man for the Betas with six points.

In 1888, Portland had two high schools.

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Women Cagers Open Schedule

Women's intramural basketball games get under way today with two games scheduled. Susan Campbell and Gerlinger hall will play in the Gerlinger indoor gym while Rebec and Highland battle in the outdoor gym.

Sponsored by the WAA, this year's tournament is being directed by Pat Mounts and Jeannette Masolionis, WAA adviser. A total of 19 teams are entered in the contest which will continue until the end of the term.

The teams are divided into four leagues. Each league will have its elimination. Winners will play off with the winners of the other leagues to determine the championship.

In league 1 are Susan Campbell, Gerlinger, Gamma, Delta Gamma, Delta Delta Delta; league 2, Rebec, Highland, Zeta, Hendricks, Chi Omega; league 3, Sigma Kappa, Alpha, Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Chi Omega, Orides; league 4, Highland Shots, University, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Intramural basketball is one of the methods of earning WAA checks. In order to receive a check, a girl must practice three times and participate in all of her team's games. The check system is used to keep track of a girl's athletic activity. When she earns a total of 15 points, she is awarded a letter.

Thursday's games schedule Sigma Kappa and Alpha hall in the indoor gym and the Highland Shots and University in the outdoor gym.

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