

DUCK TRACKS

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Since the torrid Northern Division basketball race started, Oregon's junior varsity and freshman hoop squads have received little attention from Duck fans. It is natural that the main interest of the students should be directed towards the varsity, but the newcomers and their coach, Ted Schopf, are worthy of considerable mention.



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When Hobson was greeted by more than 125 hoop candidates in October, there was more than enough material for three University squads rather than the customary two. Ted Schopf, who is doing graduate work here, was signed for one year to replace John Warren as freshman and Jayvee coach because Warren's appointment as varsity swimming coach made it impossible for him to look after two basketball teams plus the paddlemen.

After Hobby picked the varsity, Schopf tackled the problem of forming two squads with the material that remained, and he soon found out that he still had plenty of good players. Results have proven that point.

Jayvees Unbeaten in Eugene AAU League

The junior varsity is still undefeated in the tough Eugene AAU league as of Thursday afternoon and their only defeat has been at the hands of Oregon State's Jayvees. His freshman squad is still unbeaten with a string of 11 straight over top Oregon high school teams.

To mention all the men on Schopf's two squads would take too much space, but there are several that will be in line for a varsity promotion next year.

The Jayvee starting five is all freshmen except Ed Devaney and their aggressive, fast breaking style of ball should land most of them on the varsity next season. This quintet includes Lynn Hamilton of all state fame last year and sharp shooting Devaney at forwards, rough and rugged Jerry Switzer from Uni high in Eugene at center, and Guards Jim Bocchi and Ken Seeborg. Bocchi might have landed himself on this year's varsity if he hadn't twisted a leg that kept him on the bench early in the season.

Other outstanding members of the junior varsity include a pair of scrappy guards, Walt Kirsch and Luke Baccelleri, who saw some action with the varsity last year. Another guard, Fred Wilson, was recently moved up to the junior varsity from the Frosh and will be giving the best of them a run for their money next season.

Kimball, Green Lead Duckling Scoring

Forwards Don Kimball and Bill Green have led the freshman scoring parade this year and appear to be outstanding candidates for a promotion next season. Pat Wohlers, a south-paw guard, and pivotman Roger Mockford should not be overlooked, however.

Although the Jayvees have a clean slate in the Eugene industrial league, they have not found their opponents easy picking. Many of their scores have been mighty close and the players that are giving them the most trouble are those University students playing on independent teams who would be crowding any of the Jayvee starters for a regular berth had they turned out.

The AAU league is also full of former college stars such as Bobby Anet, Archie Marshik, Chuck Stamper, and Cal Bonney—to mention only a few. Coach Schopf has experienced many uneasy moments when his freshman proteges have tangled with Oregon high school teams, too. They have pulled several out of the fire in the final minutes, but their effectiveness will really be tested when they open the "Little Civil War" series with the Rooks tonight in Corvallis.

Willamette Ski Areas Attract Many

Skiing is rapidly becoming a favorite winter pastime, and the upper Willamette region offers two excellent ski areas. The University ski club has chartered a bus for the Santiam area Sunday where there are two tows operating. Tickets are available at the Co-op. Two busses run every Sunday from Hendershotts to the Willamette ski area, a good place for beginners. Instruction is obtainable at both places.

Phi Psi, Sig Ep, Minturn, Pi KA, Omega, Mohawk Post IM Wins

The top game in yesterday's "A" league hoop schedule was the Phi Psi-Phi Sigma Kappa tilt. A rough, fast, point for point game, the Phi Psis downed the game Phi Sigs 20-18.

In other games yesterday, the Sig Eps clobbered the Rowdies 26-7. Minturn hall downed Stan Ray BB 27-13, Omega hall dropped Stitzer Hall 29-16, Pi Kappa Alpha edged the Yeomen 16-14, and the Mohawks beat Merrick hall 19-12.

Although they trailed most of the game, the Phi Psis tied up the game in the last two minutes and went ahead a minute later on a tip in by Dick Callahan. The Phi Psis lost an early 5 to 2 lead and trailed the Phi Sigs 8-7 at the half and 14-13 at the three-quarter mark. The fourth period was nip and tuck all the way, with the Phi Psis battling off a determined last minute bid by the Phi Sigs. Callahan led the scoring for the Phi Psis with 10 points, and Chambers was high point man for the Phi Sigs with seven counters.

Sig Eps Score at Will

A smooth, accurate shooting Sig Ep squad scored at will to trim the Rowdies 26-7. Using their height to advantage in controlling the backboards, the Sig Eps scored numerous points on tip-ins and set

shots from the free throw circle. The Rowdies trailed 14-2 at the half and were only able to count five additional points in the second half. Bob Deller was high point man for the Sig Eps with seven points.

Minturn hall, using a fast break to a good advantage, broke loose into the second half to tally 20 points and drop Stan Ray BB 27-13. Ahead 7-5 at the half, the Minturn quintet found the basket in the second half to build up a lead which Stan Ray was unable to overhaul. The top scorer in the game was Minturn hall's Martheller, who dropped in eight points.

Omega Wins Easily

Counting four quick field goals in the first minute of play to build up an 8-2 lead, Omega Hall easily defeated a fiery Stitzer hall squad 29-16. The Omega five led 14-2 at the half. Stitzer came back in the second half to match the Omega boys point for point but

they trailed by 13 points at the closing whistle. Olts scored 16 points for the victors.

The classy Pi Kap squad turned back the Yeomen 16-14 in a wild game which saw the score tied three times. The Pi Kaps, working the ball in for many set up shots, stopped a last quarter bid by the Yeomen quintet to tie up the ball game, and froze the ball in the last 30 seconds of the game, Costello hit seven points for the Pi Kaps.

With both teams having difficulty hitting their shots, the Mohawks defeated Merrick hall in a slow game 19-12. Bothered by bad passing in the first half, Merrick hall trailed 11-2. Coming back in the second half to outscore their opponents by two points, Merrick hall made a desperate bid to overtake the Mohawks, but were halted by the lack of time. Hilfiker had 11 points for the Mohawks, and Maxwell contributed nine points for his team.

Swimmers Drill For Husky Tilt

Oregon swimmers will have a clearer picture of the competition facing them February 1, after Saturday's meet at Corvallis, where their opponents on that date, the Washington Huskies, match strokes with Oregon State.

The Ducks slaughtered the Beaver paddlers in their initial swim-fest last week-end, and Washington, powerful in every event, can expect little trouble from the punchless Staters.

Meanwhile, the local mermen are continuing their daily grind in the men's pool with an occasional sprint or race between practice laps.

Sunday three of the swimmers will journey unofficially to Portland to appear in an exhibition that will be held during the city meet. Earl Waiters, backstroker; Benny Holcomb, diver; and Ralph Huestis, breast-stroker, are among those who will participate in the weekend exhibition.

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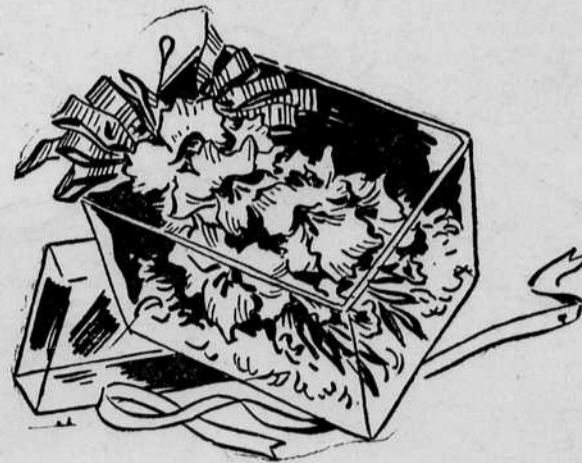
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