

# DUCK TRACKS

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Sports Editor

With the Oregon Webfoots back in town Tuesday was the day for the weekly basketball bull session. Coach Hobby Hobson was on the spot for the usual number of questions, but one of the most interesting subjects aired was that of officiating.

Complaints were numerous, not in regards to the five Oregon losses but to officiating in general. Too many fouls can ruin any game, and such being the case many a game has been ruined already this season from the spectator's point of view.

Even at that, the foul-calling cannot all be blamed upon the referees. Much of the difficulty lies in the theory behind the present regulations.

The amendment allowing a player five personal fouls instead of the previous four has done little to help the game. In fact about all it has done is result in more fouls. To all appearances just as many men are fouling out of the game today as under the old four-foul rule.

## Out on a Limb With an Officiating Plan

Yours truly, after witnessing more than his share of games in the Eugene city league, is willing to climb way out on a limb with a few proposed revisions. In the first two games of a tripleheader at McArthur court Monday night 81 fouls were called, and that makes no one happy.

Here's the proposition. 1—Revise the rules so that many minor fouls are no longer called, for example slapping and bumping in back court or away from the ball where no player's progress is impeded. In many games the foul total could be cut in half by so doing.

2—Give two points for each free throw made good. This would put a real premium on the free tosses.

3—Eject a player from the game after being charged with his third personal foul. This would put the fear of the bench into many a careless hooper.

You say it puts too much emphasis on foul shots and fouling? . . . Well, perhaps so, but it's certainly food for thought. It is doubtful if the game would be any worse off than it is today. It would cause a player to think twice before deliberately fouling, it would speed up the game by reducing the fouling, and it would give the boys who get bumped around a real chance to cash in at the foul line.

## Why Not Grade the Refer ees?

Coach Hobson has an angle, purely from a curious point of view, which he would like to see tried at some future date. Take several basketball experts of considerable experience and scatter them around the crowd. Let each observer chart the officials as to performance, grading them as to what they miss and to what they call correctly. Then compare the notes after the game.

That sounds like an interesting idea, indeed. Many a fan and many an expert has wondered just how correct his reactions to the game are. The plan might not prove anything, but it would certainly be interesting. And after all, movies have proved the officials wrong at least a time or two.

## How About a Northern Division Statistician

Just received today, are the statistics on the southern division hoop race, all nicely compiled by Norrie West, director of the University of California athletic news bureau. And that is something that is sadly lacking in the northern division.

The Southerners contribute a few bucks apiece to the man releasing the poop and then rotate the job around the division. That way accurate statistics as to the division as a whole are always available, each school submitting records to the statistician.

Inasmuch as it is not done in the ND division at present, that is probably the best reason for not doing so in the future. The northern division bosses would earn the everlasting thanks of the hungry sports-writing populace, however, if they would come through with a similar plan. It's too late for the present basketball season, but the plan would work equally as well in baseball.

The PR men at the various schools—Wendell Broyles, Washington; Don Carlson, Idaho; Howard Greer and Stan Mataya, WSC; Irwin Harris, OSC; and Art Litchman, here on the Oregon campus—would undoubtedly be willing to cooperate, and as to Litchman's support there can be no doubt as he has spoken in favor of the plan on several occasions.



WENDELL BROYLES

# DUs, Hubbies, K Sigs, Phi Delt, ATO Victors

By GEORGE SKORNEY

Delta Upsilon grabbed the top spot in yesterday's intramural "A" league basketball games by clipping Sigma Alpha Mu 19-10 for their fifth win in as many starts. Other contests saw the Married Vets edge Sigma hall 21-20, Kappa Sig clout Delta Tau Deita 31-18, Phi Delt drop Legal Eagles 20-11, and Alpha Tau Omega down Sherry Ross hall 32-4.

The Sammies, who experienced their first loss, nabbed their only lead of the game on two baskets early in the first quarter. Sparked by Herb Tainer, the lanky DU's pulled from behind to lead 9-6 at intermission time. A very tight defense by Delta Upsilon forced the Sammies, who lacked the height, to shoot from outside the key. In the last half the fast breaking Sammies missed many of their long shots to lose 19-10.

Paced by Paul Brattain with 18 points, the Hubbies barely edged scrappy Sigma hall 21-20. Sigma missed an opportunity in the last five seconds to knot the score when a foul shot hit the rim and bounded back.

It took a last quarter spurt by Kappa Sigma to smother an inspired Delta Tau Delta five, 31-18. Trailing 11-4 at the half, Delt George Kikes started a rally by dropping in two baskets, one to the right of the key and another from close in. Kappa Sig traded shot for shot with Kikes, who canned two more field goals, to maintain a scant 18-16 edge at the end of the third period. In the final stanza Kappa Sig led by Jack Burris pulled ahead against the dying Delt to win.

Sigma Nu's accuracy and Hal Zurcher's 13 markers claimed a sure 30-8 victory from SAE. SAE's speed failed to break a tight Sigma Nu defense.

Behind 11-6 at the end of the second period, the lackadaisical Legal Eagles lost their eye and the sight of the hoop in the last half to lose 20-11 to the Phi Delt. Guard Ivan Congleton was high for the Phi Delt with seven tallies.

Alpha Tau Omega with Kenny Hume's 13 points helping, found easy pickings in defeating desperate Sherry Ross hall, 32-4. Sherry Ross was powerless against the ATO fast break and in turn found it impossible to penetrate the ATO defense.

## Cougars Lose Gayda

PULLMAN, Jan. 29 (AP)—Coach Jack Friel reported today that Eddie Gayda, starting forward for the Washington State College Cougars, sprained an ankle in last night's workout and may be out of the line-up for Saturday's game here with the University of Idaho. Friel shifted Bob Gaston to the vacant spot.

Idaho also has been bothered by orders of the medicos who this week sidelined stars Fred Quinn, with a recurrent back sprain, and Bill Carbaugh, who is suffering from a skin rash.

## Storemen

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an attempt to keep his charges fresh and driving. In spite of this the Outdoor team's slow-down type of play gave them no chance to open up.

Jayvees (33) (45) Outdoor Store Devaney ..... F ..... 2, Fox Hamilton, 4 ..... F ..... 6, Robertson Switzer, 7 ..... C ..... 16, Bonney Kirsch, 1 ..... G ..... 11, Plath Baccelleri 1 ..... G ..... 10, Weinstein Substitutions: for Jayvees—Bocchi 2, Don 4, Amacher 3, Holoman 2, Wilson 9, Robinson.

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## FROSH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 31—Marshfield there.  
Feb. 3—Pleasant Hill at 3 p. m. here.  
Feb. 3—Klamath Falls at 4 p. m. here.  
Feb. 4—St. Mary's at 3 p. m. here.  
Feb. 4—Oregon City at 4 p. m. here.  
Feb. 7—Klamath Falls there.  
Feb. 8—Ashley Chevrolet at Klamath Falls.  
Feb. 14—Lowell at 3 p. m. here.  
Feb. 14—Medford at 4 p. m. here.  
Feb. 15—Oakridge at 3 p. m. here.  
Feb. 15—University at 4 p. m. here.  
Feb. 21—First game of double bill—OSC Rooks.  
March 1—Washington at Eugene.

## BASKETBALL SCORES

By Associated Press  
Georgia Tech 65, Auburn 49.  
Villanova 45, Army 42.  
Dartmouth 73, Boston University 52.  
Davidson 74, South Carolina 43.  
Louisiana State U. 62, Vanderbilt 52.  
Butler 79, Wayne 26.  
West Virginia 83, Waynesburg 60.  
Syracuse 58, St. Lawrence 42.

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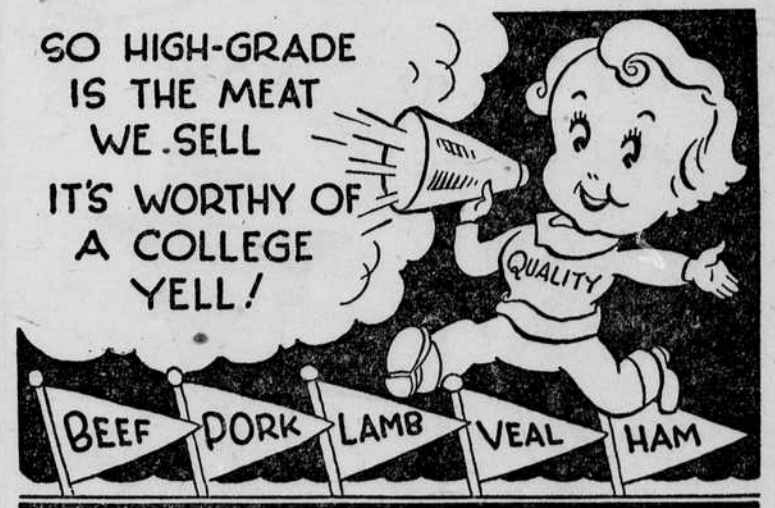
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