

# DUCK TRACKS

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With the Washington series here in Eugene now safely tucked away, Oregon's lemon and green cagers, show signs of returning to life. The Monday night defeat eliminated the last fading hopes of a Webfoot title-winner, but the return to form of the Hobsonmen was as a whole mighty encouraging.

Year-in and year-out the Washington series gives fans some of the best entertainment of the season and this year's proved no exception. With plenty of running and plenty of shooting, there was never a dull moment. In the opposite direction, however, the Webfoot stalling tactics in the last five minutes Tuesday were of great interest to many basketball followers. It certainly marked a variation of Hobson's standard offensive pattern of run-shoot.



JACK FRIEL

Hobby has threatened to use the plan for some time but Tuesday night for the first time was presented with the opportunity. It has become the accepted plan throughout the circuit this year to go into the five-man-out weave once a sizeable lead is obtained.

Oregon State used it twice against the Hobsonmen, and Jack Friel's Washington State Cougars pulled the same routine when the Ducks invaded Pullman. Hobby had designs himself of using the maneuver on the Inland tour, and at one time had a six-point lead, but before he could send in a substitute with instructions, the lead had been whittled down.

## Ducks Can Play Keep-Away, Too

It certainly does not result in the type of a ballgame that Hobson likes to see played, but Hobby undoubtedly gets a great deal of satisfaction in showing the fans that he too, king of the fast-breakers, can play the keep-away game so effectively used especially by Oregon State.

As examples of just how much the game is slowed down, Tuesday night's figures might be reviewed. In the first half the Ducks shot 59 times, and in the second half kept the pace up the first 15 minutes, then went into the keep-away plan. Doubling their first half shot total results in 118 field goal tries for the game, actually fell 25 short with only 93 for the game.

The Washington State Cougars presented an even more striking situation in the second game at Pullman which they downed the Ducks 48-46. In the second half they used the plan throughout and took only 20 shots as compared with 44 for the Webfoots.

## An Outstanding Show by White

This column is willing to order "hats off" to the Huskies' Sammy White as the outstanding freshman of the year in the ND. His performance at McArthur court was nothing short of sensational. He hit 6 for 7 the first night in downing the Ducks and 7 for 10 while going down to defeat the second game. His first night's total was largely on lay-ins, but the second evening he contributed his share of the difficult ones to prove himself as an outstanding shot-artist. Furthermore he runs hard. Though the season is still far from over and all-division selections still a bit hazy, such performances as White gave at McArthur court will be mighty hard to overlook come the end of the season.

Jack Nichols gave a beautiful show Monday night at the center post and established himself as the class of the league, but his efforts were certainly overshadowed Tuesday night by Oregon's Ken Hays. Nichols packed the polish, but Hays had the heart and the 6-7 redhead came off with all the laurels. He draped around Nichols like so much Oregon mist over the University campus. And Ken was hot on the offensive bucket too, both on rebounds and with his pivot shot.

## Seattle Writers Respect Wiley

Roger (the Hot-Dog) Wiley's stay on the bench may have done him some good, as he gave a fine performance while in the game. Wiley still rates as the top man in the league in picking off defensive rebounds, and may still prove to be the division's No. 1 big man when his confidence is restored in his shooting ability. As is typical with most big men who were forced to lay off for a considerable period, Wiley has been slow in regaining form.

Seattle sports writers were amazed that the likeable Hot Dog was having such difficulty in sinking shots. He played in their backyard when in the army at Fort Lewis, as well as

# ATO Win Over SAM Tops IM Cage Fare

## Nichols Leads Scoring Race

By Associated Press

Jack Nichols of the University of Washington, a whooper of a guy who plays a whopper of a game of basketball, moved in front this week as leading scorer of the Pacific Northwest, both in the Northern Division of the Pacific Coast conference and in total games for the season.

Plying his hook shot industriously, big Jack swooshed in 151 points in 12 conference tilts. He had 99 in non-conference games for a season total of 250, garnered in 20 games.

Twenty-five points back of Nichols is Oregon State's cloud-scraping Red Rocha, who'll have a chance to make up lost ground this weekend when his team meets Oregon and Washington is idle. He has played 21 games, only eight of them in the conference.

With two more league games under their belts than any other club, Washington has three men on top in the scoring race. Bobby Jorgensen and Sammy White trail Nichols. Big Jack also leads in number

### A League

Beta Theta Pi, 38, Stitzer hall (A) 7.  
ATO 23, SAM 22.  
Kappa Sigma 38, Sigma hall 10.  
Villard hall 26, Married Vets 20.  
Awful Awfuls 21, Omega hall 13.

By JERRY McNEW

Alpha Tau Omega's smooth working quintet edged past Sigma Alpha Mu 23-22 in yesterday's intramural basketball tilt. Kappa Sigma trounced Sigma hall 38-10, Beta Theta Pi routed Stitzer hall (A) 38-7, Villard defeated the Married Vets 26-20, and the Awful Awfuls downed Omega hall 21-13. Sherry Ross won from Stitzer hall (AA) on a forfeit.

Kenny Hume scored 13 count-

of fouls committed, with 39 in league play.

The division leaders:

	G	FG	FT	TP
Nichols, Wash. ....	12	56	39	151
Jorgensen, Wash. ....	12	51	35	137
White, Wash. ....	12	46	24	116
Williamson, Oregon 10	40	29	109	
Beck, OSC .....	8	41	23	105
Rocha, OSC .....	8	37	24	98
Hays, Oregon .....	10	36	24	96
Gilbertson, Wash. ....	12	32	15	79
Sheridan, WSC .....	10	31	14	76
Hamilton, WSC .....	10	26	20	72

ters to lead the ATOs in downing SAM. The game was played on even terms with neither team able to build up more than a four-point lead. The score was tied 14-all at the half and tied up again at the three-quarter mark at 17-all. Hume came through with the winning bucket in the last minute of play when the Sammies were leading 22 to 21.

Kappa Sigma completely outclassed Sigma hall with Archie Gacek and Jack Burris scoring 16 and 14 points respectively for the winners. The Kappa Sigs led at the half 14 to 2.

### Awfuls Drop Omega

The Awful Awfuls had little trouble with Omega hall in a rough-and-tumble contest. John Ness was high point man for the winners with 8 points on four goals. Bill Pickens also counted 8 for the losers.

Villard hall with Dick Units hitting 8 in the first half, built up a good lead over the Married Vets and then outlasted their opponents to win a hard-fought game.

The Betas displayed a clicking passing attack that penetrated Stitzer hall's defense almost at will. Art Milne and June Jones took scoring honors with 16 and 14 points respectively.

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in prep days at Bremerton, and they have plenty of respect for him. Most encouraging showing from this column's viewpoint was when Wiley took a rebound off the edge of the backboard and proceeded to dunk it back over his head with, of all things, his right hand. It proved to be a three-point shot, too, as Nichols fouled him, and Rog canned the free toss.

... Still not the best in the world, but worth mentioning was the work of the officials, Hal Lee and Hal Eustis. They still showed a lot of inconsistency and an occasional whistle on plays too far away to judge accurately, but at least they returned the game to the players with whistle-tooting designed more towards the minimum than the maximum . . . and by the way, standard handle for Eustis these days around the division is "Useless."

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