

DUCK TRACKS

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The feud is on. Relations between Oregon and the up-state rival Oregon State have progressed quite well this year, but it seems the current basketball season is just a bit too much. Watching the Aggies duck the lemon and green Duck with (on most occasions) comparative ease has been bitter. We have taken our lickings and have laid back always pointing to the future. We've even conceded that the Beavers have had some pretty good ball clubs. And this coming from the Oregon campus is quite a compliment.



SLATS GILL

The present outbreak dates back to Wednesday of last week, when friend Wally Hunter filled this column with a rather interesting dissertation on the fastbreak and on what coaches and scribes thought of this year's OSC cage offense.

Beavers Sing Out

To get down to the meat of the affair, the Oregon State Barometer last Saturday sported a pair of signed columns which implied us to be a bunch of bums, second-raters, poor sports, and what have you. Coach Howard Hobson came off with the worst end of the deal, being lashed in no uncertain terms. And as a matter of interest, Hobby was solidly ribbed at the Saturday night contest.

Beaver rooters evidently were quite impressed with the Barometer spread, and some of the world's prize jockeys heckled Hobby in manner that would make even Brooklyn patriots feel incompetent. The heckling is not the subject of this column, however, so on with the show.

Johnny Eggers in his column, took Hobson to task for his opinion that Oregon State was not a true fastbreak team. And that is just fine, too, for the term fastbreak is largely a matter of opinion, and the Aggieville plow-jockeys certainly are entitled to their opinions.

Not an Interview

First off, Mr. Eggers reports Hunter's account as an interview. It was not. It merely was Hunter's version of many opinions expressed by various coaches and scribes. Wally used only two direct quotes in reference to the Beavers being a fastbreak club — Hec Edmundsen's "Yes" and Hobby's "No."

How any future farmer some 45 miles distant can—from Hobby's "No," determine Hobson's many opinions as to OSC's ballplaying ability and his attitudes on sportsmanship is slightly beyond Yours Truly.

Mr. Eggers took Hunter's indirect quotations and falsely twisted them into utterances directly out of the mouths of Hobson and others. Actually this makes very little difference, however, as these opinions were expressed, though not necessarily in Hunter's words.

Included in the Barometer column were some remarks about the Webfoots being "comfortably lodged in fourth-place," about Hobby "dropping over to Corvallis to see if you can give the Beavers a vague idea of how the fastbreak works," about the "Foregone conclusion among coaches, writers, and players . . . that Oregon State has a FASTBREAKING ball club."

More Dope Later

The Beavers have a perfect right to enter the squabble over what is and what is not a fastbreak. We on the Emerald still have a lot to say on the issue with some substantiating facts, figures, and times. But that can wait.

The column, which not only encourages more violent rivalry, but also is nasty and bristling with untruths, is one written by pipe-in-hand (at least so his daily picture shows) Harvey Sachs, managing editor of the farmer's sheet.

Mr. Sachs writes daily on a variety of campus topics. The Emerald runs the same kind of stuff. In fact the Emerald editor has even found it necessary to remove some of them from this paper. Mr. Sachs apparently has stayed well within bounds, but he certainly strayed Saturday.

Here are some of his remarks: "Hobson . . . had himself quoted as discounting and disbelieving Slat Gill's team potentialities, its caliber, and its effectiveness. In so many words he slapped Gill's face."

Is that right, Mr. Sachs? How so when the Emerald's Wally Hunter wrote: "This does not mean that Hobson is belittling the Beaver ball club. He has the highest regard for the team. He disagrees only with those that say that Oregon State is running the rest of the teams in the league to death."

Sachs Says More

Well, Mr. Sachs has more to say. "When it comes to the time when a coach can't admit defeat like a sportsman, when

Sig Eps, Phi Psi, Fijis, Macs, SX, Sigma Nu, Win IM Tilts

By CHUCK McDONALD

McChesney hall hoopsters took the top spot in intramural "A" league basketball action Wednesday, by out-playing a fighting Pi Kappa Alpha quintet by a score of 23-20. In other "A" league contests the Phi Psis toppled the Merrick hall quintet 15-12 and the Sig Eps dropped Minturn hall 32-11.

Led by Dan Garza, the Pi Kaps established a 6-3 lead over the McChesney quintet by the end of the opening quarter. In the second period a rally sparked by Gerald Rassmussen and Wayne Weythman established a 11-6 lead at half time. The vets' hall continued to lead in the second half after a last quarter rally by Pi Kap Tony Klobas failed to tie up the score.

After four minutes of play, Dick Callahan put one through the hoop for the Phi Psis and with the aid of "Light'n" Lew Robinson established a 8 to 1 lead over Merrick hall at half-time. Robinson continued to pour points through the hoop in the second half, but a last minute rally led by Waldo Carr of Merrick hall out the Phi Psi lead to three points.

The Sig Eps took an early lead over the Minturn hall hoopsters with the sharp shooting of Bill Dellen. At half-time they had a safe lead of 15-2 over the vets' hall. In the second half the Sig Eps continued to outscore the struggling quintet from Minturn hall. Deller, led the scoring with 9 points, in the contest which resulted in a 32 to 11 victory for the Sig Eps.

Duck Cagers Speed Drills

Practice stiffened considerably yesterday afternoon as Howard Hobson's squad prepared for the coming Idaho series.

Winners of the first two Vandal games, 66-47 and 45-43, the Webfoots are nevertheless regarding the Inland Empire quint with much respect. Guy Wicks has been unable to notch a win in 10 Northern Division starts with his team this season.

Idaho is at present three and a half games behind the Webfoots, and may throw everything they have in order to dent the victory column. Admittedly, though, the Vandals will be tired for the series following their two tilts with Oregon State the last two nights.

Just how tough the Idaho squad will be depends to a great extent on how their towering pivot man Jack Phoenix performs. The loss of Fred Quinn and Bill Carbaugh through injuries, has seriously hurt their cause.

In contrast Hobson's team will be in grade-A shape for the games. Although definitely an in-and-out hoop gang, the Ducks will possess every advantage in the duo of frays.

Only steady point-maker lately for the Hobsonmen has been Ken Hays, the hard-working center. He has been consistently hitting double digits in the scoring column and getting better on the boards.

For the remainder of the team, their performance hasn't been the same two nights in the row. This factor has cost the Ducks four of those close games this season and ruined their Northern Division hopes.

he has to cover up defeat by slamming coaches, especially those in the same circuit, we'd suggest he turn his efforts to other fields." May this column suggest the same for newspapermen who fail to understand the plain language of Hunter's paragraph quoted above.

The Aggie broadside closes with this: "Wisen up, 'Hobby'. Take victory and defeat like a man, a sportsman. When you lose a game, shake hands with the opposing team, repeat the words so common in athletic circles, 'The best team won tonight, but we'll be back for victory next time.'"

Rest assured, northern brothers, we Webfoots do not enjoy losing in the Civil War battles.

We may be hard losers; that is nothing to be ashamed of. But please, do not accuse us of being poor sportsmen. Hobby's record as a coach against OSC is 26 wins as against 21 defeats (including last Saturday night's affair.) When he played at Oregon in 1924, 1925 and 1926 the Webfoots came off with a one-game edge. He loves to win. But he also teaches his players to be sportsmen, to take their defeats when they come.

And here's a direct quote from Hobby on the 1947 Beaver team: "They have as accurate a shooting team as I have ever seen and are undoubtedly the best team in the division."

"B" league action was highlighted by the Sigma Chi victory over the outclassed Sig Ep quintet. Paced by sharp-shooting "Hob" Deuel, the Sigma Chis took an early lead and held it throughout the game. A second half rally by the Sig Eps failed to stop the Sigma Chi quintet which dumped their opponents 19-10. Deuel was high point man of the contest with 6 tallies.

In a hard fought contest between the "B" squads of Sigma Nu and the Legal Eagles, the Sigma Nus edged by the Eagles 11-8. George Billings of Sigma Nu swished 6 points through the hoop to win high point honors.

The Phi Gamma Delta hoopsters defeated the Pi Kappa Alpha quintet in a hotly contested "B" league battle 12-9. The Pi Kaps established an early lead and by half time led the Fijis by a 6 to 3 score.

In the second half, the Fiji defense stiffened and led by Max Angus finally overhauled the Pi Kaps. Angus led the scoring with 4 points.

Sigma Nu Wins Contest

Sigma Nu defeated Beta Theta Pi by winning two matches to the Beta's one in intramural handball Wednesday.

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