

DUCK TRACKS

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With the lemon and green Ducks currently lodged in fourth place, yours truly the victim of countless barbs from rival college publications, and University of Oregon athletics at a low ebb, it should be about time to proceed even further out on the limb with a basketball proposal. . . . Why not expand the basketball circuit into a coastwide nine-team affair, playing twice around each year?



COACH HOBSON

At present we play the Washington State Cougars two games at Eugene, then two games on their home floor; likewise the Washington Huskies, the Oregon State Beavers, and the Idaho Vandals. By the time the season is over, we know just how many times each coach is going to have his guards dribble before passing into forecourt, how many passes the Beavers will take before shooting, how few baskets the rival forwards will hit, how many times the opposing center will shoot, and just how soon the Ducks will cast off. It all boils down to one immense form chart.

Coach Hobby Hobson can map with a considerable amount of detail just what OSC's Slats Gill will do against the ailing Webfoots. Gill can do likewise over at Beaverville. There is little left to be done on the floor except see who has had the most sleep, the best pep talks, and of course, who has the best five players on the floor.

Slate Would Still Have 16 Games

The Pacific Coast conference football slate is set up coast-wide. Why not do the same with basketball? Just an idea, certainly considered before, and definitely worth considering again. A twice-around round-robin would include nine teams in Oregon, Washington, California, and Idaho with a 16-game slate, the same number of games as is currently played in the Northwest.

The exact arrangement could be left to future planning. Two-game series could be played yearly, alternating at home and on the road on opposite years, or single games could be slated at home and abroad.

Under one plan, for example, Oregon would swing into the San Francisco Bay area for a Friday and Saturday series with California and a Monday and Tuesday series with Stanford. In return UCLA and USC would come north for two-game series with Oregon and Oregon State. The following year the procedure would be reversed.

The other plan would have Oregon at Cal and Stanford on Friday and Saturday nights and at USC and UCLA on Monday and Tuesday nights, all four southern schools then making the trip north for a return game.

It all boils down to just another plan for coastwise competition instead of the more regional variety. From here it looks pretty good idea, although there are undoubtedly a number of loopholes. All arguments pro and con are most welcome.

A Rule to End Stalling

While on basketball, it might be mentioned that following a recent confab, over the average time required to get the ball down the floor, the following suggestion was submitted. Why not require a team to dispose of the ball within ten seconds of the time it gloms onto the pill during the last four minutes of play. What a whale of a game that would make!

Admittedly such a proposal would never be accepted, and please no comments on not being good sportsman for the idea, but what a beauty of a hot-potato contest would result. Gone would be the old put-em-to-sleep stall game and the fancy weave-pass game, which serves the same effect but has the ball moving a bit more.

The reason is this—Oregon, in games timed to date gets rid of the ball in an average of eight seconds after securing possession, Washington in just a bit more, and Oregon State in twelve seconds in the one OSC game timed. To be of a compromising nature, the limit might be moved to 15 seconds—then shoot the ball or else lose it on a violation. The fans have definitely established their desire for fast-moving high scoring games. Certainly that is in line.

ADPi Takes Bird Tourney

ADPi outmatched Chi Omega's badminton team Thursday, 2-1, to emerge unbeaten in five weeks of the girls' intramural tournament and cop the championship. The

match between the ADPis and the Chi Os was the playoff.

Sharpshooters Carol Nickerson, Ginger Anawalt, and Margaret Griffiths were the leading players for the ADPi outfit. The winners bested Susan Campbell hall, Hendricks hall, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Chi Omega on the road to the championship.

IM 'B' League Champs



The Beta Theta Pi hoopsters turned on the heat in the second half of their Wednesday tilt to walk away from the Sigma Alpha Mu outfit, 30-18, to take the 1947 intramural "B" league title. Front row left—Dick McElhouse, Ken Ball, Walt McKinney, Ken Jackson, Bob Svendsen. Back row—Norton Smith, Dale Breugger, Tony Crish, Ox Holm, Chuck Kitchel, and Hal White. (Photo by Jerry McNew.)

Frosh Drop Rooklings JVs Sunk in Overtime

While their big brothers were winning up north, the junior Oregon hoop squads were battling at McArthur court, but the best they could do was split last night. The rampant Frosh squad racked up its second in a row over the Oregon State Rooks, by the very same score as the first victory, 46-43, but the Jayvees bowed to the junior Beavers, 67-62, in a torrid overtime.

The victorious freshmen were clicking like a well-oiled machine as they surged to an early seven point lead. But the momentum slowed down, and after the initial burst the rest of the game was nip-and-tuck.

It was win No. 24 in 25 starts for the Froshmen, and the second in a row over the northern rival. Only one more game is slated for the locals, against Washington high of Portland, March 1.

In their last game of the year, the Jayvees went into their first overtime, and it proved mighty disastrous. After making a terrific last-second comeback to tie up the count, the locals played out in the extra five minutes. The winners caged seven points to the Oregon squad's two, to rack up their fourth consecutive victory over the Ducks.

With four minutes left in the regular playing time, and the score knotted 57-57 after action that had already seen the count tied eight times, Ken Seeborg

pushed the Ducks into the lead with a corner shot.

Rapid-fire Whitey Konstad tied the score with long one from the side, and the Beavers went ahead on a free toss by Ward Paldanius, 60-59. With this scant margin the junior Corvallis crew tried to stall, but in a melee for the ball Forward Bob Don was fouled, with ten seconds remaining in the tilt. Don swished the shot, tied the count again, and time ran out.

In the extra period, the pesky Paldanius, high point man with 21 markers, hit from the corner. Jerry Switzer then pivoted one for the Ducks and tied the score.

But Konstad hit from the key, and Paldanius calmly rimmed the gift toss for a three point margin. With time about gone Paldanius intercepted a pass and racked up a lay-in, to give the Beavers the contest.



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