

DUCK TRACKS

By BERNIE HAMMERBECK
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Congratulations to our upstate rivals the Oregon State Beavers for mathematically clinching the northern division title. The big Orange machine has moved along at a tremendous pace this year and has had only one bad night in conference play—the 57-46 upset at the hands of the Idaho Vandals last Friday night. It's rather ironic that Coach Guy Wick's Vandals, champs last year, picked up their only 1947 win against the division titlewinners. (Actually they have a chance for another win Saturday night playing WSC.)

The PCC playoffs scheduled for March 7, 8, and 10 at Corvallis should be a great show with three schools still in the running for the southern division title. UCLA is favored, of course, but California still has a clear shot at the crown, and Stanford could tie.

Assuming that the Uclans do come through, it should offer an excellent opportunity for OSC's Red Rocha to prove himself. Heading the UCLA Bruin five is big Don Barksdale, a rugged, smooth-working center. He has pretty well dominated SD play and should give the Beavers' Ephraim a real tussle.

It has been said that the night the Beavers face a really good, big center Rocha becomes their weakest starter. He did a good job against Washington's Jack Nichols, was hot and cold against the Vandals, and better than held his own against Oregon. Perhaps Barksdale can supply the answer.

Eugene Series Means an Extra \$10,000

The offer by Anse Cornell, yesterday, making McArthur court available for the PCC playoff will probably result in nothing, but should the Beavers care to take it means an extra 4000 fans can see each game. Even figuring conservatively at one dollar clear on each ticket, that makes \$8000 for a two-game series and \$12,000 should the series go to three.

The idea has long been in the mind of Eugeneans, both on-and off-campus. Many advocated the playing of all four Oregon-OSC games at McArthur court this year. The plan was never pushed as it was generally believed Oregon State should be entitled to its home games.

At no time was the offer withheld because of strained athletic relations between the two schools. In fact, seldom has there been better feeling between the two. To the Emerald's knowledge, the recent minor controversy between the two campus dailies is the only current indications of friction.

Some McArthur court officials did not want to make the offer as they did not think Oregon State would accept. And a Corvallis refusal could be embarrassing to them but hardly to us.

Hazzard Reveals Match-Throwing Efforts

Yesterday's discussion on match-throwing has evoked a large reaction from the match-throw enthusiasts. As has so often been accused, this column again went off "half-cocked" and did not get the complete story.

Rallyman Tom Hazzard (he pompously signs his name Thomas H.) has written a letter revealing the efforts of a certain group to "recreate the pre-war splendor of Oregon's match-throwers."

Always the showman for that's his job, Hazzard went one better than this column's suggestion and came up with sparklers instead of giant matches for his rally girls. This plan had to be dropped when "an unavoidable incident blinded several of the girls."

Tom also reveals that experiments have been made on precision dropping from the catwalks in the ceiling of McArthur court. The trouble here lies in the fact that the basketball floor is inflammable, and it was therefore necessary to drop the matches on the sparsely-thatched pates of the fans. Hazzard moans loudly that there just aren't enough of these shiny targets, "Particularly in the coed section."

It certainly is good news to hear that Mr. Hazzard is on the job. Perhaps a few ex-bombardiers could be persuaded to supervise this catwalk-dropping job, such campus "wheels" as Ted Hallock and Doug Eden for example.

A warning should be given, however. With all this talk of flamboyancy and exhibition, Oregon students must not forget that maximum participation in match-throwing is the objective. We need more throwers, not spectators.



GUY WICKS

Webfoot Coed Sportlights

Basketball in Semi-Finals

By DIANA DYE

Four houses in the women's intramural basketball tournament have advanced to the semi-finals by winning their league championships. Two elimination games, Susan Campbell vs. Hendricks hall and Highland house vs. Sigma Kappa, will be played to determine the two teams to take part in the championship tilt on Feb. 27.

Following the finals an all star team, selected by Pat Mounts and WAA adviser Jeanette Masillonis, will play an exhibition match on March 5.

None of the four league champs lost a game in the tournament. Susan Campbell captured the league No. 1 crown with a record of four wins against no defeats, and Hendricks took the top spot in the second league with a similar record. Divisions 3 and 4 were won by Sigma Kappa and Highland house, who each sported three victories with no set-backs.

Winner in the intramural badminton tourney was Alpha Delta Pi. Carol Nickerson of the champs copped individual honors by taking four matches in the first singles series. Theta Mary Kingston and Chi Omega Nancy Fitzhugh tied for second place, as each took three matches.

In the second singles matches Chi Omega's Marjorie Fisher won four matches from Sis Scott, Theta racket-swinging.

Doubles matches saw the winning ADPi girls take five victories.

A fun night is being held February 28 in both Gerlinger indoor and outdoor gyms. Volleyball, badminton, ping pong, and square dancing for WAA members and their guests will be held.



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Elections on Docket

By MARY ANNE HANSEN

New WAA officers will be elected after a special assembly for all University women Thursday at 12:30 in Gerlinger gym in coordination with YWCA and AWS elections.

The assembly is scheduled to begin at 12:30, and voting will be held from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. outside of the Dean of Women's office. The candidates will be announced and introduced at the assembly.

Members of the WAA nominating committee included Virginia Scholl, WAA president; Betty Ingebritson, WAA vice-president; Nadya Ramp, head of sports; in addition to the other senior members on the WAA cabinet.

WAA is the coordinating factor of Amphibians, Outing club, Hockey club, and Orchesis and sponsors all athletic endeavors for University women.

Webfoot Skiers Place Sixth in Snow Carnival

University of California skiers nosed out the University of Nevada by one point to take the Reno Snow carnival invitational meet last weekend.

Duck skiers placed sixth in the eight-team meet, trailing Utah, Stanford, and Fresno State.

Oregon continued to be plagued by bad luck as Bob Powell was lost for the season when he broke his leg on a downhill practice run prior to the meet.

Jim Donahue, number two man, did not make the trip and Chelton Leonard and Bob Johnson were declared ineligible due to grades. Leonard was a member of the 1942 Nevada ski team.

Captain Jim Popp, in an all-out effort to cop the downhill, spilled 50 feet from the finish line but still managed to finish 25th.

Fijis Win in Handball

Phi Gamma Delta became the second team to qualify for the first round of the intramural handball tournament semi-finals yesterday afternoon by defeating the Sig Eps in three straight matches. They will meet Sigma Alpha Mu March 4 in a contest

Swim Team Practices

Sylvia Branden, freshman in liberal arts, was elected captain of the Oregon women's telegraphic swimming team this week. She will head the group which will swim in its first meet February 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gerlinger pool.

Anchor woman for the winning Hendricks hall team fall term, Sylvia is one of the speediest sprinters on the squad. A complete list of the team cannot be released yet because the question of eligibility of all of the members has not been settled.

Those trying out have been practicing on the average of three times a week. In order to be able to swim in any event, each team member must have participated in at least eight half-hour practices since the start of the term.

The meets Wednesday night will be open to the public, and Mary Anne Hansen, chairman of the national contests, urges that as many people as possible should attend.

Events for both meets will include 40-yard freestyle, back stroke, and breast stroke; 100-yard freestyle, back stroke, and breast stroke; 80-yard relay, and 60-yard medley relay. Form swimming and diving may be put on as exhibitions between events but because of the difficulty and difference in the types of judging, these events will not be entered as competition in any school.

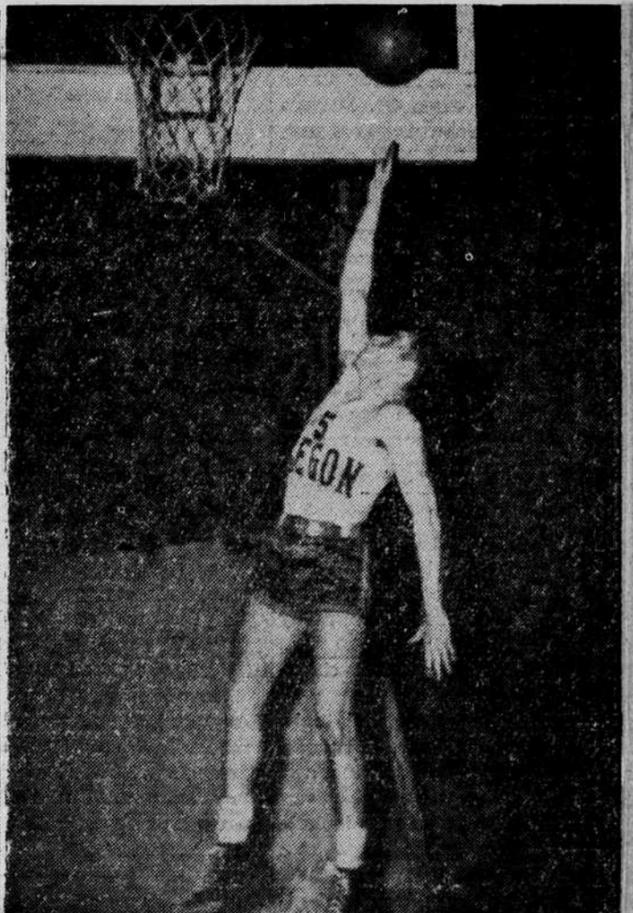
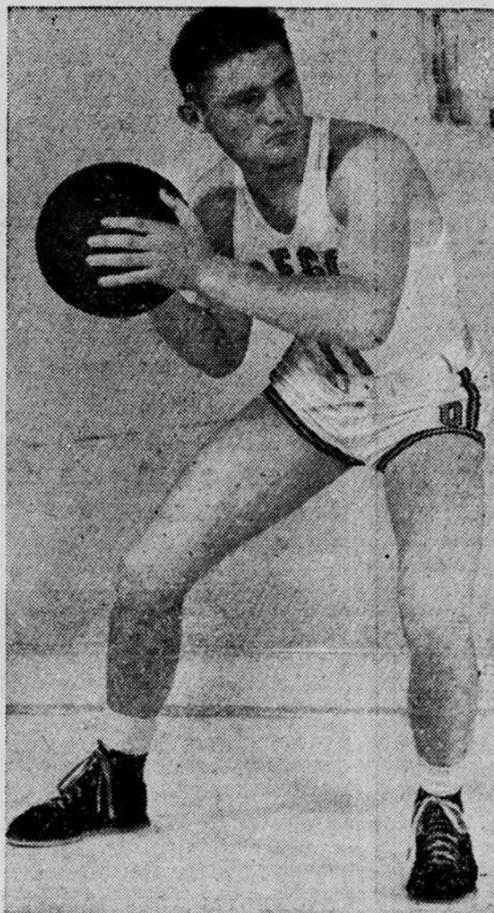
to decide which team will go to the finals.

The Fijis dominated every column on the score sheet in winning from the Sig Eps. The scores in the singles games were 21-8, 21-10, 21-6, 21-11; and in the doubles 21-2, 21-7; all in favor of the Fijis.

In other handball tilts slated this week, Campbell Club will tangle with Sigma Nu this afternoon, and Sigma Chi will meet the Legal Eagles on Thursday. Both of these games will decide entrants in the semi-finals.

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LEW BECK and STAN WILLIAMSON . . . two of the top-ranking guards on the coast who will vie for honors when Oregon and Oregon State meet in the Igloo Saturday night. Beck has been the mainstay of the Beavers and is considered to be one of the finest ball players in OSC history.