

## Duck Mermen Leave Today For Delayed Division Finals

A ten man swimming squad entrained early this morning for Seattle and the week-late ND finals. The defending champion Washington Huskies play host to the remainder of the conference teams.

The title meet was originally scheduled for February 22 in the Husky field house, but the Oregon-Washington basketball series the same weekend put a crimp in the aquatic program, and the paddle fete was rescheduled for Saturday.

Washington, last year's laurel winners, are favored to repeat their performance in this season's fracas. Oregon is listed as the squad that will give the Huskies their toughest competition. The Seattle powerhouse has already topped a trio of ND and Pacific Coast conference records, the backstroke, the 300 yard medley relay, and the 400 yard freestyle relay.

Second-seeded Oregon will pin

their point-making hopes on Ralph Huestis, breastroke; Earl Walters and Johnny Miller, backstroke; Tom Corbett and Benny Holcomb, diving; George Moorhead, Alden Sundlie, Paul Thompson, Bob Hiatt, and Don Rush, freestylers.

1942 champ Tom Corbett will attempt to repeat his achievement Saturday, and Benny Holcomb will threaten the leaders if he repeats his performance against Washington State. Only opponent to out-dive Corbett so far this year was OSC ace Ray Staub.

One of the most improved stokers this year, Bob Hiatt is expected to cop the 220. Cougar Byron Canning will probably press him every lap, with Duck Don Rush ranked third or fourth.

Moorhead and Sundlie will carry the lemon and green colors against such speedsters as Powlinson and Trager, Washington, and Palouse boys DeVlemming and Rohrs in the 60 and 100 yard freestyle sprints.

## Hayward Shy Distance Men As Intra-Squad Run Nears

Trackmen continued hard workouts in preparation for the coming intra-squad meet scheduled for Friday, March 14. Colonel Bill Hayward has been sending his men through practices that stress stamina and speed.

Hayward is still casting about for additional distance men, as his forces have been depleted. Leg injuries have forced veteran spring track and cross country runner Hugh Stapleton and cross countryman Al Pietschman into light

decided to try his arm at the 16 pounder. Oregon wasn't strong in this event last year and his help should bring in added points.

Pole Vaulters George Rasmussen and Don Pickens are spending their time limbering up, Hayward giving them special exercises that will give them added height in the jumps.

Bill Beifuss, Oregon's No. 1 high jumper last year is on the track warming up but not overworking, as a sore ankle is handicapping him. Bill cleared 6 feet 5 inches last year in one of the first meets of the year, and Hayward expects him to reach higher levels this year.

Javelin tossers Lou Robinson and Dick Shelton flipped their spears lightly yesterday and Shelton spent time instructing newcomer Bill Bayliss in the art of tossing.

French scientists have won the Nobel prize 16 times during the 45 years since the scientific award was established.

Don Juan de Onate, in 1598, headed the first colonizing expedition into New Mexico.

### Sprinters Loosen Up

Carl Maxey and Chuck Beckner have been looking good in the runs, both finishing out front of the men without much effort. Beckner was one of Hayward's top trackmen before the war and Maxey turned in sparkling performances last year.

Halfmiler Stu Norene is hampered by sore legs lately, but continues hard workouts as a remedy for his soreness. He hasn't forced himself in the half yet and probably won't give it a real test until the intra-squad meet.

Speedsters Jake Leicht and Wally Still are devoting their entire workouts to distance work. Neither of the two sprinters has opened up yet for the full distance and it isn't probable that Hayward will have them do so until later.

### Shot Putters Out

Bob Koch, heavy hitting full-back, has turned out for the shot-put and this will be a stimulus to Duck hopes. Bob will not be back for football next fall so has

# Webfoot Cagers Wallop JVs 21-13 In Abbreviated Scrimmage Session

In their second successive practice scrimmage with the JVs, the Oregon varsity squad looked somewhat livelier yesterday as they took a 21-13 decision after a bruising 12-minute session.

This was a complete reversal of form from Wednesday's practice when the junior varsity copped a 22-16 verdict. Howard Hobson's team showed up much better on

defense as they allowed the city league champs only three field goals.

After the short tilt, the varsity tried out their set-play offense against the JVs and brushed up on their fast-break style of play. This was the final vigorous scrimmage of the season for either squad, as the JVs have finished their regular season while the

varsity holds only a loosening up drill today.

### JVs May Play

Hobson, who is determined to send out the scrappiest starting five that he can muster, openly declared earlier in the week that should any of the JVs show the stuff, they will see action against Oregon State Saturday night.

The meeting between the Ducks and the Aggies will be their fourth and final one of the year, with Oregon State having won the first three frays. The Beavers edged out the opener 73-69 in overtime, and then won by considerable margins, 58-45 and 71-57, in the last two battles.

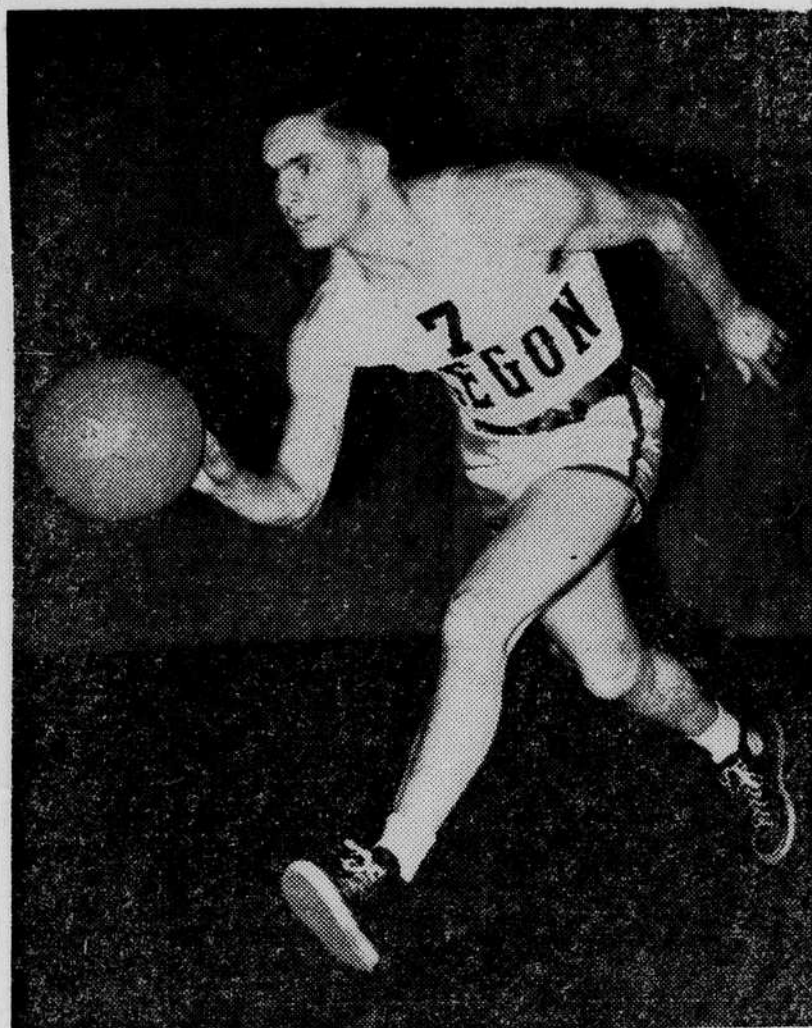
### Same Starters

Chances are that Oregon will open with the old reliable five composed of Ed Dick and Dick Wilkins forwards; Ken Hays center; and Stan Williamson and either Bob Lavey or Al Popick at guards.

Oregon State's set-style of basketball has baffled the Webfoots all season as the Beavers have opened wide holes in the local defense to score almost at will. For that reason Hobson has been spending a good portion of this week's workouts in polishing up the Oregon zone.

Tomorrow night's fracas will be the finale for Oregon, while Oregon State has at least two more games to go, in the Coast playoff series at Corvallis, March 7, 8, and 10. Should the Beavers win the best two-out-of-three of these games, they will advance to the Western NCAA finals at Kansas City.

Perhaps the most valuable autograph in the world is that of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., whose signature has been on about 13,619,000,000 pieces of American currency with a face value of about \$64,986,000,000.



BOB WILSON, tough-and-ready reserve forward, who as a senior will be playing his last game for Oregon tomorrow night. He is expected to see quite a bit of action in the Beaver fray.

## Frosh Win Game From Drain 72-25

Ted Schopf's Frosh basketball quint, in its final tuneup before the Washington high tilt Saturday afternoon, larrupped Drain high school 72-25 in a practice scrimmage at McArthur yesterday.

Because the game was only to give both teams a workout, it will not count on the Ducklings' season record. The Drain squad, coached by Bill Chatham, asked for the practice session as preparation for a B league tournament at Ashland this weekend.

As is their style, the Frosh opened slow, leading 12-6 at the quarter. The Little Ducks really hit their stride in the second period running away to a 42-12 lead, and coasted in from here. Bill Green was high man for the Schopfmen with 16, and Pat Wohlers hit 14.

## Nichols Selected As Husky Captain

SEATTLE, Feb. 27—(AP)—Jack Nichols, center and holder of a new University of Washington season basketball scoring record of 204 points in 16 games set this past winter, was elected next year's captain tonight.

Boody Gilbertson, one of three graduating seniors, was unanimously acclaimed inspirational plaque winner and named co-captain for the past season with Chuck Sheaffer, on Sheaffer's proposal.



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## Swim Review...

The University of Washington swimmers will defend their 1946 northern division swimming championship Saturday in the 12th annual swim championships. This will be the seventh time that the Huskies have defended their title since the inauguration of the division championship in 1934. The powerful swimmers from Seattle have won five out of the last six yearly races, Oregon breaking the long list of title quests in 1942.

The Ducks stand second in number of wins with four titles stacked away. Following the Webfoots is Oregon State with one win, and no other team has won a title.

Oregon's heyday in the swimming circle was back in the days when the sport was still in its infancy. Washington annexed the first win in 1934 but Oregon was second.

Not content with the second place rating, the lemon and green swimmers swept the 1935 meet to win their first swimming crown. The 1935 victory was just the beginning of a three-year stretch of title teams, as in 1936 and 1937 the Ducks did it again.

The three year grip on the conference was broken, however, in 1938 when the Beavers won their one and only title. Since then OSC

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has fared no better than third in any attempt to get back to top spot.

The 150-yard back stroke record set by Oregon's Sherman Wetmore in 1939 of 1:39.8 was recently smashed by Washington's George Heaney. Heaney clipped off the distance in 1:39.1. Oregon's Earl Walters will face Heaney in the backstroke race.

Oregon medley team record in 1940 of 3:01.3 is no longer. Led by star Heaney, Washington erased this mark just a few weeks ago, lowering the time to a 2:59.3 mark. Only Oregon record still standing is Jack Dallas' 200-yard breast stroke mark of 2:26.6 set in 1939.