

DUCK TRACKS

By FAST-CHICAGO FRAZIER

The sports pages of the Oregon Daily Emerald are written with an eye to posterity. In that respect the Emerald resembles the New York Times. Emerald sports editors write everything. All statistics are detailed completely in the columns of the Emerald sports page. In years to come sports historians will find ample guff for their chronicles of University of Oregon sports, both conference and intra mural.



HOWARD HOBSON

The other outstanding characteristic of the sports pages of the Emerald is the cooperation between the sports staff and the men and women's physical education department. The p.e. school advocates sports in which everybody plays. They tolerate 5000 students sitting in the rain to watch 22 men beat the pants off one another, but their hearts are really warmed by the sight of the 22 men. Get it? The p.e. school likes action en masse.

To keep the record straight and complete, and also to foster the mass-sport kick, the Emerald today tells all about jacks. In future years, when jacks as a sport is as passe as kegging (an early American sport still indulged in sometimes on picnics), posterity, can still know all about it. Just read the old copies of the Emerald.

Jacks, as played in the Pacific Coast conference, is a game in which only a limited number of persons can play at one time—two per team, if we are to be specific. They play with 12 jacks, in a 10-game series. The important feature of the coast conference rules, though, is the regulation on the pinkey.

Mustn't Muff Pinkey

"A pinkey muffed is a turn missed," Edmund Anethma, late commissioner of the conference, used to say with a gay laugh.

The ten-game series must be played in the following order:

1. First game
2. Cherries-in-the-basket
3. Slow-Chicago
4. Forwards-and-backwards
5. Left-handies I
6. Fast-Chicago
7. Falling-Stars
8. Falling-Stars-Fast-Chicago
9. Double-Cherries-in-the-Basket
10. Left-handies II

All this will no doubt be clear to posterity, save perhaps the subtle difference in Games 3 and 6. The difference there is one of tempo.

Since the economic aspects of athletics are all too often ignored in the hum-drum of big league ball games, it might be well to set down some of the practical problems that are facing the jacks enthusiasts this year.

War Hits Jax Biz

Most serious during the war was the critical shortage of jacks. Most jacks had been made in Japan, and about 1940 the Jap jack interests took to manufacturing beach mines. Naturally that was a blow to the American sport. The matter was further complicated when American manufacturers, just beginning to re-tool for the lucrative jack trade, had to re-tool again and start making beach mines themselves.

Jacks, mostly of American manufacture, are back on the market now, however. Jacks are back, but not galvanized jacks. The equipment currently being used, even in the bigger leagues is highly susceptible to rust, and a rusted jack is no joke.

Up in the p.e. school only last week, Dean Leighton was heard to order an investigation into the fate of the galvanized jack.

Even more serious than the jack shortage, was the ball shortage, brought about also by the war. The high-grade balls to which players were accustomed before the war, gave way to cheaper imitations, often moulded from reclaimed inner-tubes, pipe stems, and pool table cushions. These balls tended to bounce off to one side, instead of bouncing straight in the air. Thus it became necessary to keep one eye on the ball, something unheard of in pre-war days.

Dissent on the Surface

Only last year a lively debate ran through the women's dorms, regarding the proper surface for the game. There was a group who preferred a highly-polished floor, believing that the slippery floor imposed a tricky handicap, thus making the game even more difficult.

Debate winners, though, were the girls with the long memories, who held out for a strip of sidewalk, with a high curb.

The semi-smooth concrete surface has since been adopted by the conference as the official field of play.

Snide Retains Chess Crown; Crowd Cheers

By ROOK HOLCOMB

Snarling, snappy Sammy Snide won his seventh consecutive game at the Igloo last night to retain the Northwest conference chess championship for the eleventh year in a row. As usual, he played blindfolded.

Snide's opponent was the masked marvel from Moscow, "Gambiteer" Morphy, who was checkmated in 17 moves. Snide threw his hapless queen, a bold bishop and both his knights into the conniving hands of the masked Morphy, but managed to finish with an astounding victory.

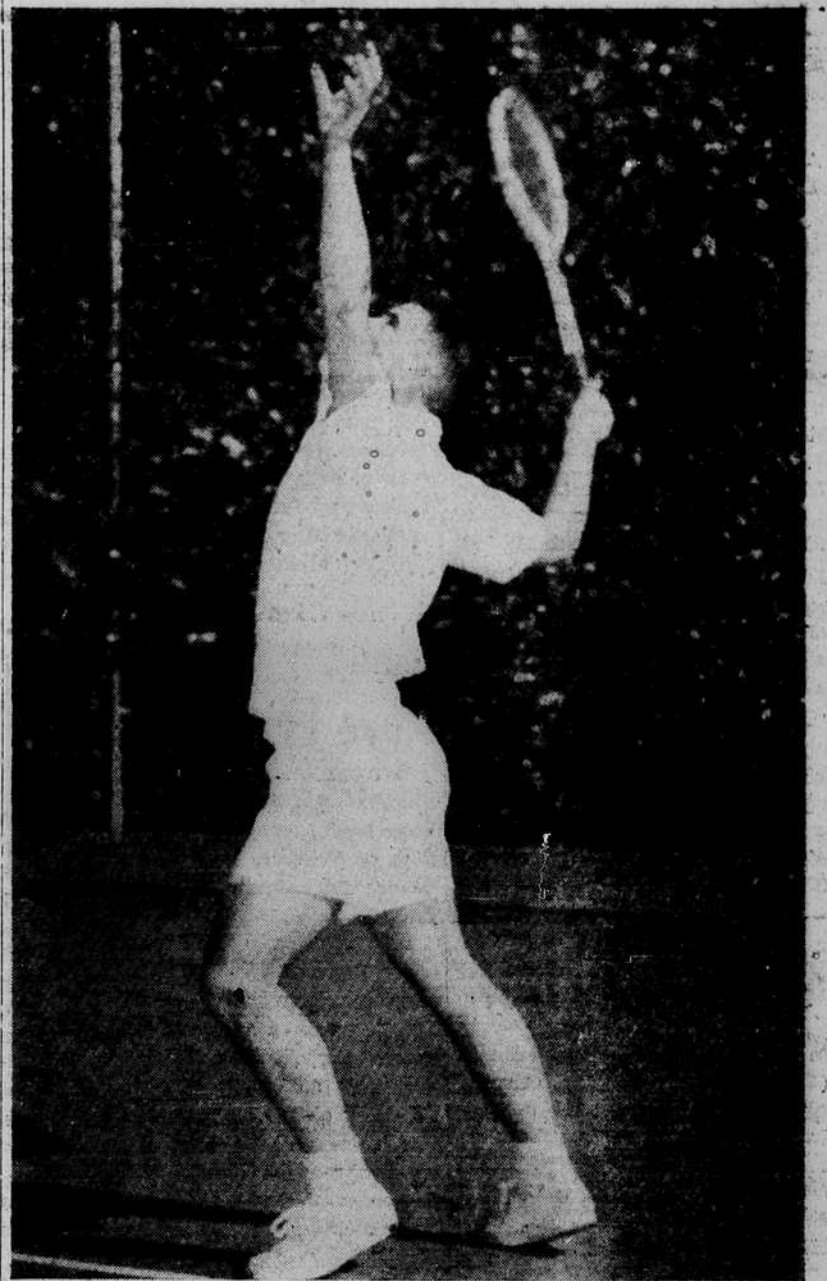
While the crowd, estimated at 7639, paled and gasped at Snide's audacity as he slashed through the masked man's defense with a daring number of men en prise at all times, Snide strutted about the floor with his two seeing-eye dogs and barked out his moves. On his fifteenth, when he sent his bishop to Q2, taking a rook and checking Morphy's king for the first time, several of the closest spectators, who were able to follow the game without benefit of the loudspeaker, began to cheer.

At that point one of the athletic supporters threw a beer bottle at Snide. Using tear gas, the police quickly quelled the small riot that followed.

Only seven casualties were reported, one being Snide's left seeing-eye dog.

A few minutes later when Snide called out, "R-Q8 mate," the crowd, estimated at 7632, jumped to its feet en masse and cheered.

All graduates of the school of business administration make \$5000 a year.



THE GUY with the racket is Wally Bostiek whose picture appeared on Page 1 Saturday. This morning it appears on the sports page where it belongs.

A small beer usually is smaller than a large beer.

Neither Omsk nor Omsk was named in honor of President Newburn.

Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Adams, and Etain Shrdlu wrote the "Declaration of Independents." Vote for them in 1-2-3-4 order.

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