

Varsity Hoop Squad Pruned to 25

With Assistant Coach Don Kirsch directing the session, the varsity basketball squad, pruned to 25 men, was sent through the paces yesterday afternoon. Head Mentor John Warren was not present as he had a speaking engagement at Roseburg to attend.

The cagers, rapidly rounding into early-season shape, will open their schedule November 28 and 29 at Vancouver, B. C., where they meet the University of British Columbia Thunderbirds. First Eugene

appearance for the Webfoot hoop men is December 2, when they meet the Portland Pilots, in the first of a two game home-and-home series.

Kirsch opened the practice by sending the candidates through limbering-up exercises which included wind sprints, running both forward and backward. After this the men were drilled on the pass-weave variations, tearing full-tilt down court.

Then Kirsch divided the aspirants into two groups, one com-

posed of the guards, while the forwards and centers worked on back-board and rebound play. The guards practiced two-on-one and three-on-two drills, in an effort to work the ball in close for good shots at the basket.

Short scrimmages between picked quintets closed out the session. Tentatively used on the first five were Marv Rasmussen and Jim Bartelt, forwards, Roger Wiley, center, and Stan Williamson and Al Popick, guards.

Time Trials Slated For Ski Team

Announcement of time trials for the varsity ski team aspirants, on November 21 and 22 at Santiam pass, was made Tuesday by ski coach and captain Jim Popp. All those interested in gaining a berth on the ski team are urged to attend.

Popp also announced that the Arnold Lunn, P.N.S.A. downhill race, held over the Timberline ski run on November 29, will be used as the second trial for the Webfoot slats candidates. Arrangements for rooms at the lodge and the entering of this race are to be made by the individuals.

The schedule for the 1947-48 season has not been completed as yet, although several probable meets are hanging fire. The only meet definitely scheduled is the National Intercollegiate meet to be held at Sun Valley on December 28, 29, and 30. Other possible meets are the Northern Division Intercollegiate meet, Coast Conference meet, Nevada winter carnival at Reno, and the Vanderbilt cup races on the Sugar bowl ski run in California.

Betas Renew Phi Delt Feud

The intense rivalry between Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi football field last week, as the Phi Delt squad defeated the Betas by a score of 14-6.

The battle initiated a three-sport intramural play-off schedule, according to Sheldon Jones and Bill Hanna, respective Beta and Phi Delt athletic managers. A basketball and softball champ will also be determined in post-season games between the two houses, and the winner of two out of three of the major IM sports will be given possession of a rotating trophy for one year.

Youngsters To Tackle City Frosh

By ELWIN PAXSON

Starting lineup for the Duckling-Portland university frosh football game Saturday will be announced today by mentor Carl Heldt prior to a light tapering-off session.

The game will be played on the practice field north of Hayward field, and bleachers are being erected on the east side of the gridiron to accommodate Duckling rooters. Kickoff time is set for 2 p.m.

Students must enter gates 16 and 17 on the east side of Hayward field to attend the game, it was announced by Athletic Director Leo A. Harris.

Pass defense was again emphasized in yesterday's workout and several backfield groups were drilled on covering both long and short passes, a noticeable weakness in previous Duckling encounters. Dummy scrimmage on running plays was also a part of practice session.

With the exception of Dick Patrick, frosh pivot-man, the yearlings will be at full strength for Saturday's battle, with no first-stringers side-lined by injuries. Patrick, one of the top defensive players on the squad, dropped out of school last week, and big Dave Gibson is slated to assume starting role Saturday. Gibson has already proved his worth as a defensive line-backer in the games against OSC, EOCE, and Washington.

Leading scorer for the Frosh thus far in the season is quarterback Earl Stelle, who has scored twice and booted one conversion for a 13-point total. Behind him are Doug Coghill, and Dick Mobley, ends, and Jim Hanns, fullback, who have each crossed the goal-line once. Oregon has scored 32 points in three contests to their opponents 34.

Ducks May Don Snowshoes To Battle on Cougar Gridiron

Oregon's Webfoots may face a new element when they tackle the Washington State Cougars Saturday at Pullman—snow. Flurries of the white stuff have been falling in the Palouse hills near the college town, and the weather report predicts more of the same for the weekend.

A frozen field is expected for the tilt, even if its not covered by snow. This time of year that section of country is undergoing blustery weather, so the Webfoots are likely to perform upon a hard turf.

Wednesday's practice saw the Duck gridders work without pads as they ran through a dummy scrimmage. First of the session was run under the ROTC drill shed, but when the rain let up the gridmen took to the main practice field.

Coach Jim Aiken alternated his first eleven on offense and defense while the reserves took the part of the Cougar squad, so the Ducks could get a look at what they will face Saturday.

Power Plays Due

Oregon's power offense will be used heavily again this Saturday, having shown up so well in the past three tilts. The starting combination of Jake Leicht, Jim Newquist, and Bob Koch as ball carriers will be relieved by George Bell, Keith DeCoursey, and Bob Sanders.

To these six men has fallen the most of the ball-packing duties this fall, and no changes are expected against the Pullman crew. DeCoursey has been the most recent addition to the ground-gaining ranks, having performed chiefly in the past two contests, but has already scaled to third place in the Duck ground-covering averages, with 4.8 yards per carry.

Line Rugged

Although Aiken pronounced Oregon play not quite as sharp against Idaho as in the previous two triumphs no changes are expected. The Duck forward wall, which has shown a willingness to

get tough, in rugged going, will probably remain the same for the Cougar tilt as in the past two games. A winning combination has been obtained with the use of alternates in some spots on offense and defense in the line, and these positions will again be exchanged.

At right guard Jim Berwick holds the spot on defense and Ted Meland on offensive maneuvers, and this acts to keep the line at peak strength at all times. Right end is also the scene of frequent changes, as Pete Torchia fills in on defense, and Wayne Bartholomy, Lou Robinson, and Larry Stoeven alternate the offense duties.

Today's practice will be the last heavy preparation for the Washington State game. The 37-man Duck traveling squad leaves Eugene by plane tomorrow at 2 p.m. for Spokane, and from there will go by train to Pullman. Aiken expects to give his charges a light workout on the battlefield Friday afternoon.

Oregon will be favored for the second game in a row to knock off their opponent. The Cougars will be playing before a partisan homecoming crowd, so the dopesters won't be giving too many points to the invaders.

The Webfoots will be in nearly top physical condition for the tilt. A few of the gridders are nursing minor leg bruises, but will be ready to go Saturday.

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Christmas Scene Hinders Cougars

Real, honest-to-goodness snow drove Washington State's Cougars into the field house yesterday to wind up their practice session for Saturday's game with Oregon. Coach Phil Sorboe decided that pass offense and defense were more important than snowball offense and defense.

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