

DUCK TRACKS

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Sports Editor

Down the road about thirty miles a band of disappointed Beavers are waiting, with a few misgivings, for the beginning of the Northern loop of the Pacific coast basketball conference. Yes, much as I hate to admit that any institution in our fair state could have a distinctly mediocre basketball team I'm afraid this is the case at Oregon State. After such a rip-roaring season last year, the Aggies will be hard pressed to stay out of the cellar this winter.



SLATS GILL

The team that carried the Orange torch to PCC title laurels a season ago, has almost completely vanished from the OSC scene, with only Cliff Crandall of the regular players left to do cage chores this year. Of course "Slats" Gill, the able Beaver hoop mentor, always has several good lads that he seems to pull out of the hat at the first game, but he'll need more powerful magic than that to floor a winning squad.

Webfoots Potent

Teams to beat in the Northern division will be Washington and WSC with the U of O Webfoots looming as darkhorses in the cup race. Coach "Honest" John Warren (the quotes not meant in a derogatory manner) has a team of great potentialities but whether he will be able to weave them into a winning pattern remains to be seen. Opening games against Washington and OSC will test the Duck pilot's ability to coordinate the local talent.

Turning to secondary schools for a paragraph or so, this afternoon on the Multnomah stadium turf in Portland, two teams will vie for the right to be crowned football champion of the state of Oregon. A scrappy contest is in order from The Dalles Indians and the Hillsboro Spartans, but the odds are well in favor of the Eastern Oregon contestants.

Hillsboro sports at the left-halfback position one Jerry Doyle, a 170-pound, swivel-hipped, track star with enough meat on him to perform line-plunging duties well, and light enough feet to run away from most of the pigskin-pushers around these parts. But alas and alack, this is just about the only claim to fame that the Spartans have, with about a 160-pound average line, and other backs not fleet enough or heavy enough to do any damage.

State Champ—The Dalles

In the other corner of the ring The Dalles Indians, the odds-on favorite to cop the title. Four speedy backs and a 190-pound average on the forward wall are backing up the bookies in the betting, and also the reason why they are my choice to be the prep gridiron monarchs of 1947.

The outcome of the Notre Dame-USC fray this afternoon will picture pretty well the result of the Rose Bowl tilt next New Year's day. As Michigan and the Irish are picked as tops in the nation, with about ten votes separating them in the AP sportwriters poll, both teams should, on paper, register approximately the same score against the Trojans. Of course the long lay-off between games could make a change in the pointage but it's improbable.

Prep Hoopers Start

Defending champs, the Washington high basketball Colonials are slated for the upper division laurels in Portland prep cage play, but the teams to watch will be the Jeff Demos and Grant Generals. The G-men have eight returning lettermen from their first division club last spring and will field the most potential squad although lacking in height. The round-robin schedule will begin Tuesday, January 13.

Chi Psis-Phi Psis to Clash

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games. The last Chi Psi victory was in 1941, 6-0.

One of the highlights of the long series occurred in 1935 when George Varoff, who held the world pole vault record at the time, intercepted a Chi Psi pass and sprinted 60 yards for a Phi Psi touchdown. The game turned into a 38-0 rout for Phi Kappa Psi.

The Chi Psi eleven has been under wraps during the last week of practice, and no official announcement has been made of the game captain for Sunday. However, it is rumored through the official information bureau, Alpha Phi, that "Choo-Choo" Charlie Rufner of frosh basket-

ball fame has been given the nod.

The Phi Psi gridsters, sublimely confident, have gotten no further than the chalk talk stage, preferring to save all their ebbing strength for the game. Late sessions have been held recently at Clingman's however. Les "Old Man" Hixson has been named to captain the eleven. Les was recently married, and it was felt that he had the necessary experience for the job.

Half-time entertainment will be provided by fist fights, a tap dance by Snowbelle (who will wear roller skates for the first time), and a chorus of "I've Been Working on the Railroad" by the Alpha Phi trio.

Staff Picks IM Squad

All-Star Volleyball Selections

FIRST TEAM "A"	SECOND TEAM "A"	ALL STAR "B"
George Van PeltATO	Dick BrownKappa Sig	Mickey BrophyATO
Chuck TaylorFiji	Al ThomasPhi Sig	Ray HeidenrichFiji
Ed DevaneyPhi Delt	Roy BaughmanOX	John KorenzSigma Nu
Lloyd MitchellYeomen	Ed SanfordDelts	Bill HarberOX
Bill HutchinsonOX	Ken MorinSX	Ralph DuncansonPi Kaps
Chet HaliskiFiji	Jim DunlapDelts	Chuck RufnerChi Psi

With the current volleyball season at an end, the outstanding players have been selected for the Emerald's All-Star teams and Fi-

jis have dominated the stars by placing three men on the mythical squad.

Some of the finest volleyball action displayed in recent years was evident throughout the season's play as the maple boards were abundant with talent. Picked by Jim Vitti, Bob Reinhart, and Ward Bebb, the IM All-Stars were selected for their ability at the net, spiking power, setting up plays, control and teamwork.

One of the big factors in the Phi Delt victory in the "A" league was the maple-board pounder, Ed Devaney, who continually spiked for valuable points and was a constant threat at either the net or back court. Chuck Taylor proved himself very apt at place shots from his net position for the Fijis or an easy tipover that dropped in close to the net or sidelines.

Outstanding for the powerful ATO sextet was leader George Van Pelt who assisted his team in many wins with a fine display of control and a fast net game. Lloyd Mitchell, the only independent of either league, copped fourth spot on the

first six, and Chet Haliski of the Fijis was second man from his team to nab a melon-ball spot. Bill Hutchinson, who proved his ability as a fine pigskin tosser in IM football, also spiked the volleyball in good form to hold down the final position on the first team, for his Theta Chi gang.

In lower-division play, Ray Heidenrich of Phi Gamma Delta and Chuck Rufner of Chi Psi, were sparkplugs of their teams by showing versatility in every phase of rotation volleyball.

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