

DUCK TRACKS

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Saturday night's officiating was quite an improvement over the previous evening's activities. Friday's game the Ducks had 33 fouls whistled in them, and Washington was charged with 31, for a total of 64 violations, a new conference record. But in the Saturday night contest which was just as rough, only 16 violations were whistled on the Ducks, and 22 on Washington. The second game was fast-moving all the way through, instead of dragging as the night before. Which is the way the game should be run.

What caused this turn-about on the part of the officials? A good reason might be the dubious 'power of the press.' Because the officials, especially the young newcomer Dwight Scheyer, certainly took a lambasting from the sports writers who viewed the tilt. High school refereeing it was called, and it certainly was. Its a good thing in the prep league, where the cagers haven't fully developed yet and fast hard action might be harmful. But Mr. Scheyer and company are with the big boys now, who are plenty capable of mixing it up, and as long as the game doesn't get out of hand there is no excuse for keeping such a close check on the action. A faster, more interesting game is the result of liberal officiating, which is the aim of the sport.

It Takes Team Play

Best example of real team play occurred in Saturday night's battle by Al Popick. Popick dribbled into forecourt with Dick Wilkins racing alongside and only one Husky defenseman between them and the basket. Popick had a chance for a shot, but Wilkins was in the clear, and without hesitation Al bounce-passed to Dick who easily canned the shot. That's the kind of play needed to build a championship squad.

Next Saturday's first 'Civil War' battle with Oregon State looms as a real donnybrook. The Staters, with only one regular from last season's championship outfit, Cliff Crandall, grabbed two contests from the highly rated Washington State club, 49 to 33 and 43 to 38. Last season the Beavers swept the four game series in a wild high-scoring set of games. The last time Oregon whitewashed their Cornvalley rivals was in 1937. In 1945, when John Warren filled in as head hoop coach the Web-foots split the series, two games apiece.

The Athletic Department's plan of closing the student ticket doors at 7:30 p.m. at basketball games in order to sell more tickets to the general public is going awry. Apparently the idea was that by having all students in Mac court by that time the excess space could be estimated, and then more tickets sold. But for both of the weekend tilts a sizable group of student fans failed to arrive at the required time and were locked out. After much shouting, scuffling, and swearing the doors were reopened both evenings by the deputy sheriffs on duty, and the latecomers admitted, thus defeating the plan.

Better Policy Is in Order

Seems like it would be a much better policy, since the game is supposedly for Oregon students, to set a constant figure of possibly 5000 for student attendance, and then sell general admission tickets for the rest of the space. The department knows how many activity books have been issued, and it seems certain all home games draw nearly a 100 percent turnout.

A new football opponent for the 1949-1950 seasons has been announced by the Athletic Department. A home-and-home series has been arranged with the University of Colorado, with the first in Eugene. Leo Harris, athletic director, is in New York for the NCAA meeting, and is reported to be angling for several intersectional series frays with "big name" schools. The 1949 season schedule is plenty rugged. After Idaho the Web-foots meet UCLA, WSC, Colorado, and USC on successive weekends; then an open date, followed by games with Washington, California, and Oregon State. And Harris is trying to line up a game for the one rest period of the season.

Speaking of football, Jake Leicht, Oregon's scatback halfback, picked up another honor. Leicht, who recently announced his professional contract with the Cleveland Browns, was awarded an honorable mention as the state's 'Athlete of 1947.' Jake led the nation in punt returns last season, and also paced the coast in ground yardage.



JAKE LEICHT

Theta Chi, Phi Delt SX Take IM Tilts

Today's Basketball Schedule

3:50 Court 40 Sigma Hall A vs. Sigma Alpha Mu A
3:50 Court 43 Kappa Sigma A vs. Delta Sigma Phi A
4:35 Court 40 Stan Ray Hall A vs. Chi Psi A
4:35 Court 43 Delta Upsilon A vs. Phi Sigma Kappa
5:15 Court 40 Merrick Hall A vs. Alpha Tau Omega A
5:15 Court 43 Beta Theta Pi A vs. Pi Kappa Alpha A

Handball

Beta Theta Pi vs. House of Lords

By JOHN BARTON

Winter term intramural sports opened last night in the physical education building with the opening round of basketball games. The action filled round saw Theta Chi defeat Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta down Minturn hall, and Sigma Chi ride roughshod over Sigma Phi Epsilon. The first handball match of the season went to the Sigma Alpha Mu team on an automatic forfeit when the Villard hall team failed to show up for the game.

Theta Chi, 22; Phi Kappa Psi, 8

In a game that saw shots a plenty and baskets few, the red clad boys from Theta Chi beat out a hard-driving squad of Phi Psi. Theta Chi established an early lead and built it up to 13 to 6 at the half time. High point man for the Theta Chis was Roy Boughman, who also took high honors of the day with 15 points. Vic Seilman potted four points to take honors for Phi Kappa Psi.

Phi Delt, 19; Minturn Hall, 16

Phi Delta Theta outlasted the team from Minturn hall in the closest game of the afternoon. Both teams used a tight defense and found trouble locating the basket in the first two quarters.

Two Country Jump Possible

Eastport, Ida., Jan. 12—(UP)—North America's only international ski jump may be rebuilt and put to use again as the result of recent interest in the once-famous course by Sam Wormington, Kimberly, B.C., sporting goods dealer, and others.

The original jump, built in 1931, starts in Idaho near this little town. In mid-air, jumpers crossed the international boundary line and landed on the Canadian side in the village of Kingsgate.

Wormington is heading a group of sportsmen who are considering the advisability of rebuilding the jump for use in the near future.

New Speech Class Open To Students

Students at the University who wish help in correction of speech difficulties were reminded yesterday by Dr. Kenneth S. Wood of the aid offered at the speech correction and hearing clinic at Emerald hall. Dr. Wood is director of the clinic.

The clinic, which offers its services to all interested students, deals with various kinds of speech and hearing problems, including hearing tests as well as determining possible need for hearing aids.

Those interested are asked to call at Dr. Wood's office in the rear of Emerald hall.

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California Top Team In SD Loop

Southern Division

Team	W	L
California	2	0
Southern Cal	1	1
UCLA	1	1
Stanford	0	2

The University of California climbed to the top of the heap in Southern Division basketball play by trodding over the University of Southern California, 53-40, Saturday night at Olympia Auditorium in Los Angeles. Chuck Hanger, Cal forward, paced his mates with a spectacular 27-point performance, which accounted for over half of his team's total. Hanger's spree set a new individual scoring mark for a Bear player.

UCLA's Bruins won their first Southern Division game Saturday night by conquering Stanford 55-47. The defending Division titlist Bruins had suffered one defeat previously. The winners trailed 20-9 at one point in the first half, but UCLA forward, Johnny Stanich, opened up with his long one-hander specialty that melted the margin and thrust the Bruins into a 26-22 lead at halftime. Stanich tallied 15 points for the victors, while Morley Thompson rolled in 17 points for Stanford.

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