

DUCK TRACKS

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Now that Oregon has swallowed her two bitter pills, and has been propped, temporarily at least, back down into the lower strata of the Northern Division basketball standings a big question has arisen. Who is going to stop the Washington Huskies? The Webfoots are all through with Washington for this year in regular scheduled play, so it won't be the Ducks.

Oregon State? The Beavers are currently in second place, with three victories against two defeats, and the Staters have the rough Inland Empire trip behind them. But Oregon State is the shortest team in the loop, and what will they do about big Jack Nichols? Even Rog Wiley, raed second as center in the ND only to Nichols, couldn't hold him down, as the veteran Husky poured 37 points through in the weekend series.



VINCE HANSEN

Oregon State gets their chance next Friday and Saturday nights when the Seattle crew comes to call, but the Cornvalley crew will be lucky to escape with only one loss. Of course, the visitors will have two strikes against them, playing on the crackerbox State floor, but it shouldn't hinder them for more than one game. And the Huskies get another shot at OSC the following week, when the State quintet returns the visit with a jaunt to Seattle. It doesn't seem likely that Oregon State can win more than one game out of the four-game series.

WSC Has the Best Chances

How about Washington State? Well, the Cougars did manage to inflict a one point defeat upon the front-running Huskies, but the following night Washington came back to smash the Cougars 51-36. Yet the Cougars have a better chance than anyone else, having a pair of players who might be able to stop Nichols. Six foot-8 inch Cougar Vince Hansen is beginning to regain the form that gave him the Northern Division scoring title although he still isn't making points with much consistency. But the Cougars have another tall lad, hefty Ray Arndt, who relieved Hansen at center. In the first Husky-Cougar game Arndt and Hansen were sent in together to check Nichols, and although Jack still dumped through 19 points the pair managed to keep Nichols from working the backboard too much. But the following night Art McLarney changed his Seattle quint's strategy, and kept Nichols back under the boards where the two couldn't keep on him as tightly. Of course, after putting two men on Nichols, the problem remains of how to stop Sammy White, or the other forward, Bill Vandenburgh, one of whom will be left unchecked by such strategy.

Both teams should be very strong for this meeting. Washington will be fresh from a two week layoff, and the WSC hoopers will have a ten day vacation preceding the two-game series at Pullman. Playing at home, the Cougars might grab one tilt.

What's Idaho's chances of defeating Washington? Pretty slim. The two don't meet until the very tail-end of the season, with all four games coming in a row, two February 23 and 24, and the last two ten days later. Center Jack Phoenix has a two inch height advantage over Jack Nichols, but that's all, and it won't be enough. At the very outside, Idaho can't win more than once from the Huskies, and possibly not at all.

Ducks Must Win 10 of 11 Tilts

So how does this stack up? What are Oregon's chances to slip in the back door and grab the title in the home stretch? Well if Washington drops one game of the four-game series remaining with Oregon State, loses once to Washington State in the two-game series remaining, and loses once to Idaho in the four-game series to be played, the Huskies will wind up with a season's record of 11 victories against 5 defeats. Washington has 10 games left to play, and quite possibly could lose three of them.

Oregon, on the other hand, has to go on the dreaded Inland Empire jaunt next week. If the Ducks can grab three games out of the four next week—one from Washington State and two from Idaho—can then come home and knock off the Vandals twice more, WSC twice more, and Oregon State three times more, without another loss, they will finish the season with a record of 12 victories and 4 defeats to nose out Washington. The Webfoots would have to win 10 out of their next 11 games to finish thus.

There is a mighty slim margin of one game to play with, and who knows? The pennant flag may hinge upon that one game. The question of the final outcome depends largely upon the showing Oregon makes next week in the four-games-in-five-nights swing of the Inland Empire. The results here can make or break the Webfoots for the rest of the season.

Comical Side Seen In IM Hoop Games

Lamda Chi, McChesney, Delts, Fijis Sig Eps, Campbell, Phi Delts, Cop Tilts

Today's schedule . . . all "B" games—
3:50 p. m. Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Cherney hall.
4:35 p. m. Phi Kappa Sigma vs. Chi Psi.
5:15 p. m. Pi Kappa Alpha vs. Delta Upsilon.

By DON BARTON

Tuesday's intramural basketball featured the comic side of the game in several tilts. Play in most of the games was ragged and none of the participating teams wore the nets out pushing in points.

The slowest game of the day saw the Lambda Chi Alpha team defeat the boys from Phi Kappa Psi, 8-5. Other results of the day were: McChesney hall 15, Nestor hall 12; Sigma Phi Epsilon 37, Minturn hall 10; Delta Tau Delta 13, Phi Gamma Delta 11; Campbell hall 15, French hall 7; and Phi Delta Theta 23, Phi Sigma Kappa 7.

Fast Play

In the day's opener, McChesney started fast and held onto its lead until the second quarter, when Nestor pulled out in front to lead at the half time by a score of 7-6. The game, the only one slating two A teams for the afternoon, was fast and showed ragged play by both teams. Bob McKean of McChesney was high with eight points, followed by Bill Lyons of Nestor with six.

In a game that looked more like a comic opera than an exhibition of basketball, the hard charging Sig Eps ran down a trying but losing Minturn hall quint. The game featured sloppy play and had the spectators, the referees, and the players rolling on the floor from laughter.

Comedy of Errors

The Sig Eps missed many cripple shots on their fast break, after stealing the ball from the Minturn boys. Minturn tried a serious, work-the-ball-in type of play, but it often ended in an uproar with nobody caring who won the game. High man for the Sig Eps was Paul Smithrud with 12 markers. He was followed by Minturn's Cyrus McCormick who reaped four points.

The lowest scoring game of the

Roughhouse Play

The ball seldom found the hoop, and some players began to wonder if there was such a mythical target. Because of the rate of speed employed by the players, and the stubborn inertia of the ball, elbows and knees met the floor with bloody circumstances. Half time score was 6-2 in the Lambda Chi's favor. Gordon Tovani to Lambda Chi was high with five points.

The undefeated Delta Tau Deltas stayed in the golden position by downing a stubborn quint of Fijis. The game was close from the start, and stood 4-4 at the end of the first quarter. The Delts edged out one point to go on top at the half, 5 to 4.

Fijis Get Score

Third quarter saw the Delts driving strong with stolen balls from their tight defense, take up a lead that had the Fijis worried for some time. A tied score occurred twice in the fourth quarter, but the powerful Delt team managed to edge out one more basket before the final whistle. High men were Doug Donahue of Delta Tau Delta and Max Angus of Fiji, each with four points.

The Campbell men grabbed an

early lead and were ahead at the half, 11-7.

Dwiggins High

Inexperience was the losing balance for the French boys, who had spirit, but trouble getting together in the game. Chuck Dwiggins put in five counters for Campbell to take honors while Erny Siere from French chalked up three for the losers.

A powerhouse team from Phi Delta Theta put down a band of fighters from Phi Sigma Kapp, 23-7, in the closing game of the afternoon. George Rasmussen crept under the backboards to score in the early minutes of the game for the Phi Delts. He built up a lead that put his team out of trouble.

Half time score stood at 16-1 for the Phi Delts. Both teams worked the ball in, but the Phi Delts worked it in a few more times than did the Phi Sigs. High for Phi Delta were Lou Urban and George Watkins with six points apiece, followed by Don Warneke of Phi Sig with four markers.

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Stag Lines

By AL PIETSCHMAN

Little Jack Horner
Sat in a corner
. . . B. O.

CAMPUS: Freshmen got their first taste of politics on the campus yesterday. Many of them were on hand early in the morning to mark their ballots for their choice. By noon some 500 of them had voted which shows that frosh do have an interest in what is going on.

SPORTS: Trainer Tom Hughes says that the basketball team needs plenty of ink after their losses to Washington—"keep up their morale," Tom says.

Guess we'll have to get signs for them like the football team had. "Beat WSC" and that type of hip-hip-hooray posters.

Speaking of athletics, a lot of people are going to be surprised when they see Pete Hill sporting a lettermen's sweater this year. Yes, the fabulous Hill earned his "O" in the last swimming meet.

Wonder if he will turn out for tennis this year, now?

CAMPUS: This cold wave with the clear weather could almost turn into picnic weather if the sun just got a bit hotter. Can't quite see it yet, however.

There were some special army blankets on sale at a nearby surplus store the other day; the blankets had a nylon back and one person remarked, "Just the thing for picnics." 'Tis easy to see what Ducks wait for—spring term!

SPORTS: Just about all varsity sports were going yesterday. John Warren had his basketball players warming up, there was a fundamentals of football class, and trackmen were limbering up on the ice-encrusted track. Where were the baseball men?

GALS: Valentine's day is in the offing and if you want to make points with a gal, remember they always go for little trinkets for their dresses, etc. We had a good look at those CARL GREVE, Jeweler, had in Portland over the weekend, and they will brighten any girl's eye. If you are in the big city before the 14th, drop in and take a look.

SPORTS: Latest exponent of skiing is Sally Waller. The only trouble is that she has bruises. And let her tell you where they are. We won't tell, Sally. (Pd. Adv.)

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