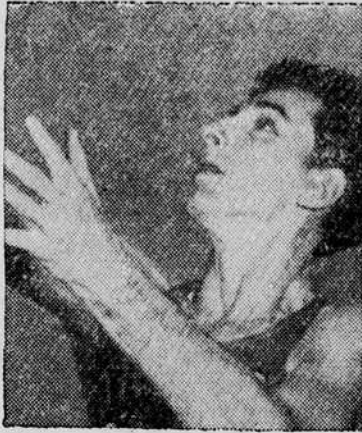


# DUCK TRACKS

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Stories about Oregon's disastrous invasion of the Inland Empire and those one-point defeats continue to trickle out. One of the latest is that Chuck Finley, head hoop coach at Idaho, was present at the Oregon-Washington State games, and checked on the timing of the two games. According to Finley's calculations, there were eight seconds lost in the overtime of the first game, and ten seconds lost in the second fray. Now, 18 seconds doesn't seem like much to beef about, until one realizes that Oregon lost each of those games in the last five seconds or thereabouts. Lots of things can happen in such a short space of time, as was proved in that series.

Speaking of Finley, the Idaho Vandals are protesting the one-point 41 to 40 victory registered by Washington State over the Moscow club. It seems, according to Idaho sources, that with the score 41 to 40 for the Staters big Jack Phoenix cast off with a shot at the Idaho basket, and was fouled in the act. The ball was in the air when the final gun sounded, according to the timekeeper who rules on such decisions, so the Vandals should have had two free shots coming. But coach Jack Friel sent his Cougar cagers to the showers, and declared that as far as he was concerned the game was over, and the Cougars had won. Finley, who is a newcomer to the league, is supposed to have answered Friel's claim with a verse of scripture: "The stranger came, and was taken in."



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## Spring Practice Date Set for Gridders

Jim Aiken has set April 5 as the first day of spring football practice. The 30-day session is expected to be filled with action, even more than last season, because Aiken is expecting a bigger turnout. The early workouts will be run to determine the potentialities of the 1948 eleven. Over 90 hopefuls turned out for spring practice last year.

Just before the recent Oregon State-Washington series at Seattle the Beavers' Slat Gill spoke to a group of sports writers and named his five greatest players. Ed Lewis, John Mandic, Wally Palmberg, Lew Beck, and Red Rocha made the grade. Gill also said that Cliff Crandall, forward on the present quintet who had another year of competition, would probably be worthy of inclusion by the time he graduates. Center Jack Nichols of the Huskies was called "probably the greatest player in the nation today" by Gill at the meeting.

## Low Scoring Cools Hotshots

The Cornvalley crew's low scoring pair of tilts at Seattle rather cooled off their ace point-makers. Cliff Crandall was high point man for the Beavers for the series with a total of 13 points. But Crandall wasn't the only hooper to have trouble. Big Jack Nichols, who at the start of the season looked like a cinch to break Vince Hanson's ND scoring record, also faltered badly. Nichols only racked up ten points the first night, and had to settle for a mesaly four the second. In order to break the record of 253 point Nichols would have to hit an average of nearly 19 points per game for his remaining six frays.

Roger Wiley is currently in second place in the ND scoring, with 125 points, for an average of 13.9 per game. Nichols has the top spot with 143. Wiley has a good opportunity to pass up big Jack because Nichols has performed in one more game than Wiley. They both face Idaho and Washington State, but Wiley also will be shooting against the Beavers for three more games.

## Ducks Have Dropped 11 One-Pointers

The two one-point losses to Washington State last week upped the total number of one-pointers played by Oregon to 24 since the ND was formed. The Webfoots have won 13 and lost 11 of that number, but have lost four straight to the Cougars.

Crowds at the remaining six home games at McArthur court are going to be entertained while waiting for the games to meet Salem high school at 6:15 p. m. on Friday night, and Orestart, and also during halftime. The freshmen hoop club will gon City the same time Saturday night. And during the half Friday night the King of Hearts for the Heart Hop will be selected.

Saturday night the entertainment will be put on by the Dad's Day committee. On February 20 the Bremerton, Washington, high school girls tumbling club will put on a show during the halftime. The girls are supposed to be really good in their acts. For the Washington State series the acrobatic club of Oregon's School of Physical Education will take over one night, and the School of Music the other.

# Three 'Bee' Teams Drub Foes As IM Cagers Enter Stretch

## All "A" Games

3:50 Phi Kap Psi vs. Yeomen  
Sig Ep vs. Legal Eagles  
4:35 Delta Sig Phi vs. House of Lords

Phi Sig Kap vs. Am Vets  
5:15 Pi Kaps vs. YMCA  
Lambda Chi vs. Sherry Ross

## By BOB REINHART

Three power-laden "B" quints battered their opponents into submission on the PE maples yesterday afternoon as the intramural basketball race steamed into the home stretch and left but three rounds of play remaining before the playoffs get underway.

The afternoon's action found the Sigma Nus hitting the hemp from every angle as they drubbed SAE 44-12. In the second tilt of the day the Theta Chis turned the tables on the Phi Sigs, 34-12. Sigma Chi grabbed the final battle of the day as they out-shot and out-fought a game Pi Kap team by notching a 22-16 triumph.

## Sigma Nu Wins

Lanky Wayne Bartholemy was the big gun in the Sigma Nu attack as far as SAE was concerned, as the sharpshooter hit from all angles to can 12 points for the day. The Sigma Nus were red hot from the very outset of the contest as they built up a sizeable lead in the

initial two periods and then coasted in for the easy win. The SAEs failed to get their scoring guns in range at any time as they constantly let fly with howitzers from beyond the key, which failed to connect.

## Theta Chis Keep Going

The Theta Chis kept in the winners' circle yesterday as they throttled an outmanned gag of Phi Sigs, 34-12. Starting slowly in the initial period and trailing at one time, the victors built up a shaky 14-6 half-time bulge. The

from all angles to lead at the final gun, 34-12. Doug Coghill led the scoring with a total of ten counters.

## SX "B's" Win

In the final tilt of the day the Sigma Chi Bees maintained their unblemished record by taking a wild 22-16 decision from a hefty Pi Kap five. Neither squad found the hoop with consistency in the first two periods as the half ended with the Sigs out in front 7 to 4. The leaders boosted their margin to eight points as the half began, as the entire Blue-and-Gold crew found their scoring eyes and countered four buckets while holding the Pi Kaps to one. The lead was short-lived, however, as the Dan Garza-led squad closed the gap at 18-16, as the third period ended. Sigma Chi added another field goal in the early moments of the final period and then proceeded to stall, to protect their scant margin. Lynn Hamilton broke loose in the waning seconds of the tilt and rifled home two buckets to take the game out of the fire for the Sigs. Hamilton led the scoring for both sides as he canned four field goals and a free toss for nine points.

All intramural basketball teams are requested to be on time for their games. Many of the squads have been taking full advantage of the ten minutes allowed them, and are consequently slowing up the tilts that follow. Teams not showing at the previously scheduled time will face a possible default from this time until the conclusion of the season.

red-clad men were just getting their scoring guns into position, however, as they turned the second half into a complete rout. They pumped shots through the hoop

## Oliver Takes Seattle Post

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 12—(UP)—Ed (Porky) Oliver isn't tired, nor has he grown weary of seeking the pots-of-gold of the year-around professional golfer's trail.

He wanted to settle down to the business of being a "family man" again so accepted the professional's job at Seattle's Inglewood golf and country club. The personable and successful golfer will take over his new duties May 1.

"I'll keep my fingers in several of the major tournaments," Oliver said. "But for the main part I want to settle down. Wasn't fair to my wife and youngsters—this being on the move for 50 out of 52 weeks each year."

## Huskers Deny Yeager Hired

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 11—(UP)—Chancellor R. G. Gustavson of the University of Nebraska denied tonight that Jim Yeager, former football coach at the University of Colorado, had been offered the combined job of head coach and director of athletics at Nebraska.

"Yeager has not been offered the job," Gustavson said. "I discussed the matter informally with him but made no offer. Yeager said he was not interested."

## Swimmers Pledged By Amphib Group

Four girls were formally pledged to Amphibians, women's swimming honorary, at a pledging ceremony this week. Presiding over the meeting was Betsy Moffit, club president. The new initiates are Adele Collingson, Diane Hoech, Elizabeth Sanford, and Melody Smith.

They have been chosen for membership because of their excellence in performance in swimming and diving tests given to candidates prior to the pledging.



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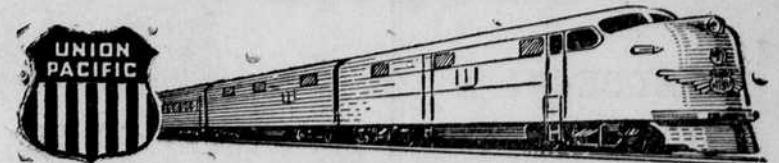
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