

# DUCK TRACKS

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For the first time since the Northern Division undertook a 16-game schedule, it appears quite probable that the eventual league winner this year will suffer at least six defeats. The only time that a winner lost that number of games happened in 1938 when Oregon captured the toga, in a 20-game campaign.



SLATS GILL

Washington State, leading the Division, has suffered four losses, but the Pullmen quint has a quartet of almost suicide games left—two with Oregon State at Corvallis, and a pair against Oregon on the Web-foot court. The Cougars can feel mighty lucky if they gain an even split against the Aggies, tonight and tomorrow night.

Oregon State has lost only one contest of six on the home floor, and that was the 42-41 defeat handed them by the Ducks. When the Cougars bump into the Webfoots, on the tailend of the four-game invasion, they are going to meet an Oregon team which is revenge-minded for the two one-point setbacks suffered at Pullman, three weeks ago.

John Warren's cagers have been pointing to the WSC series ever since returning from the disastrous Inland Empire invasion. Four contests in five nights isn't going to help the Cougar cause either.

### Webfoots Could Spoil Aggie Hopes

Slats Gill's Beavers, in the runnerup position, have the two Cougar tilts to hurdle, and then the Corvallis "simon-pures" finish the ND slate against Oregon. Again this puts the Webfoots in the very favorable spot of bringing out the crying towels in Bearverland.

Third place Washington already has suffered the quota of six setbacks, and finish out the season with a pair of games against Idaho in Seattle. The pesky Vandals might spring another upset on the Huskies, but the chances are pretty slim.

There is a big possibility that the Northern Division crown might wind up in two teams' hands, which would necessitate a playoff before the eventual winner goes South to meet the Southern Division titlist, with California having all but mathematically clinched the crown. The winner of this best two-out-of-three series then goes to Kansas City for the NSAA Western tourney.

### Gill vs Friel Should be Interesting

Action should be hot and heavy in Corvallis tonight when the two so-called deans of the ND coaching staff, Gill and Jack Friel, match skill. The two mentors are inclined to be of the whining variety, in that both never sit still or stay on the bench during a game, where they belong.

Perhaps because they have the longest service record in the league, Gill and Friel believe that they possess some inherent rights which newcomers Warren, Art McLarney, and Chuck Finley apparently haven't earned. Nothing looks much cheaper, from the spectators viewpoint, then to see a coach leap up at the slightest opportunity to complain to the referees or scorekeepers about some technicality.

Another interesting factor concerning Gill and Friel is that they are the only coaches in the loop who, when playing on their home floor, have a talk with the officials at halftime to express the opinion of how the white-shirted men are calling the game. Could it be that Gill and Friel predominate in these fields because they are trying to pull mediocre ball teams to the pennant, by hook or by crook?

### After All, This Isn't Cricket

The Oregon State publication, which has nothing to relate but tear-jerking stories about the Oregon basketball team recently came up with a new angle. After the declared ineligibility of Rook Don Fulgham, who played a year under Warren before transferring to OSC, the Corvallis sportswriters placed the whole blame for the loss of Fulgham at Oregon's feet.

Their conclusion was absolutely correct, but their implication that the Webfoots are a bunch of big bad boys for doing such a thing was a sour one. What do they expect us to do here, waive the league rules so that the Beavers can play men who, according to established league standards, are not eligible? This you-scratch-my-back I'll scratch-yours attitude just doesn't belong in athletics.

It's clearly apparent that in Northern Division play this year, the home town cage quint has an advantage of some sort or another. Washington has won five of six in Seattle; WSC five of eight in Pullman; OSC has taken five of six on the Corvallis floor; Oregon has a record of four and one at the Igloo; and even Idaho has captured all three of its league wins on the Moscow maples.

# Frosh Slate Defending Champs; Will Urban Still Leads Scoring

By GLENN GILLESPIE

Continuing their practice for a game with the Marshfield high Pirates, scheduled for this Saturday night, Coach Carl Heldt's Freshman basketballers performed on the Mac court maples yesterday afternoon in a long scrimmage with the Varsity.

Heldt's starting five, Will Urban, Bob Taggesell, Ernie Wilde, Jack Keller, and Don Peterson, looked good, managing to beat the Warrenmen in one 10-minute session. Center Taggesell turned in a top performance under the backboards.

The Ducklings, in quest of their 12th win in 16 starts, will have a light practice this afternoon before leaving for Coos Bay early Saturday. Bill Borchers' Pirates, defending state tourney champs, are expected to provide the Frosh with their toughest high school competition to date.

The prepsters have already cinched a spot in this year's tournament. Grants Pass has been the only squad to defeat Marshfield this year.

The Frosh scoring record continues to look the same, with Urban still on top with 148 points and a 9.8 per-game average. Peterson is second with 124 points. The 148 counters scored in the last three games brought the Frosh total to 810 points, for an even 54 average. The opposition has totaled 586 points, a 39 per-game average.

### Scoring Totals

Urban .....148

Peterson	124
Keller	107
Coleman	82
Taggesell	76
Fullerton	58
Slade	43
Artzt	41
Wilde	33
Mase	22
Barde	21
Hover	21
Miner	12
Ford	10
Lebenzon	8
Dasch	4

810

## Cougar Five Girds For Oregon State; Loop Lead At Stake

Washington State's Cougars face a stern test in their struggle for the Northern Division championship tonight when they match baskets with second place Oregon State at the Men's Gym in Corvallis.

Tonight's game is the first of WSC's Willamette valley series which sends them against the Beavers again tomorrow night and the University of Oregon Monday and Tuesday nights.

Slats Gills charges hold two early-season triumphs over the Cougars, 49-33 and 43-38. However, Vince Hanson, Cougar center, wasn't scoring as he has of late and Oregon State can expect to encounter a much tougher ball club this weekend.

Probable starters for the Cougars are as follows: Norm Lowery and Ed Gayda, forwards; Vince Hanson, center; George Hamilton and Bob Elliott, guards. Gill is expected to counter with Clifford Crandall and Alex Peterson, forwards; Len Rinearson, center; Dan Torrey and Dick Ballyntine, guards.

## Louis, Walcott In June Scrap

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 26—(UP)—Jersey Joe Walcott announced tonight that he had agreed to meet Champion Joe Louis in a return heavyweight title fight at Yankee Stadium on June 23.

His announcement was made personally in the jammed convention hall where the Negro challenger was presented with a "world Heavyweight Championship Belt" by the Police Gazette.

Walcott will sign for the return bout at 2 p. m. tomorrow at 20th Century headquarters in New York. He will receive 20 per cent of the net gate and of the radio and television receipts. Louis will receive 40 per cent of all receipts.

Tonight's announcement followed nearly two-months of bickering among the Walcott and Louis camps and the 20th Century Club.

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