

# DUCK TRACKS

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Well, Utah is beginning to move away from their previous desire to join the PCC, or at least the idea is countering some opposition from Utah. Joe Greaves, a sportswriter for the school paper, the Chronicle, brought up some good ideas, from the Redskin point of view, why they shouldn't join the conference.

The Skyline Six school has a good standing in its own region in football, but admits that it would not be a top-ranking power on the Coast. Some advocates of the move have claimed that a switch would increase the prestige of the Salt Lake institution, but we feel that a winning record in a less-potent loop is more impressive than a losing one in a bigger and better conference.

Another point that Mr. Greaves brought up that is worth mentioning is that the caliber of play in the Skyline Six in basketball is superior to that of the PCC. After all, Utah beat USC, one of the top powers in the Southern Division, three out of four times this year, and Wyoming won three out of four from the two Oregon schools during Christmas vacation.

## Ute Sticks Too Close to Top Teams

The Utah sportswriter is close to the truth, but he sticks only to the top teams in his backyard. Utah and Wyoming consistently come out with top-ranking teams, and both have won national championships. But there are some weak links in the Rockies top.

Denver usually has a poor team. This season they are a contender, but that is dependent on one man, Vince Broyla, the former AAU All-American. He's just about their whole team. BYU comes up with good quints occasionally, as does Utah State. Colorado A & M is in the same boat as Denver, only they don't have any Broyla.

In looking over NCAA records when teams from the two conferences have met, we find the PCC has won out three out of three times. This doesn't mean too much, since many of the Skyline Six quints play in the National Invitational Tournament, and two of the best mountain fives didn't meet any PCC teams on their way to national championships.

## Both Loops Have Won NCAA Title Twice

Both conferences have won the NCAA championship twice, Oregon winning in 1939, Stanford in 1942, Wyoming in 1943 and Utah in 1944. But the two loops didn't meet in an NCAA playoff until 1945. In that year, Oregon's young Webfoots, sparked by Bob Hamilton and Dick Williams, the latter a freshman, beat Utah 69-66 in a third place playoff.

In '47 and '48 Wyoming was whipped by PCC teams, Oregon State besting them 63-46 the first year and Washington following up with a 57-47 win.

All this means that we agree with Mr. Greaves. Let Utah stay in its own league. The two conferences are about on a par in basketball, but the PCC dominates the rest of the sports.

## Gayda Top Cougar Star

Big Rog Wiley is still the leading point-maker in the Northern Division, but the best percentage is owned by Eddie Gayda, the rubber-legged forward for Jack Friel's Cougars. Gayda is 6-foot 3-inches, but he has amazing spring in his legs.

Beyond a doubt the 200-pound junior is the best man on the backboards for his height in the loop. But this has been the first season that he has started to score a lot. His main stock in trade is an "unstoppable" hook shot that he hits consistently within ten feet of the bucket.

John Warren is working on ideas for stopping the Cougar star. One that he might use is putting 6-foot 8-inch Bob Amacher on Gayda. Amacher, though not much of a scorer, is a ebarcat on defense and loves to play defense. He would also be a power on the boards.

## Duck Swimming Caliber Going Up

Oregon swimming is on the way to the top again, after an interlude following the war.

Washington, with greater depth, usually wound up on top, but the Ducks were close behind.

Washington has never finished below second, and Oregon has wound up as low as third only three times. The Huskies have won eight championships since 1934, the year Northern Conference meets were started. Oregon, during the same period, has won four with Oregon State the only other team to win, and then only once.

Washington has won the last four championships, including all three since the war. The Webfoots, after being pushed down to third for the past two years, look like they will climb above that this season, and might well give the defending Huskies a rough go for the top spot.



Eddie Gayda

# Runaway Scores Common in Intramural Basketball Action

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- 3:50 Court 43 McChesney hall A vs Legal Eagles A
- 4:35 Court 43 Cherney hall B vs Beta Theta Pi B
- 5:15 Court 43 Nestor hall B vs Phi Kappa Sigma B

Runaway scores predominated in intramural action yesterday, the only close score coming in the one B tilt of the afternoon. In the one B game, Tau Kappa Epsilon beat Minturn hall 15-13. A results were Sigma Phi Epsilon 38, Westminster 6; Fizzeds 41, Sherry Ross hall 12; Stan Ray hall 37, Signify Nothing 9; Pi Kappa Alpha 22, Phi Sigma Kappa 13; and Delta Tau Delta 26; Tau Kappa Epsilon 14.

The Deltas, paced by the backboard work of big Bob Kehrl and Darrel Hawes play in backcourt, were never headed by the Tekes but were unable to run away with the game.

Hawes was the big gun in the Delt attack, netting 12 points. Kehrl chipped in with 10, giving this combination 22 out of the winning 26 tallies. The Tekes were paced by Howard with five, all from the free throw line, and Cheeseman with four.

The Pi Kapps and Phi Sigs fought on even terms throughout the first half, which ended 8-7 for the Pi Kapps. They pulled away to win easily after intermission.

High for the game with nine points was Dutch Reich of the winners. He was helped out by his brother and Tony Klobas, both with four. Norv Liska hit five for the losing quint.

Stan Ray scored at will against the hapless Signify Nothing five, romping all the way to an easy win. They piled up an early lead and coasted home.

Perry and Arnold paced the winners, both getting 12 points. Kane hit six of the losers nine points.

Rolling up the highest score of the afternoon, the Fizzeds, composed of PE majors, ran wild in chalking up their impressive win over Sherry Ross. The winning five ran around and through the hallmen to score an easy win.

Eddie Gudgel was the big wheel in the attack, netting 16 points from all over the floor. Ray Stratton was

and Gordon Albright added seven next with 8 tallies. Rod Johnson and Bill Hammerbeck both bucketed four for Sherry Ross.

The Sig Eps waltzed by Westminster with no trouble, running the under-manned losers into the floor.

Paced by Don Bigger, who was high with nine points, the winners were never in trouble. Bob Zeller

each to the total, with Dom Provost and Will Christensen both hitting six.

In the one B game of the day, the Tekes squeezed through after a hard fight from Minturn. Free throws proved the margin of victory, the winners bucketing five to only one for the losers. Minturn hit six field goals to five for the winners.

Anderson placed the Teke quint, hitting nine of their 15 tallies. Brice was tops for the losing five with six points.

# OREGON DAILY EMERALD SPORTS

## Wiik-Wiki, Tri-Delt Triumphs Starts WAA Basketball Season

By Liz Erlandson

Wins of Delta Delta Delta over Highland house II 26-18 and Wiki-Wiki over Alpha Omicron Pi 28-1 in yesterday's games marked the beginning of this year's WAA intramural basketball season.

Paced by Joan Risley with 12 counters and Mary Penwarden chalking up 9, the Tri Deltas took an early lead and held it, with the half time score at 15-10. High scorer for the losers was Wilma Earnest, who collected 16.

Leading the well-organized off-campus team, Wiki-Wiki, was Viola Robbins who sank 16 points. Flo Hansen's free throw gave the AOPis their only point.

Teams were divided into leagues last week with Zeta Tau Alpha, Hendricks hall, Delta Delta Delta, and Highland house II in League I; Alpha Xi Delta, Gamma hall, University house, and Alpha hall in League II, Alpha Omicron Pi,

Wiki-Wiki, Highland house I, and Pi Beta Phi in League III; and Rebec house, Alpha Chi Omega, and Alpha Delta Pi in League IV.

The playing schedule has been changed from the "round robin" method originally planned to a double elimination tournament with any team being eliminated after losing two games.

Playing today will be Alpha Xi Delta and Gamma hall in the outdoor gym and Alpha Chi Omega and Rebec house in the indoor gym.

## Fleming Injures Ankle

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP) Oregon State's big first string center, Ed Fleming, went on the injured player bench today just as guard Dan Torrey came back into action from a month-old hurt.

Fleming severely injured an ankle in a backboard scramble as the Beavers prepared for the weekend series with Washington.



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