

DUCK TRACKS

By DON FAIR

In this weekend's series with Long Island, Oregon spectators have the opportunity to feast their eyes on a basketball team coached by the nationally-known Clair Bee of the Blackbirds. Bee, in his 18th year at the cage helm of LIU, originally went to the New York school as a football and baseball mentor.

After one year at those positions, he was shifted to basketball head man when his predecessor resigned, and he's been at that spot ever since. Bee, married and the father of a three-months old boy, has captivated the heart of the Gotham fans with his consistent winning teams in the Garden area, this year's quintet being no exception.

Just where the LIU mastermind digs up his material is unusual in itself since he obtains his players "from a 20-mile radius within the city of New York." Madison Square Garden is practically the home court for the Blackbirds, as they have played 11 contests there this season, with 2 to go this year.

Bee Also Has a Dairy Farm

But coaching isn't the only interest of the colorful Bee. Six months of the year he devotes to his LIU duties, and the remaining six months he spends on his Holstein dairy farm, located 120 miles from New York city. As an added sidelight, Bee writes sports fiction stories for youngsters of grade school age primarily. He has written several other comprehensive basketball books for general public consumption, however, and is also connected with television and radio in his home town publicity hub.

LIU Coach Commutes to School by Subway

When not busy with the duties of his up-state dairy farm, Bee and his family live in a New York hotel. He commutes to the school by means of the well-known subway. When he was only 10 years old, his father died, and Bee assumed the responsibility of raising and taking care of the rest of the family. Add to this the fact that he is a happy-go-lucky, personable man off the floor, and a hard loser when his team is in action, and you have Clair Bee, a credit to basketball.

Fans will notice in the Long Island games that on free throws, each team will have a man under the basket, instead of two defensive players guarding the bucket. The latter procedure is a ruling only applicable to West Coast teams, while the remainder of the country uses the standard procedure. The Coast's reason for putting two defensive men under the basket on free throws was to do away with tip-ins following a missed gift shot.

Is Coaches' Timeout Conference Necessary?

Of interesting note, concerning the 1949 cage rules, both Bee and Oregon's John Warren agree that allowing the teams to confer with the coaches during a timeout is nonsense. As Warren puts it, "If my team is 20 points ahead, what can I say to them anyway. And if they're 20 points behind, there's little I can tell them to help the situation."

Bee has sided along with Warren on the too-many-fouls-situation, both believing that something should be done but just what approach would solve the problem neither can say. In football rulings, the offensive team is penalized for stalling in the final minutes, but in basketball, the present rules encourage such action. For instance, in the final Washington game it actually took 12 minutes to finish the final three minutes of playing time.

Is Greg Putting Cart Before Horse?

L. H. Gregory, sporting editor of THE OREGONIAN, seems to be putting the cart before the horse in advocating allowing only three personal fouls a game per player. Greg cites for his argument the fact that a few years ago, three fouls on a player was an uncommon occurrence.

And yet records will pretty much verify that some of the best ND players, Wally Palmberg, Bobby Anet, and John Mandic to name a few, seldom went through a game with less than three fouls on them. What we think Greg is overlooking in his argument is the fact that the cage game has come by leaps and bounds particularly in the last five years.

Basketball has speeded its tempo into a faster game. It's a scientific study now of outguessing the opponent with various devices such as screens, precise plays, and a striving for perfection, which wasn't as prevalent in the game a few years back. What the best solution is, no one knows. But until a better one comes along, we'll side along with the theory of forcing the offensive team to take its foul shots in the final three minutes. The fans still like to see action, and under the present setup, they get a dose of just the opposite at the end of a game.

Beta Theta Pi Sweeps Handball

Beta Theta Pi swept all three matches from Phi Kappa Sigma in intramural handball Friday afternoon. **Price 21-3 and 21-4 in the first singles match, and Alby Bullier won handily from Duane Greer 21-9 and 21-10 in the second.** In the doubles pairing Bill Vranizan and Roger Mast took both games from George Waliser and Denny Clark by scores of 21-9 and 21-14.

Five 'B' Basketball Outfits Breeze to Intramural Wins

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

3:50 Court 43 Omega Hall A vs. Pi Kappa Phi A

4:35 Court 43 Delta Upsilon A vs. Minturn Hall A

5:15 Court 43 Sederstrom Hall A vs. Phi Delta Theta A

Intramural basketball action was limited to only B competition yesterday, with seven points being the closest margin of victory as five fives swept on to victory.

Phi Gamma Delta put down a game Delta Upsilon quint by a 14-7 count, Delta Tau Delta smothered Stan Ray Hall 18-8, Phi Delta Theta waxed Minturn 31-14, Phi Sigma Kappa marched over Chi Psi 16-9, and Tap Kappa Epsilon ended the afternoon round with an 18-6 win over Pi Kappa Phi.

The only scheduled A tilt was forfeited to Theta Chi when Hunter Hall failed to put in an appearance.

Fijis Double Score

The Fijis doubled the score against DU at halftime, 8-4, and again at the final whistle 14-7, thanks mainly to Lloyd Hickok who did some fancy passing, and dropped in the Fijis' last two field goals. His teammate, Heidenrich, was high with five tallies, while DU Stockstad scored 4.

In a rough and tumble contest the Delts smashed Stan Ray's B squad 18-8. The Delts held the Vets Dorm team scoreless in the initial period while they rang up 7 counters for a decisive lead. It was 13-3 at the half, and the Delts went on to win handily. Good checking by the guards held the Stan Ray outfit to their low score.

Frosh Swamp

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Kirsch substituted freely in the last period and the subs did more than hold their own. Forward Phil Settecase set the pace with a pair of two-pointers.

Cook Hits for 17

Coach Dusenberry's fine pivot, Cook, was the shining light for the visitors and wound up with over half of his team's points, scoring 17 markers.

Bill Clausen, frosh forward, played a fine floor game besides tallying 11 points to lead his team's scoring.

Little Mouse Owens and Ken Hunt were the guiding lights behind the Oregon fast break, which looked very sharp, at times.

Box score:

Duck Frosh	Pos.	Lions
Clausen (11)	F	(2) Mickey Carr (8)
Vranizan (7)	C	(4) Shaeffen Vranizan (7)
Hunt (9)	G	(17) Cook
Owens (4)	G	(2) Anderson
		(5) Eastburn
Substitutes: Oregon: Settecase (4), Kihilson (2), Gilbert, Korpela, Berg, Chaney, Joyce, Hultgren, Leeder, Van Ducci. Lions: Kruze (2), Hilliken, Chapman.		

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Giants Become Fifth OB Club To Sign Negroes

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (AP)—The New York Giants today became the fifth Major League Baseball club to hire Negroes when they purchased outfielder Monte Irvin and Pitcher Ford Smith from the Negro National League.

Their contracts were immediately turned over to the Jersey City Giants, an International League Farm Club.

Irvin and Smith will report to the Little Giants training camp at Sanford, Fla., next March 10.

Natator Team

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in high school, Don held many titles and records.

The backstroke will be Oregon's strongest spot as they will have Earl Walter, defending champion in the 100 yard back, and Ted Antonsen, runner up to Walter now for two years.

Both of these men are tops in the state and have been for some time. Predictions are that Antonsen will have a most rosy future in ND swimming as soon as he gets out of the yearling class.

Holds AAU Bauble

Ted is also the State Outdoor AAU champ in the 100 meter backstroke and is labeled as good competition for the title holder, Walter.

The last man on the list will be Pat Blue, another freshman this year who will round out the four man relay team for the Duck group. They hope to be in the money in this event.

SAVE ELECTRICITY

4:30 to 7:30 p. m.

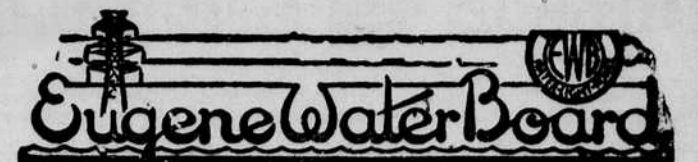
Peak-period use of power must be curtailed to avoid the hazards of failures in distribution lines and transformers in Eugene and vicinity. The Northwest Power Pool, in which the Eugene utility is participating, is also appealing for saving of electricity during this critical period—4:30 to 7:00 p. m.

The cold-weather season has made the overload problem particularly acute. Your cooperation in preventing outages is solicited.

Here are some of the things you can do:

Turn off electric heaters, unless you absolutely require them. Avoid use of electric clothes driers. Snap off all lights you are not using. Avoid ironing or baking, or use of heavy power appliances during this period.

Remember, the entire Pacific Northwest is taking part in this power-saving measure during the critical hours.



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