

DUCK TRACKS

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Today we'll try a change of pace and piece together a few items scraped up out of the sports barrel, items gathered from Oregon and other surrounding points on the compass . . .

Colorful **Clair Bee**, the West Virginia mountaineer who also knows a spot of basketball, let fly some interesting observations during his successful stop over in Eugene . . . Said the short, quick-lipped LIU coach, "Kentucky's Alex Groza gets my nod as a better center than Ed McAuley of St. Louis." . . . In fact, the amazing Mr. Bee, as ornery a cuss as ever buzzed around a basketball court, but also a sports writer's dream, didn't seem to have much respect for Ed Hickey's whole Billiken outfit . . . "Kentucky should have run them right off the floor," he claimed, commenting on the recent Sugar Bowl cage finale which saw St. Louis edge the Wildcats.

Best All-Around Cager: Bob Cousy

An even more surprising observation was his designation of Holy Cross's Bob Cousy as the country's finest all-around star . . . This is quite an accolade, especially since it comes from one of the nation's most highly esteemed authorities . . . Yale's Tony Lavelli, who has perfected the one-hand push shot a la Luisetti, is being heralded by most guessperts as the flashiest player East of the Potomac . . . But Bee, while agreeing that the Eli ace was a pretty fair country player, said that Colgate's Ernie Vanderhage is even better.

As for Kentucky's Ralph Beard, Player of the Year in 1947-48, Bill Lai, Blackbird assistant coach, described him as the best little man playing today."

Bee was quite frank in appraising his own players . . . He not only declared that the present LIU five doesn't nearly stack up to the teams he's fielded in the past, but he also made it plain that the team's spirit is splintered by the presence of several recalcitrants . . . "I'll have a good ball club next year after four or five of my seniors graduate."

Bee, Lipman at Odds with One Another

His particular target was Lou Lipman . . . And Lipman revealed that the chilly feeling is mutual (similar to the recent differences between Jim Aiken and Norm Van Brocklin, as reported in this space).

Long Island's visit here showed that the Southland doesn't have a stranglehold on racial discrimination . . . Eight members of the team entered an eating establishment in Eugene the other night and asked for service . . . The attendant looked them over, and, crooking a finger at Sherman White, the 6 foot, 6 inch Negro forward, said, "I can serve all of you except him." . . . They promptly turned on their collective heels and stalked out . . . For our money, the boys should have reversed usual procedure and lynched the attendant right there on the spot.

A Few Brief Pickups From Here and There

Now for a quick ride over other territories . . . The Pacific Coast landed a couple of jewels in the way of sports attractions for the late Spring and Summer . . . Washington is busy getting things in order for the NCAA basketball playoffs March 26 . . . That's the grand finale to the season, and will bring together the classiest quintets now in the college ranks . . . And down in Los Angeles, they are getting all hepped up over the NCAA track championships which will get billing in the Coliseum in June . . . Reports that Bert LaBrucherie, who was eased out of the UCLA coaching job under pressure, might wind up at Arizona are probably erroneous . . . The latest dope spilled around the Southern circuit was that he would ink a contract with Los Angeles City College . . . Quite a comedown for a man who only three years ago skippered a team into the Rose Bowl.

Stanford is beating the tom-toms for George Yardley, who many well-versed scribes are tabbing as the best cager to hit the PCC since Jim Pollard . . . USC supporters, with its high scoring Bill Sharman, haven't been convinced yet.

Weazened Little Guy Has His Quick Say

Jack Swaner, one half of Cal's Blond-Bomber pair and a lad who covered acres of ground last fall with a pigskin against his torso, has departed from Berkeley and has become a lumberjack . . . Notre Dame's number one quarterback prospect, Bob Williams, who is in line to supplant Frank Tripucka, is bent on trying sports writing for a profession . . . Ditto Washington's Ansel McCullough . . .

It was only yesterday that we again bumped into the weazened little guy with the trim black goatee . . . He was beaming from ear to ear . . . "Remember the story I told you the other day about a few high school football stars I knew had been showered with enough offers to make the NCAA Sanity Code look like the most insane, and also unadhered to, piece of legislation ever to make liars out of the men who wrote it? Well, I now have learned that Stanford is in line for a pretty heavy fine because of its under-the-table recruiting activities." . . . With that, the weazened little guy winked, and then hurried away.

Kentucky Leads AP Hoop Vote For Third Week

NEW YORK, Feb. 2—(AP)—Kentucky is the new No. 1 basketball team of the nation, replacing St. Louis university in the third weekly Associated Press poll of sports writers and sportscasters.

A 24-point victory involving the magic name of Notre Dame sent the Wildcats out front for the first time. Kentucky has won 14 and lost 1. St. Louis has a 13-1 mark.

Forty-three different schools were mentioned by the 71 participants, who gave Kentucky a 39-25 margin in first place ballots. The other No. 1 votes were divided among Oklahoma Aggies with 4 and Western Kentucky, Illinois and Stanford, with one each.

Aggies Next

Back of Kentucky and St. Louis come the Oklahoma Aggies, who avenged an earlier loss by Thumping DePaul of Chicago, 37-26.

Illinois, which handed Minnesota its first loss after 13 straight, 45-44, edged into fourth place ahead of the Gophers.

Western Kentucky (16-1) knocked out the unbeaten division by Eastern Kentucky, 42-40, slipped two pegs from fourth to sixth.

Then come Villanova (12-1) and Hamline (14-0), the nation's only unbeaten major team, seventh and eighth respectively.

Stanford Jumps

Stanford moved into the top 10 in the poll, based on games played through Saturday night, by downing San Jose State and Pittsburgh to make 17-2 for the year.

San Francisco, a 56-49 victor over Arizona, dropped one place to tenth.

Stanford is the only new face in the top 10. It ousted Utah which was upset by Brigham Young twice in three days.

The second 10 underwent a thorough reshuffling with Washington State, DePaul and Baylor dropping out to make way for Bowling Green, New York university and Eastern Kentucky.

The Cougars slipped into a tie with the City College of New York for 21st place.

Six I-M Squads Advance Toward Basketball Crown

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

3:50—Chi Psi vs. Sherry Ross
4:35—Fizzeds vs Pi Kappa Alpha
5:15—Sig Nu vs. Signify Nothing

By Rodger Eddy

Six A games were on Tuesday's intramural basketball slate, as Nestor hall dumped Beta Theta Pi, 19-13, Phi Kappa Psi edged Chorney hall, 23-20, and Campbell club outlasted French hall by a 27-19 count.

Sigma Chi smeared Sigma hall, 51-6, Sigma Alpha Mu whipped the Agates, 47-20, and Lambda Chi Alpha smothered Merrick hall, 37-4.

Dale Polley led the Nestorites with some fine work on the floor and backboards, though Courtwright and Hank Chaney carried their scoring burden with five and four points respectively. Nestor took an early lead and was never headed.

Cherney Over Phi Psi

In the day's thriller, a game gang from Chorney hall was shaded by the Phi Psi five. Cherney held a one-point bulge at halftime, 10-9, but couldn't quite hold on to it. Phi Psi Gene Hover was high with

11 counters, while Morrison of the losers followed closely with nine. The Campbell Clubbers drubbed French hall, allowing the opposition only four points in the initial half. Then the dormers came to life, and pushed 15 points through the hoop in the second half, while holding the Clubbers to an equal number.

The twelve first half markers of the co-op boys was too big a margin to overcome, and French bowed, 27-19.

Sigma Chi held Sigma hall scoreless in the first half, as they
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I-M Handball Results

Another clean sweep was recorded in intramural handball Tuesday, as Theta Chi thumped Stan Ray Hall in all pairings by set scores of 2-0.

In singles competition, Collie trounced Witt 21-4 and 21-8, and Herb Nill dumped Hammersmit 21-12, 21-14.

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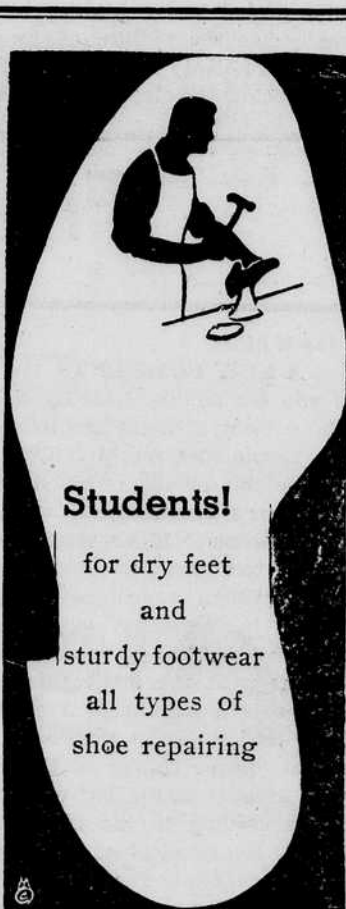
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