

# DUCK TRACKS

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Oregon and Washington have several similarities this year. Both have much better luck at home than they do on the road, one of the main reasons neither one are still title contenders.

Of course, Washington has the more impressive record to date, and that, coupled with their two earlier wins over Oregon, will make them the favorites this weekend. But don't be surprised if they get dumped twice.

Just what kind of ball John Warren's Webfoots are capable of playing was well demonstrated in that hectic and frantic Long Island series. If they play that way consistently, then can beat any team in the Northern Division, and, perhaps, on the Coast.

## Oregon Tough When on

But the Webfoots are too inexperienced to always play good ball. They usually play on about the same level as their opposition, though this rule doesn't hold fast. But they have been just beaten so many times by such narrow margins that it does seem logical to say that they play on about the same plane as those they play.

If Oregon is "up" for a game, they will make it tough for their opponent. After all, they nearly beat a Long Island team that was a favorite by a big margin.

And they ran away from Idaho after having a hard time getting a split in Moscow. They came mighty close to beating a potent Stanford five, now in the first ten in the country according to the Associated Press, and might well have done that with the services of Paul Sowers all the way.

This Webfoot quint is pretty much a home team. They play their best ball here, before a friendly crowd. That isn't unusual in this day and age; every school in the Northern Division is the same way. But if the Webfoots were able to do half as well on the road as at home, they would be up in title contention.

## Webfoots Still Have Faint Chance

As it is, Oregon is pretty much out of the title race. About the only way the Ducks could win would be to take the rest of their games, which includes two against Oregon State at Corvallis, and have WSC drop at least two tilts somewhere along the line, probably to the Beavers.

But the possibilities of this happening aren't too strong. Oregon State might drop three games, possibly four of their remaining games with Oregon and WSC. The Cougars could lose four out of four on their two separate trips to the Willamette Valley. They probably won't win over one, in fact.

But the whole scheme hinges on Oregon beating the Beavers in their cramped and crowded Men's Gym in Corvallis. They did it once last year, and are capable of doing it again.

Looking at it from the bright side, it could well be done. But for any team to take two games from Oregon State on their home floor, especially one that's been as erratic as Oregon has this season, would be something.

That's saying nothing of sweeping two-game series with Washington and Washington State, both of whom have already beaten the Webfoots twice on their home floors, and Oregon State in the Igloo, no easy task in itself. It probably won't happen, but it would sure be nice.

## Washington Freshmen Rated High

Washington will come to town with one of the highest-rated sophomores on the Coast, even though he might not start. A former flash from Bremerton High, Louie Soriano is expected to make the Northern Division sit up and take notice. He might not do it this season, but watch out for him in the next two years.

He can score, and score plenty. He averaged a very good 17 points per game his senior year in high school, and hit 107 tallies to top the Husky Frosh a year later. He's also listed as a top-notch floor man with everything to be a great.

If he does start, he'll have to nose out veteran Andy Opacich, a pretty fair guard himself. Opacich put on a very fancy dribbling exhibition here last year, and broke up one of the play-off games between Washington and California by dropping in 16 points after taking over for Bobby Jorgenson.

Jorgie had to be taken out because the crowd was on his back for being in the way when Chuck Hanger took a flyer and wrecked his knee on Mr. Jorgenson's back.

Sammy White won't be at a forward post when Friday night rolls around. The Husky trickster will team with either Soriano or Opacich at guard, the third position he's played this year. He started out as center, then changed places with Bill Vandenberg and became a forward, and then shifted to guard when Jim Mallory, long a reserve for Jack Nichols, started scoring and couldn't be kept off the starting five.

## Aqua-Ducks Set for Seattle Trek.....

# Swimmers to Face Touted Huskies

This coming weekend promises to be a rough one for Coach John Borchardt's Oregon swimmers. The Aqua-Ducks will journey to Seattle for an evening encounter with the defending ND swimming champions, the University of Washington, Saturday, February 5.

The Huskies' edition this year is rated by many the finest aggregation in the history of the conference. The Ducks are going to have to go some to keep the score down and look good in the same pool.

Although this year's edition at the Men's Pool is the best since the war and one of the three finest teams in the history of the school it is hard to realize the tremendous reserve and depth which the Husk-

ies have, making them such a formidable foe.

### Walter Leads Oregon

Leading the Duck invasion will be co-captain Earl Walter, who is one of the better backstroke and individual medley swimmers of the conference. Walter will be looking for points in the backstroke, but will face such potent talent as George Heaney, ND champ, and Bob Miller, talented sophomore.

Next figure for the Ducks will be Jim Stanley, who last year was heralded as the coming competition for OSC's great Ray Staub off the high board. With Staub ineligible this year it looks like the race for ND diving honors will be between Stanley and

Washington's fine diver, Ernie Hoff.

Freestylers, who will be up against some mighty rugged competition but should garner much needed points, will be Louis Santos, George Moorhead, and Bob Hiatt. Santos is the varsity's number one man this year in the sprint department and will be seeing action in the 220-yard freestyle where he has a good chance of tipping the Husky ace Thad McArthur.

### Hiatt a Question Mark

Hiatt is still the big question mark at this stage of the season. However this past week Hiatt has been looking better every day with all of his experience anything can happen in the distance events.

Rod Harman and Art Bayly will be facing Canadian Olympic team captain, Pete Salmon, in the 200 yard breast and a newcomer to the Torney crew, Bill Hoppe.

Tom Nekota and George Balch will face the sprinters in the 50 yard freestyle and also perform on the final relay team. Here also the important battle will be for points as they will be up against the tops in the ND.

### Remainder of Squad

Rounding out the squad which will make the trip will be Stan Hargraves who has been doing a fine job of filling in the Duck weakspots and should round out into one of the finer backstrokers before the finals here in March.

Last member will be McCullough who like Stanley will be facing plenty of competition from Washington's Hoff. However the man McCullough will have to watch will be Washington's number two man, Wally Sawhill, who last year placed 3rd in the ND finals.

## Fizzeds, Chi Psi's Bounce Opposition in Intermural Tilt

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- McChesney A vs. Sig Ep A
- 4:35—Westminster A vs. Eagles A
- Sig Ep B vs. Nestor B
- 5:15—Cherney B vs. Phi Kappa Psi B
- Betas B vs. Eagles B
- 3:50—Stan Ray A vs. Delts A

By Dave Taylor

Intramural basketball slipped through a colorless afternoon yesterday as Chi Psi drubbed Sherry Ross hall 34-12, the Fizzeds eked by Pi Kappa Alpha 18-15, and Sigma Nu chalked up a gift game over Signify Nothing when the latter failed to appear.

Bitterest battle of the afternoon was the Fizzeds' 18-to-15 victory over Pi Kappa Alpha.

### Fizzeds Take Lead

The Fizzed team went into a quick opening lead and were never headed throughout the contest. However, the Pi Kapps kept whittling away at the Fizzeds' five point advantage until late in the fourth quarter when two rapid fire howitzers brought the count to 16-15.

Then a hacking foul was called against Ed Gudgel, Fizzed guard, which gave Les Jones, Pi Kap reserve, two free throws and a chance to put his team back in the game. Both of Jones' shots failed to hit the hemp and the Fizzeds insured the victory with a final field goal by Bill Amburn, then stalled the remaining minute and a half.

Amburn was high for the victors with ten, but Gudgel's floor play was the highlight of the game.

### Chi Psis Breeze

Chi Psis silver-shirted quintet breezed through a shooting practice as it flattened the undermanned Sherry Ross five 34-12.

Every man on the Chi Psi starting lineup participated in the scoring with Preston Holt taking top honors with ten. Then came John Holt with seven, Chuck Rufner and Ted Dunbar with six each, and George Taylor with five.

The Chis Psis moved away slowly to a comfortable 13-to-2 halftime command, then poured on the team

to bring the score up to 26-8 at the end of the third frame, and roll on to win 34-12.

Bill Hammerbeck, set shot specialist, was the only bright spot on Straubmen's roster as he canned seven points for the losers.

### IM Handball

The Fizzeds received a forfeit victory over Pi Kappa Psi in the handball campaign when the Pi Kappa Psi team failed to show up at gametime.

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