

DUCK TRACKS

By GLENN GILLESPIE

Oregon basketball fans should be treated to a couple of fine ball games this weekend at McArthur court, with action supplied by John Warren's struggling Webfoots and the Huskies from the University of Washington.

But remembering those two Long Island thrillers, we're inclined to think this Oregon-Washington series might be something of a letdown.

Even though the Ducks will have much more at stake, we don't see how their brand of firewagon basketball exhibited last weekend could be improved.

And the rooters should be equally or more responsive tonight and tomorrow night, but it's hard to conceive of a more thoroughly aroused bunch of fanatics than those who filled the court to watch Clair Bee's Birds fly away with a pair of narrow victories.

The Webfoots have eight remaining Northern Division games this season, with six of these scheduled at home. To equal last year's record of eight wins and eight losses, the Ducks must win at least five of the eight.

Warren's Webfoots After Double Wins

So it's apparent that Warren and his team will be out for all they can get from now on. Don't be too surprised if the boys walk away with double wins from either Washington or Washington State, and possibly both.

It should be interesting to watch Warren's unit-substitution system in action against Washington, and especially during the Washington State series, when both coaches will be using two or more complete units.

This platoon strategy worked fine against Long Island, with the second unit either keeping up or pulling ahead each time it went into the game. If the two Duck lines function as well this weekend, White-Vandenburg and Company may find themselves in for a real battle.

Bill Vandenburg Paced Huskies Before

If Oregon's defensive play is sharp, the two Husky point-makers will have to scramble for their buckets. In the first two Oregon-Washington games, it was Captain Vandenburg who paced Art McLarney's crew to 44-43 and 47-44 victories.

Vandy hit a respectable .333 the first night, dropping in five baskets in 15 attempts. Uncanny shooting in the second game gave him nine field goals in 15 shots for an astounding .600.

Vandenburg is the current Husky scoring leader, with an even 10-point per-game average for eight Conference games. Sam White, who has been bothered with an ankle injury, follows with a 9.3 per-game average in seven contests.

Although no team has the ND pennant all wrapped up as yet, Oregon State and Washington State seem to be the two top contenders right now. It all points to a big series February 7 and 8 at Pullman, and two more important ball games February 18 and 19 at Corvallis . . .

Back to those Long Island Blackbirds, who completed their Pacific Coast swing by defeating Santa Clara, and now switch inland. A game is scheduled with the St. Louis University Billikins Saturday night at St. Louis.

Clair Bee Doesn't Have to Worry!

What a team the affable Mr. Bee will have in his five next year! Only two men are listed as seniors on the LIU roster, neither one a starter. Lou Lipman is a junior, as is Jack French and Herb Scherer. But LeRoy Smith and Sherman White have two more years of basketball at Long Island. That little Smith should be one of the all-time LIU greats before he leaves the institution.

Pro football fans here on the coast may be hearing plenty about a Dobbs-to-Wilkins pass and catch combination next fall. Dick Wilkins, who had such a great year at end for Oregon's PCC co-champions, has signed with the Los Angeles Dons. The Don front office was after a fast end who could receive aeriels from Glen Dobbs, and Wilkins got the call.

Oregon will entertain another first-run independent basketball outfit February 18 and 19, with the University of San Francisco Dons come to McArthur court for a two-game series.

Tutored by Pete Newell, the Dons are noted for their giant-killing tactics, usually accomplished with slick ball-control and steady defensive play.

Webfoots Clash With Washington

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berth this year until the season was well underway.

But since he moved into a regular's role, he's been moving along at an eight-point per-game average and helping out the other Husky starters under the boards.

Just who will join White at the other guard spot is uncertain, but it will probably be the bull-necked, stocky Soriano, a sophomore sensation who showed plenty of promise against Oregon State last weekend. Fast and a good set-shot artist, Soriano is slated for plenty of action against the Webfoots.

Six Fives Sweep to Victories In Intramural Competition

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

All "B" Games

- 3:50 Sigma Nu vs Phi Kappa Psi
McChesney vs Sherry Ross
- 4:35 Sigma Alpha Mu vs Lambda Chi
Sigma hall vs Campbell
- 5:15 Sigma Chi vs Pi Kappa Alpha
Merrick vs Delta Upsilon

By DAVE TAYLOR

Action was evenly divided between the two intramural loops yesterday afternoon with the Delts defeating Stan Ray 25-20, McChesney hammering the Sig Eps 32-24, and the Legal Eagles plastering Westminster 33-16 in the "A" league.

In the "B" league, the Sig Eps squeezed by Nestor 18-16, Phi Kappa Sigma edged past Cherney hall 15-14, and the Betas trounced the little Eagles 19-12.

After trailing throughout the entire first half, Delta Tau Delta's lanky quintet finally hit its stride and came roaring back to drub a rugged Stan Ray five 25-20.

During the first frame, the inspired vets dorm team, under the guidance of Les Hagen, held the command and looked like it might upset the pennant minded Delts.

Deadlock at Halftime

However, big Don Sheldon tied the count at ten all with a field goal and a free throw just as the half ended.

Haves was high man for the victors with seven, while Kehrl and Sheldon each copped five apiece.

Hagen's seven points was tops for the losers.

The power laden McChesney hall squad moved one step closer toward the playoff at it walloped a stubborn Sig-Ep five 32-24.

Even-Stephen Most of Way

The game was fought on even terms throughout the first three quarters with the score reading 24-19 as the final round opened. At this point, the cardboard castle kings, headed by Dick Mase and Don Bowman, unloosed a barrage of baskets from the fast break to annex the win.

Mase and Bowman were high point men with ten each. Chub McKean sank nine to take the runner up spot.

Halford Young turned in ten for the losing Sig Ep cause.

Eagles Lay Down Law

In the final "A" league encounter of the afternoon, the Legal Eagles laid the law down to an outmanned Westminster team 33-16.

Every man on the Eagles' roster marked the score column with Lynne McNutt, Ned Clark, and Curt Cutsforth hitting eight each.

Timms' six points was high for Westminster with Byrd second with four.

Twelfth Hour Goal Wins

In a nip-and-tuck "B" battle, Sigma Phi Epsilon nosed out a determined Nestor hall five 18-16 in the final moments of play.

The Sig Eps moved out to an early lead which they held until the third canto when a Nestor rally tied the score at 13-all on Pat Hanna's free throw.

Jim Northern put the Spees back on the long end of the score with a timely two pointer, and Jim Eckstrom cinched the win with another just before the final horn.

Hanna, Nestor guard, was the game's top scorer with seven.

Teeter-totter tilt of the afternoon was the Phi Kappa Sigma's 15-14 victory over Cherney hall.

The lead changed hands five times before the final gun sounded. Cassell led the Phi Kapp offense with six.

Tight Defense Clicks

Using a tight zone defense and a consistant setup offense, Beta Theta Pi ruffled the feathers of the Legal Eagles 19-12.

The Betas edged away to a 7-to-3 lead at halftime, but the Lawyers roared back to tie the score at nine all in the middle of the third frame.

However, Bud Smith and Bill Hays combined their point making talents to lead the Beta team to victory. Smith dropped in seven to take top spot while Hays chalked up six.

Bob McDonald was the leading point producer for the Lawyers with five.

Beavers Invade Inland Empire

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 4—(AP)—The Oregon State College basketball team left here today for its four-game invasion of the Inland Empire.

The Beavers, currently tied with Washington State for the lead in the Northern Division of the Coast conference, will play first against Idaho at Moscow tonight and Saturday.

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