

# DUCK TRACKS

By Tom King

The Pacific Coast Conference's humpty-dumpty basketball race, presently roaring along at a rather hasty clip, has finally turned past the halfway point and is heading into that proverbial home stretch.

Just what transpires within the next fortnight or so will pretty well unscramble things, but to our way of thinking, the whole thing will come to a head Monday and Tuesday. That's when Slat's Gill's steady Oregon State outfit locks horns with Washington State in Pullman.

Of course, both Oregon and the Washington Huskies are still in the running, but the chances of either of them catching fire within the next few weeks and coming in for a slice of the sausage are slim to say the least. Both are presently engaged in taking each other apart limb by limb and the likely result is that they will eliminate one another from title contention.

Meanwhile, the Cougars are sitting out the weekend, just boning up for Monday's vital clash, and the Beavers are taking on an unpredictable Idaho five which, surprisingly enough, up and snuffed them over last night. However, the Oregon State quint still is in a good position despite the upset, provided it is able to bounce back.

If the form sheet doesn't take a beating (which is to say, if OSC sweeps past Idaho tonight), then the props will be set.

This Cougar club, which sent observers rocking back on their heels when it raced to the head of the peak at the start of the season, may have shot its wad. Its recent downfall at the hands of the Vandals promises as much.

### WSC Never Really Rated High

Too, it bears out the forecasts of several gentlemen who made it their business to berate the Jack Friel's boys when they were riding the crest.

It was contended then that Washington State was only reaping the benefits of playing on its home court. With only one remaining PCC game billed for Pullman after the Beaver series, it means that WSC is due to hit the skids.

Just exactly whether or not the Beavers have enough basketball left in them to piece together a pair of triumphs on both Monday and Tuesday is the crux of the whole race.

The Webfoots, those naughty, naughty Webfoots, could throw a sizeable monkey wrench into the whole works by coming to life against the Beavers later on this month.

### Cards Stacked Against Cougars

Such an event would, conveniently enough (depending on where you're from, pardner), leave a crack open, through which the Cougars might squeeze in and take it all.

However, since WSC has gooey going ahead, and since, from what we've gathered, it isn't any great shakes as a ball club anyway, we're pretty much inclined to give the Beavers the flag right now and call it quits. Of course, WSC could get all stirred up like a flock of hornets and make us look goshawful bad by running the Beavers aground twice in succession. But we'll have to be convinced. What with the schedule advantage, OSC actually only needs a split against the Cougars in Pullman.

In fact, we have an inkling that even if John Warren's Ducks give OSC a spot of trouble in future outings (and they probably will), Washington State won't be in a position to capitalize on the situation. That's because on the nights of March 4 and 5 Art McLarney and his Huskies will be giving the Cougars big fits and little fits (just all kinds of fits) on their friendly Seattle court.

### What's That? Baseball! Brr-r-r

In any event, the turning point of the ND chase may well come the early part of next week. If either of the two State teams sweep the series, let's start dusting off home plate, limbering up the ol' pitching arms, and let baseball come on the scene.

Turning to football for a couple of quickies, we find that Ansel McCullough's decision to leave the Southland and enroll at Washington may have started a general mass movement from that area to Seattle. The recent announcement that Hugh McElhenny would join McCullough under Howie Odell was topped by a report that five players on the Chaffey Junior College eleven, three of whom performed in the 1947 Little Rose Bowl game, would also make the trek to Huskyland.

McElhenny, incidentally, left high school with the glossiest reputation of any California athlete since Glenn Davis. A big strapping boy (he weighs 190-plus), blessed with phenomenal speed (he holds the city hurdles record in Los Angeles), McElhenny was voted the Helm's Award as the outstanding junior college player in the country last season while playing for Comp-



SLATS GILL

## Beavers Defeated By Idaho

MOSCOW, Idaho, Feb. 5—(AP) The University of Idaho Vandals fought off a desperate second-half rally last night to defeat the Oregon State College basketball team, 51-39.

The loss knocked the Beavers out of a tie with Washington State College for the lead in the Northern Division of the Pacific Coast conference.

Center Nick Stallworth was the big gun for the Idaho club with 17 points. Snyder and Alex Peterson topped Oregon State's scoring with eight points each.

The box score:

OSC	FG	FT	PF	TP
Snyder, f	4	0	5	8
Rinearson, f	1	0	2	2
Petersen, f	2	4	3	8
Harper, f	2	1	2	5
Torrey, f	0	0	0	0
Watt, c	2	0	5	4
Kinney, c	0	1	0	1
Crandall, g	2	2	1	6
Ballantyne, g	1	1	2	3
Catherall, g	0	0	2	0
Halmon, g	1	0	1	2
Totals	15	9	23	39

IDAHO	FG	FT	PF	TP
Pritchett, f	4	4	2	12
Rey, f	3	0	2	6
Gunness, f	0	0	0	0
Christensen, f	0	0	0	0
Stallworth, c	7	3	5	17
Wheeler, c	0	0	1	0
Brimhall, g	4	3	2	11
Grove, g	1	3	4	5
Linnick, g	0	0	0	0
Mead, g	0	0	1	0
Totals	19	13	17	51

### Eugene Collides

(Continued from page four)  
to step into the league lead for the second time this season.

Fast skating Frank Sauer will be back in the lineup for the first time since the opening game and he is being relied on to add the extra punch necessary for a Redwing win.

Should Portland come out on top of the Sunday tilt it would take the lead and leave Eugene a scant half game on top of third place Salem but if the Redwings top the scoring honors it would give them a full two game margin over Portland and Salem, who would then be tied for second place.

#### Corvallis Next

Eugene finally starts on the road with a game at Corvallis Thursday night and it is important to them that its lead be well established.

Tickets will be on sale at the gate until game time or until the supply is exhausted.

Probable starters:

Eugene	Pos.	Portland
Hoffer	G	Drougas
E. Worth	LD	Ripley
Ferris	RD	Stealy
D. Gillespie	RW	Howe
T. Gillespie	C	Besaw
Sauer	LW	Javorack

## HOLIDAY

An Adventure in Good Smoking

Aromatic in the pack...  
Aromatic in the pipe!

HOLIDAY  
Pipe Mixture

AROMATIC IN THE PACK  
AROMATIC IN THE PIPE

## Borchardt & Co. Face Washington

Hoping to upset the favored University of Washington Huskies, Coach John Borchardt and his Webfoot mermen invade the Seattle stronghold this evening with thoughts of a possible Northern Division title still in mind.

However, the Ducks will be up against one of the finest pool aggregations in the history of the conference.

The Huskies are loaded for bear, and hope to do a carbon copy on last Saturday's lop-sided 70-14 triumph over Oregon State.

#### Salmon Olympic Vet

The same tankers who carried Washington to that sweeping victory are expected to shoulder most of the load against the Ducks. Pete Salmon, a sophomore sensation who competed for Canada in the Summer Olympics, set a new 200 yard breaststroke mark for the ND with a clocking four-tenths of a second under the old mark held by Oregon's Jack Dallas.

Rod Harmon and Art Bayly represent the Ducks in this event.

Salmon, together with George Heaney, Dick Campbell and Bob Regan, all of whom have bettered division records, should combine to give the Ducks a full evening.

#### Ducks Could Surprise

However, Coach Borchardt plans to pull a few surprises of his own and, despite the ruggedness of the competition, figures that the Ducks will be in there all the way.

### IM Basketball Scores

Intramural cage results yesterday were as follows (all 'B' games): Sigma Chi 36, Pi Kappa 0; Sigma Nu 16, Phi Kappa Psi 15; Sammies 28, Lambda Chi Alpha 10; McChesney 39, Sherry Ross 12; Delta Upsilon 23, Merrick 17; Sigma Hall forfeited to Campbell Club.

Co-captain Earl Walter looks like a good bet for some points in the backstroke, but he will be going up against some pretty classy foes in the persons of George Heaney, ND champion, and Bob Miller.

Oregon stands a good chance in the diving event what with Jim Stanley on hand. Ernie Hoff of the Huskies will keep him on his toes and should press him all the way.

#### Hargraves Agile

In the freestyle, it's Louis Santos, George Moorhead and Bob Hiatt who will carry the Webfoot hopes. Tom Nekota and George Balch go in the 50 yard freestyle and relay, and Stan Hargraves will fill in whatever event most needed.

Hargraves is a pretty varsatile boy and should help tremendously in plugging the weak spots.

It's been a long time since the Ducks last subdued Washington in a duel meet, six years to be exact. In the Northern Division meets the Oregonians have managed to snare four titles while placing second to Washington on six other occasions.

The Toast of the Campus

## JUMBO BARBEQUE

873 13th E 6099-W

We invite and will appreciate your banking business

**EUGENE BRANCH**

U. S. National Bank of Portland, Ore.

### STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Are Welcome At this Bank

Open an N. M. B. acct. (no minimum balance)

No need to keep a fixed amount of money on deposit

No monthly service charge

Your cost is \$1.00 for ten checks

• •

**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK** of Eugene

Serving Lane Co. Since 1883

Deposits insured up to \$5000—through F.D.I.C.