

DUCK TRACKS

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Well, John Warren's tough pre-season schedule is beginning to pay off now. Though losses to such teams as California, Wyoming and Long Island didn't help the won-loss record, the experience the team picked up in those tilts has been a big factor in the steady improvement of the Webfoots.

The Washington series wound up with a bang, with Oregon coming through to win a close one, for a change. And the Webfoots did it the hard way, coming from behind. Skinny Johnny Neeley deserves accolades, not only for his four buckets in the last four minutes, but also for his fine floor game all through the tilt.

And don't forget the fine work of Roger Wiley Saturday night. The big pivotman didn't rack up as many points as the night before, but his floor game was very good, especially his work on the backboards.

Wiley Had Three Men Checking Him

Of course, its hard to score points with three men hanging on to you, and Wiley had at least that many most of the time on Saturday. Sammy White was checking him all the time, with the husky Husky guard, Louie Soriano, usually within five feet of Rog, ready to move in case Wiley took a pass. Bill Vandenburg also moved over when Wiley had the ball.

Wiley really shattered his long-time Washington jinx, and gave Eddie Gayda plenty of notice that he is out for the scoring title he missed last year.

The coming series with Washington State should be a bloody one. The Webfoots haven't forgotten those narrow margins they lost by last year, or the three defeats the Cougars have already handed them this season. And besides, WSC is rated a good chance for the title, and that's incentive enough.

The Cougars Will Fold in the Willamette Valley

We have an idea the Cougars will fold when they wander down into the Willamette Valley. True, they are splitting up their trip so they come here this weekend, go home, and then come back to take on Oregon State a week later.

But so far, the Cougars have been riding on their home floor, one of the toughest in the league for the opposition to win on. They have an impressive record, on paper anyway, but it won't last.

They have too many weaknesses to take the Northern Division title. Outside of Eddie Grayda, George Hamilton and Bob Elliott, their material is sub-par. It is true that Jack Friel has for years turned out good teams with little material, but this outfit just isn't championship caliber.

Gayda is one of the finest players in the Northern Division. He has come into his own this year in scoring, after two seasons of being the Cougar's number one rebounder. Hamilton, a southpaw regular for three seasons before this, and Elliott give WSC a good guard combination with a lot of experience.

Long Island's touring Blackbirds haven't fared too well since leaving Eugene. After bouncing Santa Clara in San Francisco, they lost to Utah in Salt Lake and Oklahoma Aggies in Stillwater, and both losses were by convincing margins.

SFU Wants into NCAA Tourney

San Francisco University, who tangles with the Webfoots here February 18 and 19, lost their third game over the weekend, this time to USC. The Dons have won-won 15 and lost three, all of their losses being administered by PCC Southern Division teams.

SFU, incidently, has been carrying on a campaign to get into the NCAA tournament as the West Coast representatives. This honor usually goes to the PCC champs, or at least has every year since 1939, when the tournament started, with only one exception.

That was in 1944, when the Northern and Southern Division champs were both loaded with Navy trainees and neither could make the trip. Pepperdine of Los Angeles went instead.

We don't think the Dons will do it. They have played all four Southern Division teams, and have beaten only California, the cellar quint in the league. That isn't a very good argument for saying they should go instead of a PCC five.

Beavers Could Well Wind Up PCC Champs

It will be interesting to see just who gets the championship of the Coast Conference. If Oregon State wins the Northern Division, they stand a pretty good chance of walking off with the honors.

The reason for that statement is not so much that the Beavers have a good team, but because the playoff will be held in the North this year, and we pity any poor Southern Division team on that Aggie floor. That gives the Beavers a big advantage.

Besides that, Slat's Gill has loads of material at Corvallis. True, the Beavers have fallen on their faces several times, and probably will some more. But that doesn't change the fact that the material is there, and when Gill finds the right combination, he'll have a mighty tough outfit to hold down.

Theta Chi Chi Psi, ATO Take 'B' Wins In Intramural Play

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

3:50 Court 40 Minturn Hall B vs Pi Kappa Phi B
3:50 Court 43 Hunter Hall A vs Phi Kappa Sigma A
4:35 Court 40 Theta Chi A vs Pi Kappa Phi A
4:35 Court 43 Minturn Hall A vs Sigma Alpha Epsilon A
5:15 Court 40 Delta Upsilon A vs Phi Delta Theta A
5:15 Court 43 Nestor Hall A vs Alpha Tau Omega A

Action in the intramural basketball league swings back to the "A" teams today after yesterday's preceding found three "B" squads come through with decisions in an equal number of slambang contests.

Theta Chi smashed Delta Tau Delta 33-16, Chi Psi dropped Stan Ray 17-7, and Alpha Tau Omega eked out an overtime win from Phi Delta Theta, 21-20.

Although they held only a slim 11-10 halftime lead, the Theta Chi's went on to swamp an outmanned Delt team 33-16. The Theta Chi's effectively used both a fast break, and fast set-up plays, and also controlled the backboard throughout the whole game. The Delt's passing and shooting were off, and Kerns, their center, was their only good backboard man. Gerry Leslie was high with seven markers for Theta Chi.

Walker Hits For Nine

In one of the raggedest games of the season, Chi Psi's 'B' quint drubbed Stan Ray 19-7, although both teams employed attacks marked by sloppy ball-handling, wild shooting, and poor passing. Nevertheless, Walker found the range for nine Chi Psi counters.

In the day's final tussle, ATO outfought a scrappy, but lighter Phi Delt five. The sport played was a hybrid between football and soccer, with a loose interpretation of basketball rules being used.

The referees ignored flagrant rule violations, and let the boys tear into each other. Phi Delt displayed the best brand of basketball, but the ATO squad led in all other categories, including "net yards gained rushing" and "opponents fumbles recovered."

Phi Delt Rally Fails

After erasing a 5-4 first quarter ATO lead, the Phi Delt's were on the long end of the score until the last few seconds of regular play. In the last quarter Ed Chrobot threw in six consecutive points to give the ATO's a 20-19 lead with five seconds to go.

Phi Delt called time to work out some strategy, and when the game resumed they passed the ball far down the floor. Al Chamberlain grabbed it, and was fouled in trying for a lay-in. He sank his first gift toss to throw the game into a tie, but missed the second.

In the overtime period Chrobot scored the only point.

Sig Eps Beaten By Omega Hall

The Omega handball squad moved up one step in the intramural eliminations Monday by winning two out of three matches from Sigma Phi Epsilon.

McDowell downed Al Sterton 27-7, 21-1, and Brown outlasted Paul Davenport 21-14, 21-7, for Omega's two wins.

Sig Eps captured the doubles pairing, however, by 21- and 22-20 counts.

Husky Swim

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Bob Hiatt made a fine showing in the 440 yard free. This was Bob's first real test of the season and he came through like a veteran.

Hiatt has not reached his peak by a long shot, but looks like a good bet to give the Cougars' By Canning a race in the vital 220 and 440 events.

Meet Summaries:

Medley Relay: Won by Washington (Miller, Hoppe, Regan,). Time: 3:09.1.

220 yard Free: 1. McArthur (W); 2. Willson (W); 3. Santos, (O). Time: 2:23.7.

50 yard Free: 1. Campbell (W) 2. Heaney (W); 3. Balch (O). Time: 23.8.

Diving: 1. Stanley (O); 2. Newton (W); 3. Sawhill (W).

100 yard Free: 1. Regan (W); 2. Santos (O); 3. Cochran (W). Time: 55.1.

150 yard Back: 1. Miller (W); 2. Walter (O); 3. Herzog (O). Time: 1:43.9.

200 yard Breast: 1. Salmon (W); 2. Eberhardtter (W); 3. Harmon (O). Time: 2:38.6.

440 yard Free: 1. Willson (W); 2. McArthur (W); 3. Hiatt (O). Time: 5:24.7.

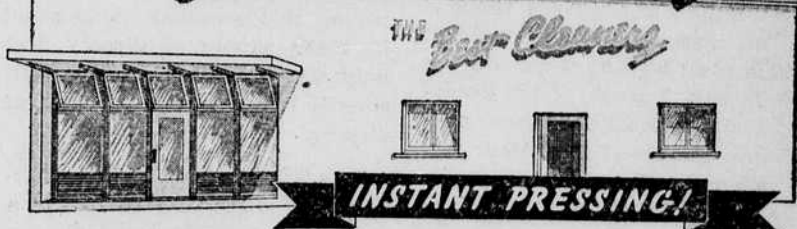
400 yard Relay: Won by Washington (Heaney, Salmon, Campbell, Trager) Time: 3:34.2. (New ND and Meet record; old record held by Washington-1947.)

150 yard Individual Medley: 1. Walter (O); 2. Regan (W); 3. Hargraves (O). Time: 1:44.8. (New ND and Meet record; old record held by Regan of Washington-1949.)

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