

DUCK TRACKS

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Let's take a quick whirl around the sports world, hitting all the high spots and assorted points in between:

No sooner does the basketball season start tailing off in readiness for its annual trip to the mothballs than every sideline wise-acre from the breadth and girth of the countryside begins piecing together an All-Conference team for himself.

First one to give voice to the subject was Marlowe Branagan, jack-of-all trades on the Oregon Journal sports staff. Marlowe, who has been Fourth Estating for quite a number of years now, sized up things and decided that Oregon State's Cliff Crandall was about the best player in the Northern Division.

Paging the Missing Mr. White

This gave us quite a jolt, for, from what we have heard, Mr. Crandall is having his troubles this year and actually is not as good as he was during the 1947-48 campaign.

However, it was only a mild tremor compared to what followed. Marlowe told us without batting an eyelash that the best five cagers in the Northland were Ed Gayda of Washington State, Pres Brimhall of Idaho, Rog Wiley of Oregon, Bill Vandenburg of Washington, and Crandall.

The absence of a certain name on that imposing list is quite conspicuous. Which is to say that the chap with the largest collection of pre-season buildups, one Samuel White, has been shunned, bypassed and otherwise mistreated.

White's many talents are tied up somewhat because he has no really good player to whom to feed the ball.

He was tabbed to be the bellweather of that disappointing Washington squad, but, since his scoring total has dipped too, the plaudits have been going to Vandenburg. And Duck Coach John Warren agrees. According to him, Vandenburg hurt the Webfoots more than did White in the recent Oregon-Husky series.

Washington Recruiters Work Overtime

Furthermore, "Honest John" figures that, besides Wiley, the ND's foremost performer is Gayda.

Moving around to other points on the sports compass, word is out that the reason behind the Huskies' dismal showing this season is internal dissension.

Washington, incidentally, is running a strong first in the ND's proselyting Derby. Reports are that the Huskies have been pulling all stops in an effort to corral one of the lushest pig-skin crops ever. Obviously backing it up is Athletic Director Harvey C. Cassil, who was noble minded enough to offer Oregon to part with some of its Cotton Bowl take, and progressive minded enough to talk down the pre-season PCC cage tournament in San Francisco. The latter is only one of the finest athletic events on the slopes.

Conference Commissioner Vic Schmidt, however, has sensed that something is rotten in places other than Denmark, and the Huskies are headed for a heavy fine.

Matson Case: Is USF Playing It Straight?

Oregon has around a dozen or more Junior College transfers lined up for next Fall. Some are on the campus now, and all of them have gilt-edged reputations. A couple of possibilities are really in the "higher priced" brackets.

University of San Francisco officials are coming to the rescue of themselves and Ollie Matson, who enrolled there despite allegedly not having the scholastic rating necessary. Matson, football and track phenom, was to enroll at Oregon, but the registrar nixed the idea because of his grades. USF claims that Matson has a "C-plus average" and that his subjects are "solid." The big Negro enrolled at USF after spending a year at SF City College, where he made Junior College All-America. This could give the registrar leeway.

We know for certain that his high school grades very largely are composed of D's and F's, that he didn't make above a C in any course other than physical education, and that his decile rating was 1, which is as low as it comes.

We also happen to know that one basketball star and two football stars who couldn't matriculate at Oregon because of grades are now at San Francisco.

This Should Make Someone Blush

What's the latest bait offered to a muchly-sought halfback: a house and a Mercury car.

NCAA Sanity Code? Phooey!

The same boy, Sherman White, who was refused service in a Eugene eatery because he is a Negro, received a tumultuous ovation from Southern fans when he stepped on the court in a recent Oklahoma A. & M.-LIU game. He was the first of his race to play on the Stillwater, Okla. floor.

And down South in California, a Negro was accepted for enrollment in Santa Clara University, the first one to be admitted in more than 100 years. The fact that he happened to be an All-State fullback had nothing to do with it, of course.

Girls Chalk Up IM Cage Wins

Hendricks hall and University house swept to victory in their women's basketball league finals last night in two fierce battles between topnotch teams.

Although Highland house Team II had defeated the Hendricks aces in Monday's game, they fell beneath a 26-17 count by the dorm sharpshooters, spearheaded by deadeye Bonnie Gienger and Diane Hoeck, with 13 and 12 points to the respective credit. Lee Odland of Highland sunk 9 pointers.

These two teams were thrown into a double playoff because neither had been defeated twice, a necessary qualification for elimination under tournament rules. Hendricks had been undefeated before Monday night's battle.

The red-hot shooting of Uni House's Harriet Minot led to the downfall of a spirited Alpha Xi Delta squad, 25-13. Harriet accounted for 17 of Uni's 25 points. The Alpha Xi's were led by Nelda Vogel with seven markers to her credit.

Finals between the winners of the four leagues are scheduled for the first part of next week. Finalists, Hendricks in League I, University house, League II; Wiki-Wiki, League III; and Rebec house, League IV, will use the remainder of this week to practice for the grand struggle.

Fizzeds Down Theta Chi in Handball

The Fizzeds won a 3-to-0 victory from Theta Chi in intramural handball competition yesterday afternoon.

Green to annex the first singles while Jim Vitti wore down Roy Baughman 21-15 and 21-12 the second singles.

Ed Sanford slammed out decisive 21-0 and 21-4 matches over Bill

TAXI?

Then Remember

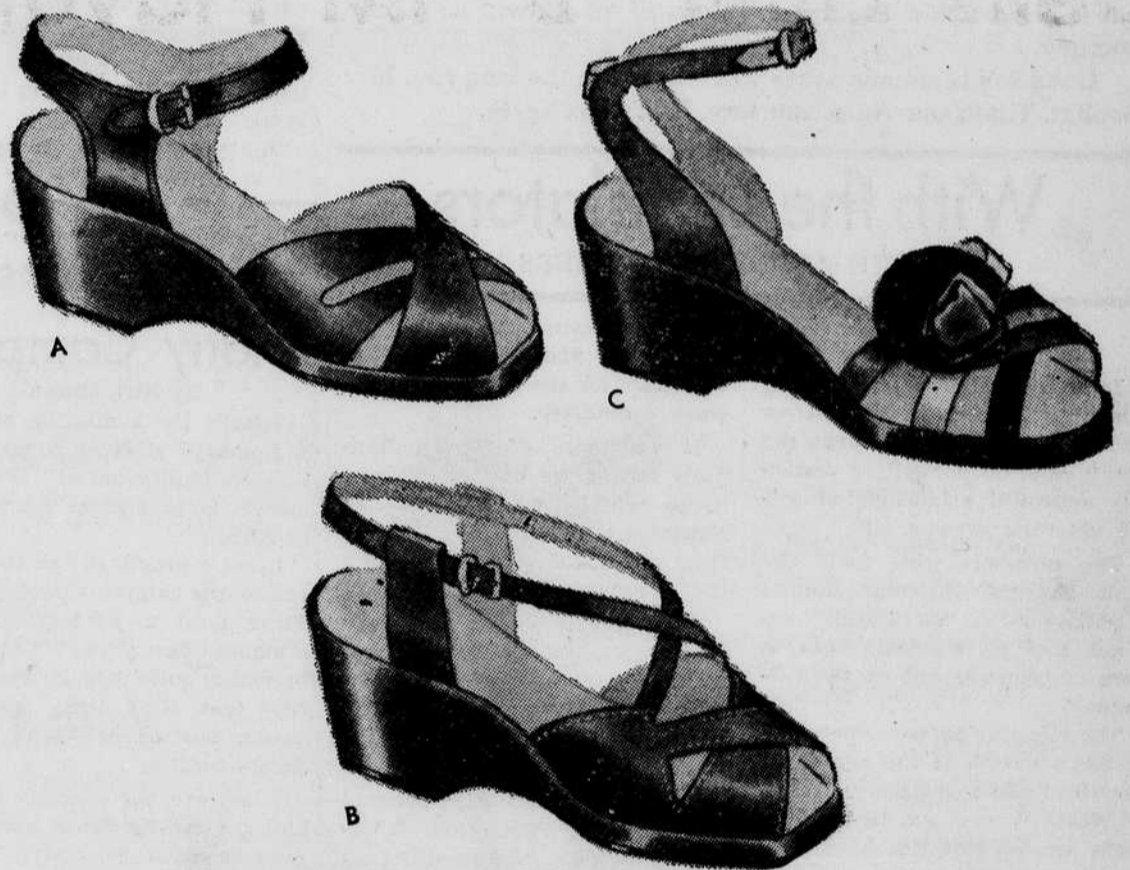
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