

DUCK TRACKS

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The big three in Northern Division basketball scoring—Oregon's Roger Wiley, Bill Vandenburg of Washington's fast-fading Huskies, and WSC Forward Eddie Gayda—are giving each other a merry chase for the title, with Wiley on the inside right now.

Both Gayda and Wiley have four games left, while Vandenburg has only two, and Rog has a 17-point lead to coast in. The big boy has scored 177 points in 12 games for a 14.7 per-game average, while Vandenburg has tallied 160 in 14 games. Gayda has 159 points in 12 games.

That gives Wiley an 18-point edge over Gayda, his closest competitor, and four Oregon State games for an increase. Gayda, his closest competitor, and four Oregon State games for an increase. Gayda plays two each against Washington and Idaho.

Barring a complete offensive breakdown, such as Gayda experienced in the last Oregon games, Wiley's got the individual scoring crown in his closet for sure, but the impossible can always happen.



ROGER WILEY

Eddie Gayda Got Hot Against OSC Beavers

Gayda certainly made up for his lack of points against Oregon by scoring 41 in two nights against Oregon State last weekend, the same number that Wiley scored against San Francisco.

The USF series was interesting to watch, and the Don team drew praise for smooth offensive and defensive play. The boys with all the clippings, Don Lofgren and Joe McNamee, were outstanding, and Rene Herrerias was a favorite both nights. Sub Don Giesen was high Don scorer Saturday night with 14.

Lanky Bob Amacher, a newcomer to John Warren's starting lineup Saturday night, did a creditable job of scoring in Lofgren, besides scoring two field goals of his own. Amacher is improving steadily, and a little work on offense would make the logical successor in the center post after Wiley leaves.

Aggies Could Cinch ND Hoop Title

If Slat's Gill's Beavers get hot this weekend they, could cinch the ND title with a double win over Oregon providing the Idaho Vandals take one of two from Washington State.

The title race could be compared to a jig-saw puzzle, with the pieces shaped to fit in different places. It could end up in a two or three-way tie, Washington State could win, or the Webfoots could end things with four straight over Oregon State.

The basketball season isn't over by any means, but spring sport fans can start limbering arms and legs any day now, with plenty of spring wind and rain to help them along.

Cooperation From Weather Man a 'Must'

Baseball is creeping into the headlines more and more each week, with the majors and Pacific Coast league ready for spring training. In the PCC Southern Division, California colleges have played a few pre-season ball games already, and should be all tuned up for Conference play.

Here at Oregon, Don Kirsch had better hope for plenty of cooperation from the weather man. Last spring Mac court was filled with frustrated baseballers driven inside by the rain, and the "practice postponed—rain" sign was getting to be a tradition on the dressing room blackboard.

Kirsch should have a reconditioned Howe field on the credit side, plus a cheering supply of returning lettermen for building blocks.

Track Coach Bill Bowerman will start working his boys any day now, and football followers will get a preview of the 1949 Duck edition when spring grid practice comes up . . .

PCC Basketball Playoff Set Next Month

Back to basketball to pick up an omitted item—The Pacific Coast Conference basketball championship playoff will be staged March 11, 12, and 14 between the ND and SD winner. The best two-of-three series is scheduled on the northern team's home court.

Nothing has been printed on ticket procedure as yet, but they should go on sale before long.

WAA Intramural Move to Playoff

Action Monday saw Rebec house, winner of League IV, dropping a hard fought game to Wiki-Wiki, League III winner by a 14-8 final score.

The rest of the league play-offs will be staged this week with the final game for championship of the season to be played Monday.

Sparked by sure-shooter Harriet Minot with 22 counters, University house swept past Hendricks hall 40-5 in the second of WAA intramural basketball league playoffs this week. Uni house, League II winner, started strong and held their own throughout the game, 24-1.

Rooks Batter Frosh 42-33, As Calderwood Paces Oregon

The Oregon State basketball Rooks once again packed too many guns for the Oregon Frosh as they whipped them, 42-33, last night at McArthur court. This, the final game of their four-game series, made it a clean sweep for the Baby Beavers this year.

THE CONTEST was a nip-and-tuck affair the first half, but the long-range accuracy of Rookies George Allison and Jackie Orr began to tell the story as the second-half minutes ebbed away.

The shooting of Duckling Jim Calderwood in the second half kept his mates in the ball game, as he was the only Frosh player to get more than one basket after the intermission.

The Paul Valenti-coached Rooks swept to the fore in quick fashion at the start of the game, by scoring a pair of lay-ins with less than a minute gone in the first half. A tight Duckling zone defense began to take effect, however, and they overtook the visitors at the five-minute mark on a pivot-shot by Center Bob Gilbert.

The remainder of the first half, the lead shifted back and forth until the Baby Beavers put on a ball-hawking exhibition under the basket to connect for several fielders and a 17-12 margin.

Aided by a pair of field goals and a free toss by Duckling Forward Calderwood and a basket by Gilbert, Kirsch's crew closed the Rook advantage to 20-19 just before half-time. A sudden Rook spurt just before the horn gave them their 25-19 intermission bulge.

THE FROSH managed to stay within throwing distance of their rivals early in the second half and crept up to a 36-33 deficit at one point on a one-hander from the side by Calderwood. Jackie Orr then promptly cinched things for his

IM Predictor Sticks Out Neck

By Dave Taylor

After a three out of four record on yesterday's results in the intramural basketball playoff, your IM scribe will again stick his neck out on the probable winners in today's games. As the playoff progresses, the opposing teams become more and more evenly matched, but we'll make the stab in dark attempt.

In today's opener, McChesney hall with its double barreled offense of Dick Mase and Don Bowman working from a fast break should be able to handle Lambda Chi Alpha. However, the latter certainly had the necessary punch to knock the wind out of Sigma Chi's sails and could repeat, but we don't think so.

In the only other game of the afternoon, we like the towering Deltas over Phi Theta Theta, but only because the coin came up heads. The Deltas are better defensively, but will have a time wrestling the ball from Big Bob Taggesell under the basket.

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club by dumping in a long set shot. Jim Nau and Don White added another pair of baskets for the victors just prior to the cessation of hostilities.

Oregon's Calderwood notched 12 points for game honors, while Orr and Allison were close behind with 10 apiece.

Frosh Box Score

Frosh (33)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Clausen, f	1	1	4	3
Calderwood, f	5	2	2	12
Gilbert, c	2	1	5	5
Hunt, g	3	1	0	7
Kittilson, g	1	0	0	2
Korpela, g	2	0	1	4
Vranizan, c	0	0	0	0
Carr, f	0	0	0	0
Chaney, f	0	0	0	0
Whens, g	0	0	1	0
Totals	14	5	13	33
Rooks (42)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Padgett, f	2	1	3	5
Orr, f	4	2	4	10
Edwards, c	1	0	0	2
White, g	2	1	2	5
Allison, g	4	2	2	10
Nau, c	3	2	0	8
Ball, f	1	0	0	2
Osborn, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	8	11	42

Girl Swimmers Enter Wire Meet

In the women's pool in Gerlinger tonight the University of Oregon women's swimming team will enter the first of this year's National Intercollegiate Telegraphic Swimming meets. This event, as well as the second to be held March 2, is open to the public, with 7 o'clock as the scheduled time for beginning.

This year's team of ten girls, Birdella Ball, Florence Godfrey, Joan Skordahl, Harriet Minot, Barbara Ebeling, Cathy Vilas, Pat Honl, Joan Carr, Celia Whitney, and Carol Irvine, will compete against nine other colleges in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Nevada, and the Hawaiian Islands which compose the Western Region.

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Skiers Hold Dance

The University of Oregon ski club will hold another in its series of folk-dancing classes Thursday night at the YMCA, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

More lessons and practice in mastering polkas, schottisches, and other national dances will be given during the evening.

Club elections are scheduled immediately after spring vacation, and in order to assist the nominating committee in picking a slate of candidates, members of the club are urged to turn in petitions for all elective offices. The positions of president, secretary, treasurer, and all chairmanships will be open for petitions.

Petitions should be given to Treasurer Letha Petersen at Thursday's meeting, or mailed to Mary Harvey, secretary of the ski club, at the Kappa house.

From the petitions turned in by club members the nominating committee will select a list of qualified candidates for the spring election.

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