

DUCK TRACKS

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Well, the basketball season is almost finished. The final Northern Division games will be played this weekend with Oregon and Oregon State tangling both in Eugene and Corvallis and Washington State winding up against Washington in Seattle.

Saturday's game gave Oregon State a big edge for the title and a playoff with the winners in the Southern Division for an NCAA berth. The Beavers just need one more win to finish things up, or for the Cougars to drop one to Washington.

Slats Gill's quint will be gunning for a win this Friday night here at McArthur Court, to tie up the title fight. But this weekend will probably wind up the same as the last two tilts, the Ducks winning here and the Beavers coming through in Corvallis.

Ducks Can Throw Championship Into Playoff

The Webfoots are pretty certain to bounce Oregon State on Friday, at least if they play as they did in the opening game of the series. But the second tilt, in Corvallis, will be the one the Beavers will win the pennant with, unless they pull an upset the night before.

Oregon could, for the second year in a row, throw the Corvallis five into a playoff for the top spot by winning both games. That is, if Washington State could get by Washington in Seattle.

That would be no easy matter. Oregon State has only lost one Northern Division game on their home floor in the last 23 that have been played there. That was last season when the Webfoots bounced them 42-41.

This Oregon team could do that too. They have talent that is still developing and tends to be a little erratic, but they also have a lot of fire and scrap. They'll give the Beavers a rough go in the next two games.

Orr, White Best of Rooks

From the results of the Frosh-Rook games, it appears that Oregon State will get more material from their first-year team than Oregon will. Their two best prospects are forward Jackie Orr and guard Don White. Both of these boys can handle the ball well, and can drop in counters.

Orr is one of the better prospects to come out of the state this year. He's tall, 6-feet 4-inches, well co-ordinated and a good shot, as his 31 counters in the first game between the freshman teams indicates. He looks like a cinch for the Beaver varsity next year.

White was the Rook floor general and the key man in back court. He handles himself well on both offense and defense, and hits well on long two-handers. Originally a southpaw, he now shoots with both hands.

All-State Center Flops With Rooks

The biggest flop on either outfit was Bob Edwards, the 6-foot 6-inch pivotman for the little Beavers. Last year he pulled down All-State honors while pacing Corvallis High to the state title, but he didn't live up to that this season with the Rooks.

His main forte in high school was his scoring, and he was very good at that. He didn't work on the boards very well, but he didn't hve to. The Spartans had big Sam Baker to get rebounds, and Edwards didn't pull in too many. He didn't have to.

But with the Rooks, he hasn't found his old scoring stride. The Frosh kept him well under control, the big kid getting only nine points in four games. He doesn't do much on the boards, so it looks like he might just as well plan on intramural ball unless he improves very rapidly.

Hunt Steadiest of Ducklings

Ken Hunt tops the Duckling list, the cool Marshfield kid being one of the steadiest men on the team. He is a good floor man and a better than average scorer.

Most of the other Yearlings have turned in fine performances but haven't been very steady. Bill Korpela usually turns in a fine floor game and when he is hot looks like varsity material.

Bill Clausen could develop into a varsity cager with a little more experience. He has improved during the year and with his height could be a valuable addition to John Warren's squad.

If he could only put the ball through the hoop, Bob Gilbert would be a top-notch prospect. That and his erratic passing will hold him back.

Jim Calderwood has turned in some good games, but like Korpela he is erratic in scoring. He was a fine high school cager and may well develop into a good college star. Jim Vranizan fits into the same category.

It's not official, but it looks like Roger Wiley's 27 point splurge against Washington is a Webfoot scoring record for one player in a Northern Division tilt. Wiley also holds the individual record for the season, 219 points last year.



BOB EDWARDS

Wildcats Want to Play in NCAA Tourney too...

Top Teams Get NIT Offers

NEW YORK, Feb. 28—(AP)—

Brownies Give Cards the 'Boot'

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 28—(AP)—The St. Louis Cardinal baseball club was notified today that, effective April 1, it could no longer use Sportsman's park.

The notice was served by the Dodi Realty and Investment company, which owns the park and which is controlled by the St. Louis Browns.

A feud between the city's two major league clubs over use of the park has been smoldering for some time. The Browns have demanded a higher rental fee than the \$35,000 the Cardinals are paying annually and the American league club management has been irritated by the refusal of the Cardinals to stop radio broadcasts of their road games. This, the American club has maintained, cuts the attendance at Browns' home games.

Today's action came in the form of a legal notice inserted in the Globe-Democrat. It notified the National league club that it has forfeited its park lease "because of an attempted assignment," and declared the contract terminated.

Tennis Meeting Set

There will be a meeting for all those interested in turning out for varsity tennis this afternoon at two o'clock at the McArthur Court athletic offices.

The tennis team will be coached this year by Saul Lesser, Webfoot letterman, who will act as player-coach. Lesser was appointed recently.

Three of Oregon's coaches in major sports are graduates of the University.

Kentucky and St. Louis, the nation's first and second ranking basketball teams, will renew their rivalry in the National Invitation Basketball tournament at the Garden early next month.

Both were extended formal bids today, St. Louis accepted promptly, and it was reported reliably that the Wildcats also had decided to compete.

There was no official announcement immediately on Kentucky's acceptance. But a high official said the Wildcats had agreed to play.

Bernie Shively, director of athletics at Kentucky, said the school is "considering" the N.I.T. bid. Kentucky is understood to be keen on competing in both the NCAA and NIT tourneys.

Kentucky has made no bones about its desire to meet St. Louis once again. The Billikens (18-3) handed Kentucky its only beating of the season—defeating the boys from the Blue Grass state, 42-40, in the New Orleans Sugar Bowl tourney last December. Since then Alex Groza, Wah Wah Jones, Ralph

Beard and Co. have won 17 games in a row and boasts a 25-1 record.

Asa Bushnell, chairman of the NIT selection committee, who announced St. Louis' acceptance and the issuance of the invitation to Kentucky, said that some 12 to 14 other schools are being considered for the other berths. He declined to name the teams in the running.

There apparently would be no official objections if Kentucky desired to enter both the NCAA and NIT tourneys.

Both Bushnell and A. K. Tebell of the University of Virginia, chairman of the NCAA third district in which Kentucky must qualify, said it would be okay.

There is no conflict in dates between the tourneys. The eastern NCAA playoffs will be held in New York March 21-22 with the finals in Seattle March 26.

Wesley Chorus

Chorus rehearsal at Wesley house will begin at 6:30 tonight. Anyone interested in singing with the group is invited.

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