

# DUCK TRACKS

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The Washington State series showed Oregon two kinds of basketball teams. On Friday night, fans saw a Webfoot squad which was "hot." The Cougars were, on the other hand, slightly cold. They couldn't hit their shots, and their defense wasn't working well. The Ducks had an amazing percentage on their field goals and their free throw mark was also boosted a bit.



SLATS GILL

The next night, the show was exactly reversed. Oregon went back to its previous habit of a rather mediocre shooting average. While they followed and even tied up the Cougars several times during the game, they fell behind sadly near the end. WSC, on the other hand, sharpened its shooting and bettered its defense.

Thus, fans saw two different types of basketball teams over the weekend, Friday night, it was Oregon in the all-conquering roll of the better team on the floor. The Cougars were not of champion stock that night. The next night, the two clubs simply traded positions.

## Did Bob Celeri Gamble?

Since the defeat of California by Ohio State in the Rose Bowl, there has been much chatter by the press of Bear Quarterback Bob Celeri's "gambling" in the game. His figurative tossing of the dice in the huddle did not pay off, it seems. Throughout the season, however, Celeri was praised for his gambling, which was called daring when it paid off.

Now, the question arises—is football, or any sport for that matter, a thing to be gambled with by the participants, and while they are participating? (Competitive sport, that is, not poker.)

Well, why not? It makes the game more exciting, doesn't it? The spectators love it, don't they? But will the steady gambling quarterback be a steady winner? That we won't venture to answer. We merely will state that it doesn't hurt the game one darn bit. Celeri lost because of his gambling, MAYBE, Gambling, schmampling—Ohio State had a better team.

Oregon's own John Warren does a bit of gambling himself now and then. When he discovered Will Urban last year he was gambling. Urban was an unproven Sophomore forward right up from the Frosh team. Warren slammed him into the line-up just about a year ago in the 1949 WSC series and what happened? In the first game, the remarkable Eddie Gayda was held practically scoreless by Urban. Since then, Will has been flying high.

## Vranizan Was a Winning Gamble

Now, once again Warren has come up with a winner from a gamble. The gamble was big Jim Vranizan in the second Columbia game. Before the game, we saw Warren in the hall outside the playing floor. He was looking glum and shaking his head in desperation. Then he said, "Well, do you want to suit up? I can use anything tonight."

The reason, of course, for his sorrow was the absence of both Sowers and Urban. Both men are worth 15 points apiece in the average game, John says. Anyway, we asked him who he would put against Azary, the Columbia scoring ace that night. He said he was going to start Vranizan, which came as a shock to us. Jim was completely untried, except in practice.

That gamble has paid off, at least in part, for Vranizan, while he did not stop Azary, has put in some very good work on the boards in the two games since his debut. This, of course, was a gamble in desperation, for Warren had absolutely no one else to play on Azary.

## Ducks Will See Farm Wars

Now, how about Vranizan? He is big, rough to the degree of not being pushed around under the basket, and consistent, or looks to be consistent so far. He will not be a tremendous point-getter this season, but he will be good for a 10 point average next season. We have faith in the boy.

Now that Oregon State has its huge Gill Coliseum, we can expect to have a few Oregon fans at the OSC-Duck frays played in Corvallis. That may develop into making more of a civil war out of the basketball games, but that too will be interesting. The capacity of McArthur Court has been increased slightly, also, so there may be more Aggie fans at the local wars.

Anyway, the Aggies have some tickets over here for Webfoot fans to buy for Friday night. We advise everyone who can to buy a ticket and attend the battle in Aggie land Friday night. It will be worth it. And it won't be a run-away for OSC by any count. You can figure on that.

## Balance Secret Of State Team

There will be no "big" man for Oregon to point against as they go through their preparations for Friday's game against Oregon State. Beaver scoring for the first nine pre-conference games showed four men leading the team with four points difference between the first and the fourth man.

Bob Payne, the 6' 3" stringbean forward from San Francisco paced the Beavers with 72 points. He was followed by three veterans of Northern Division competition, as Len Rinearson, Ray Snyder, and Dick Ballentine followed with 69, 69, and 68 points respectively.

Later games saw the scoring lead maintained by the same group, with Ballantyne and Payne attempting to take up the offensive gap left by the departure of Cliff Crandall. Bill Harper, who's set shot artistry brought him respect through the Northwest, has started slow, but is capable of ruining any opponent's evening.

Payne, who did his playing last year with San Francisco Junior College, is the boy counted on by Slats Gill to spearhead the Oregon State attack. Lacking the sly knack of Cliff Crandall to maneuver for position, big Bob relies on speed and a good eye to counter his baskets. Like most of Gill's top forwards, he is a good ball handler and a sharp passer.

Upholding the name of Crandall on the 1950 State team will be 6' 2" George, the younger brother of Cliff. Held out of competition last year, George is possessed of erratic ability, and is hopefully being brought along by the Beaver board of strategy. His chief forte this year seems to lie along defensive lines, and he has frequently been assigned the task of holding down one of the opposition's big points getters. He displayed some fine guarding in the game against Minnesota when he checked the Gopher's top point getter, Whitey Skoog.

Another boy the Ducks will be watching is Tommy Holman. Although used sparingly against Washington State, Tom will be ready to go in Corvallis over the weekend. His scoring of five points in the last 10 seconds of the third Civil War game last year will be something both coaches will probably consider.

One fact that will lighten the practice load for John Warren's charges is the knowledge that they will not have to worry about the likes of Washington State's Gene Conley for at least a little while.



By DOUG HAYES

The "ski team" is looking for a sponsor. When I say "ski team" I mean the many interested university skiers—some with racing experience, and many more without who would jump at the chance to be a member of this schools' skiers. And for years and years it seems that Jim Pop kept up the unofficial team with plenty of support from his skiers but none from Educational Activities.

This year, despite several efforts, no good has been done toward our objective and the future is questionable. What is our objective? To complete the elements of a ski team. It seems that the talent would be the stumbling block but actually we've got a surplus of that. All it takes to complete the plan is a sparg-plug with skiing experience—not an expert—and a flock of spare Sundays plus the authorization and financial aid from the school.

## Intramural Basketball Competition Is Heavy

### Tuesday Intramural Schedule

#### BASKETBALL

3:50

McChesney A vs. YMCA A

Nestor A vs. Tau Kappa Epsilon A

4:35

Phi Sigma Kappa A vs. French Hall A

Phi Delta Theta vs. Yeomen A

5:15

Omega Hall A vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon A

Lambda Chi Alpha A vs. Merrick Hall A

HALL A

#### HANDBALL

4:00

Tau Kappa Epsilon vs. Theta Chi

The IM winter season athletics opened last night and while it was precipitating on the outside there was no sign of "all wet" play on the maples as the west basketball court and the "44" handball court brimmed with vehement action.

Delta Tau Delta, Minturn Hall, and Phi Kappa Sigma emerged victors in "A" basketball sessions while Alpha Tau Omega won the

only handball match.

In the initial hoop debut of the season, the Delts topped Philadelphia House 28-20. The victors led 16-8 at halftime although the Christian co-op led 8-5 at the end of the initial quarter. Kerns, Delt forward was high point man with nine points. Teammate Guldager racked up seven points. DeBell and Dunham scored six each for the Philadelphia crew.

Minturn Hall stemmed Campbell Club 33-15. Johansen, Barnes, Tom, and Kinney hit consistently for the dormitory casaba coddlers although there was no accurate record kept on individual scoring. Center Coenenberg starred for the Campbell Club crew.

Phi Kappa Sigma had a little rougher time in spilling the Agates but the housemen finally came through with a 25-19 win. Settlicase scored thirteen points for the Phi Kaps. Charleton was high for the losers with eight points.

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