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Mac Court Among Top Tennis Sites for Pros

McArthur Court's spacious basketball facilities will lend themselves nicely to tennis and will rank as one of the better locations played this year by Jack Kramer, Pancho Gonzales, Frank Parker and Pancho Segura.

That was the opinion Tuesday of Mrs. Kay Riggs, wife of Bobby Riggs, the top man in the professional tennis field today. Mrs. Riggs, who acts as "advance man" for the star-studded cast of tennis experts, said the pros play such a fast game that 120 feet was needed to offer the players full opportunity to maneuver and in many places that much room was simply not available.

The pert, blonde Mrs. Riggs also was pleased with the lighting in the "Igloo." "Many places where we play are rather dark and it makes it hard on both the players and the spectators. I am sure that these lights will be more than adequate to assure all concerned good visibility."

Have Own Layout

The pros have developed a full-court canvas layout which is the

most modern of all indoor playing courts. It is a bright green in color and the court lines have been painted on the surface.

In discussing the present status of the series between Kramer and Gonzales, Mrs. Riggs said that the colorful Gonzales is finally beginning to whip Kramer with some regularity. "It's very much like a very good minor league player in baseball moving into the majors. It takes a little time for him to adjust and reach his full playing potential," Mrs. Riggs said.

"And the competition is really keen. The loser of the series this year will be forced to drop out of our tour and neither player is anxious to lose \$60,000 a year," Mrs. Riggs continued.

In the recent California swing Gonzales defeated Kramer six out of nine times and will be out to cut the Kramer advantage in the series even further when the two stars come to Eugene on February 8.

One other development took place in the California swing which effected the doubles. Bobby Riggs, who with Jack Kramer, won the world's title last year, has returned to the doubles play with Kramer. The championship team tangles with the two Panchos, Gonzales and Segura in the final match of the evening.

Orchids Impress

Mrs. Riggs was impressed with the idea of the free orchids to be given away by Flowers Unlimited of Eugene to all feminine fans holding reserved seats the night of the match. "That's the first time anything of that nature has been done on the tour and I think it's a dandy plan. Mr. Vince Farina should be congratulated for his cooperation."

Ticket sales continued to be in advance of expectations as the match neared. Reserved seat sales are being held at McArthur Court, Skeie's Jewelry and Hendershott's Sporting Goods Store in Eugene. General admission tickets and childrens tickets will be sold the night of the match.

It Might As Well Be Spring

BOSTON — (UP) — The Boston Red Sox announced today that the club would begin spring training at Sarasota, Fla., on Feb. 28.

The pitchers and catchers are to report on that day and be ready for work March 1. Outfielders and infielders are due on March 4 and must be ready for work the following day.

At the same time the Red Sox announced that first baseman Walter Dropo has signed for the 1950 season and that his contract had been assigned to the Louisville club of the American Association.

Last season with the Sacramento club of the Pacific Coast League, Dropo played in 132 games and had an average of .287.

BROOKLYN — The Brooklyn Dodgers are seeking to solve the mystery of Ralph Branca.

Having just signed the right handed ace who slumped in the last two seasons after winning 21 games in 1947.

Ducks Head North; Warren With Team

Ted Tappe



OVERSHADOWED by the exploits of teammates Ed Gayda and Gene Conley, former junior college star Ted Tappe is due to break loose against one of the Cougars coming opponents.

Oregon's battling Ducks, fresh from a pair of upset wins over the Washington Huskies, now face the toughest nine days of the 1950 Northern Division season.

The Webfoots left Eugene last night for Moscow and Pullman for the annual invasion of the Inland Empire. Oregon tackles Idaho on Friday and Saturday and then moves against Washington State on Monday and Tuesday.

The Ducks then travel home to face Oregon State at McArthur Court on Feb. 10 and complete the nine-day marathon on Feb. 11 with a nonconference game with St. Mary's College.

Coach John Warren, although recently ill in bed, left with his team.

The five conference games in eight days will settle the fate of the slim championship hopes still held by the Ducks. Warren's gang must win four of the five games to keep themselves in contention with Washington, Washington State, and Oregon State.

Keller Sparks Ducks

The Oregon stock rose rapidly with the sensational play of Jack Keller since he earned a starting berth at guard. Keller opened the second Washington game in Seattle and scored 16 points and played 40 minutes. He repeated the "iron man" stunt in both Husky games at McArthur Court and added 16 and 18 points to his rapidly rising total for the season.

Oregon's pesky center problem

also appeared near solution. Jim Vranizan, the sophomore who broke into the lineup at the turn of the year, is now getting considerable help from Bob Amacher and Mel Streeter. Amacher's backboard play stemmed a Washington rally in the first game last weekend and Streeter's seven points and board play was a big factor in the second win over the Huskies.

Sowers in Form

After a month of adjusting to a back brace, Paul Sowers seems well on the way to the fine season predicted for him before the year opened. The sharpshooting Duck veteran now leads the Oregon league scoring with 78 points and his shooting average from the field is well above .333.

Coach Warren hopes that Sowers and Keller will get help in the scoring from Will Urban on the trip north. Urban has slumped in his shooting in the last three weeks and seems due for a reversal of form. However, Urban continues to be one of the better rebounders in the league and will aid the Ducks, regardless of his shooting problems.

An even dozen Ducks will make the trip to play Idaho and Washington State. Coach Warren probably will bank on Sowers, Urban, Dale Warberg, and Lynn Hamilton as forwards; Vranizan, Amacher, and Streeter as centers; and Keller, Mel Krause, Bob Lavey, Ken Hunt, and Johnny Neeley as guards.

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Frosh Work Hard, Prepare For 3 Games

By JACK LANDRUD

Coach Don Kirsch believes in the old adage that "practice makes perfect" and has been putting that teaching to work as far as his Oregon Frosh Basketball team is concerned. Even though the Ducklings won both of last weekend's tilts with Redmond High school and Vanport Junior College, the yhave had harder practice sessions this wee kthan any time this season.

Monday the Frosh worked out against the Varsity reserves, Tuesday they scrimmaged the whole Varsity squad, and yesterday they had an unofficial game with Eugene High school. Another hard practice is slated for today to prepare for another meeting with the Varsity reserves on Friday.

Guards Shine

Standouts in the Eugene High clash, in which the Frosh came out on top, although no accurate score was kept, were guards Sam Conchetti and Nick Cehmen. Their combined brilliant floor play brought favorable comment from spectators. 6 foot 7 inch Hank Bonnemann also came in for his share of praise due to sparkling backboard and tip-in work. Chet Noe and Jim Livesay rounded out the Frosh starting five.

Coach Kirsch has arranged no games for the Junior Greenmen this weekend so that they may rest up for three tests next week. Tuesday evening they meet the Oregon State Rooks, and entertain Marshfield and Hillsboro on Friday and Saturday nights, respectively.

Latest theory is that one of the hurlers legs is longer than the other. The belief that it was a heart condition was exploded when the doctor gave Ralph an OK on that organ.

Cougars, OSC Grapple; Loop Title At Stake

Five-foot, two-inch Coach Bill Tomaras of the Washington State College wrestling squad is definitely adding color to the intercollegiate mat sport this season.

Tomaras, a former University of Illinois mat star at 121 pounds, is making every effort to arouse interest in college wrestling, both at Washington State College and on the Pacific Coast.

Popular in Midwest

"The tremendous popularity of intercollegiate wrestling in the Midwest has been developed partly through hard, fast, aggressive wrestling and partly through outstanding individuals that have color such as seen in the pro ranks, but this color is through legitimate effort," said Tomaras.

"We here at Washington State College are trying to develop the same interest as found in the Midwest," added Tomaras. "We have two boys at WSC who are colorful. 'Sosh' Watanabe, who is one of the fastest men I have ever seen on the mat, and Bob Closs, who plays cat and mouse with his opponents. Both boys are undefeated in intercollegiate matches, with the exception of the Nationals," stated Tomaras.

The Cougars are the defending Northern Division and Pacific Coast Conference champions this season, both titles—won last season—were Tomara's and WSC's first crowns.

Cougars Face Beavers

One of the best matches on the WSC schedule will be against the Oregon State Beavers, who will be seeking to regain the Northern Division title. The match is set for Saturday, Feb. 11, at 2:30 p.m. in J. Fred Bohler Gymnasium.

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Spees, Lambda Chis Win; Phi Delt's Divide

Today's Schedule

Basketball

- 3:50 Merrick A vs. Sigma Nu A
 - 3:50 Alpha Tau Omega A vs. Sigma Hall A
 - 4:35 Alpha A vs. Sigma Alpha Mu A
 - 4:35 Sigma Chi A vs. Sherry Ross A
 - 5:15 Cherney A vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon A
 - 5:15 Theta Chi A vs. Stan Ray A
- #### Handball
- 4:00 Sigma Nu vs. Phi Kappa Sigma

"Heap big smoke" and fire too highlighted basketball in "A" league intramural action. Winners by lengthy scores were Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Lambda Chi Alpha.

Omega pulled the proverbial bunny out of the proverbial stetson with a 2-1 handball win over Phi Delta Theta. A singles victory plus 21-3 and 21-10 scores in the doubles match did the trick.

Phi Delta Theta retaliated (and how) on the maplewood with a decisive 39-11 victory over the Omega quint. Fast break told the story in the second half as the Phi Delt's steamed away from a 16-7 half-time lead. Left guard Daryle Nelson led the scoring parade with ten points; teammates Brad Fullerton and Rod Slate finished with nine and eight points respectively.

Sig Eps Win

Sigma Phi Epsilon hit the hoop with regularity and uncle "fast break" again was instrumental in a 32-7 win over the Yeomen. Don Provost, Don Bowman, and Young, tied for HPH with six points apiece.

Lambda Chi took their third successive game in intramural play with a twinging 25-7 victory Sederstrom.