

Oregon Faces Idaho Vandals Tonight

Pancho Segura Story: Strictly Rags to Riches

Oregon students will have their regular downstairs seats for the professional tennis matches in McArthur court Wednesday night.

Tickets for the matches, which start at 8 p.m., are on sale now at the Athletic Ticket Office, McArthur court. Student ducats are 50 cents, general admission 90 cents, and reserved seats \$1.80.

All women reserved seat ticket holders will receive free orchids, courtesy of Flowers Unlimited, when they enter the court.

One of the colorful net stars will be Francisco "Pancho" Segura, 29-year-old Ecuadorian flash, famous for his two-handed forehand. Segura's rise to world tennis fame is a Horatio Alger-type rags-to-riches story.

He got his start in his native Guayaquil, Ecuador, in 1938. The town of Quito had challenged the tennis club of Guayaquil to a match for the Pichincha Cup, the richest athletic prize in the country.

Started As Underdog

This particular year, however, Guayaquil had no first rate players, and all the second rate players begged off from meeting the strong Quito team. The chairman of Guayaquil's selection board nominated a caretaker's son, a near-cripple called Parrot Foot. The tennis club of aristocrats had to resort to a caretaker's son for an entrant.

Parrot Foot, so called for his physical peculiarities, was Francisco Segura. He promptly captured the Pichincha Cup for his club, and then went on to win the South American championship. He then moved to U. S. tennis fields.

Segura captured many U. S. amateur titles. He held third place in the national amateur ratings for three years. He won the National Intercollegiate title three years in a row—in 1943, '44, and '45—as a student at Miami University. In 1946 he grabbed the United States



FRANCISCO SEGURA
Lawn Tennis Association title. Later he turned professional. Strangely enough, Segura's best shot, the two-handed forehand, developed when as a weak child he was unable to grip the racket with one hand. This style made everyone laugh in his early playing days, but is the main reason for his success. Segura will meet Frankie Parker in a single match, and team with Pancho Gonzales to play Jack Kramer and Bobby Riggs in a doubles game.

Webfoots Take To Water Today In Aggy Pool

Despite the recent sickness of several varsity men, Oregon's swimming squad is well-prepared for the Northern Division opener with Oregon State at Corvallis tomorrow afternoon.

Dick Ruckdeschel, who is suffering from a severe cold, might not be able to participate in the meet, but it is believed that the remainder of the team will see action in the OSC Dads' Day battle.

Team Is Cold-Weakened

However, Bill Vannatta and Stan Hargrave have not yet completely recovered from their bouts with the cold germ and might be at a disadvantage when the action begins. Another cold victim, Rod Harmon, has missed valuable practice time.

On the other side of the ledger, Joe Nishimoto, George Balch, Louis Santos, and Wade Hanson are in perfect condition and have been looking very good, while Divers Jim Stanley and Harry Ladas also have been staging excellent performances.

Ray Staub Eager

According to an official release from Corvallis, Beaver Coach Reg Flood is "still in a gloomy mood concerning the meet," and he further maintains that Ray Staub, a diver, is his "only sure hope."

However, Staub will have a tough battle when he faces Oregon's Jim Stanley, who won the Northern Division diving title last year. Stanley demonstrated that he is ready to defend his crown last Saturday when he captured first-place honors in the intra-squad meet.

Van Dijk Ineligible

Coach John Borhardt's Ducks will miss the services of Pete Van Dijk, who has been declared ineligible for Northern Division competition.

Van Dijk was almost a one-man team last Saturday when he took

Slow-Ball Play Used By Vandals

When Oregon's Ducks face the Idaho Vandals tonight and tomorrow night, they will be facing a team which uses a control-the-ball type of play.

That, in opposition to the Oregon fast-running type of game, should make quite a pair of contests before the weekend is over.

Vandal Coach Chuck Finley is known for trying things that no other coach in the division will try. These things include slow, ball-control play, with the idea that the other team won't score if it doesn't get the ball, a different type of under-the-basket floor play, and several eccentric methods for putting the ball into play from out of bounds.

Finley also is noted for his ability, according to Idaho sources, to diagnose another team's offense in a few minutes, and be able to set up a defense which is like to stop it.

Vandals Blanked to Date

To date the Vandals have not won a game in division play, but they are figured to be up for Oregon, after their two losses as the hands of Washington State last weekend.

A great deal of Oregon's fortunes tonight will depend on the ability of the Ducks to hit the hoop. If they shoot like they did last weekend, they are figured to be sure winners, but if they return to their shooting of some earlier games, they may

two first and was a member of the winning 400-yard freestyle relay quartet in the intra-squad meet.

The Beavers will be attempting to break Oregon's great victory string of 17 straight wins over OSC. Oregon State hasn't taken a dual meet from the Ducks since 1938. In 16 of the past 17 battles, Oregon has more than doubled the Beaver score.

have a tough time knocking over Idaho.

In the Idaho line-up tonight will be big Bob Pritchett, who has surprised many fans this year with his below-par playing, as compared with his 1949 record.

Pritchett Not What He Used To Be

Pritchett was figured at the beginning of the season to be little short of a sensation in Northern Division circles, but his performance has been only so-so to date.

Just who else will be in the line-up tonight against Oregon is not too certain, considering the fact that Finley may have shaken his



ED GAYDA, star Washington state forward, who recently recovered his ankle and his shooting eye to pot 27 points against Idaho. He is figured to give Oregon trouble next week.

team up after the double WSC defeat.

Other men who may see action for Idaho tonight and tomorrow night are Sam Jenkins, Dick Geisler, the only three-year letterman on the team, and Bob White. Six men on the total 15-man Vandal squad are sophomores.

For Oregon tonight and tomorrow night, Coach John Warren is figured to start his winning quintet of last week. This consists of Jack Keller and Mel Krause at guards, Jim Vranizan at center, and Paul Sowers and Will Urban at forwards. Vranizan may get help from fast improving Mel Streeter and Bob Amacher.

Bud Covey Draws Warren's Praise

By JACK LANDRUD

"Sure, he's small, but his speed and drive more than make up for the lack of height, and I consider him an excellent varsity prospect for next year."

Thus spoke Oregon Head Basketball Coach John Warren when quizzed as to the potentialities of Bud Covey, sparkling guard on the Freshman basketball team.

Bud, who stands 5 feet 9 inches in height and pushes the scales to the 168-pound mark, was born in Seattle on March 24, 1931, and moved to Portland four years later where he attended grammar school and high school.

Went to Jefferson High

While attending Portland's Jefferson high, Bud first became interested in sports and was outstanding enough to letter for three years in both football and basketball.

During Bud's second basketball season, the Jeff team won a berth in the State prep basketball tournament which was being played in Eugene and it was then that he first visited the University of Oregon.

Jeff had a very potent quintet that year, and was composed of such luminaries as Duane Enochs, now star center for the University of Washington varsity, Jerry Hefly, highscoring forward for Pacific Lutheran College, and Clarence Schmer, Jim Livesay, and Emery Barnes. Schmer and Livesay are now teammates of Bud's at Oregon.

Football Produced Thrill

Strangely enough, Bud's most exciting moment in sports came in a football game and not a basketball contest. When Jefferson was playing her deadly grid rival, Grant High School, in the fall of 1947, and was trailing 6-0, Bud, who was then a junior halfback, scooped up a fumble by Grant's Dale Duff and streaked from the Grant 20 yard line across the goal line for an 80-yard touchdown run, and the Jeffmen went on to win.

Wants to Teach

Liberal Arts in Bud's major field and he would like to go into the teaching profession. He has both a brother and a sister who are educators and nothing would please him more than to follow in their

Can OSC Crack Louie Is Question

Oregon State and Washington will go into a two-game series tonight in Gill Coliseum at Corvallis, and the question of whether Huskies Louie Soriano and Frank Guiness can hold up under a partisan OSC crowd may be answered.

Both the little junior dead-eye and the flashy sophomore ball-handler showed signs of strain and distress last week in McArthur Court in front of a noisy and sometimes deafening Oregon crowd.

The new OSC coliseum is sold out for tomorrow night, and it is expected that there will be few empty seats in the mammoth structure tonight, although some tickets were left yesterday.

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