

DUCK TRACKS

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Oregon State's Athletic department finally cracked the 10,000 mark in Gill Coliseum Friday night when 10,251 fans filed through the turn-stiles to see the OSC-Oregon game.

Previously, there had been some doubt about the claim that the new hoop palace would hold 10,000 spectators, and Spec Keene's Aggie Athletic department was no doubt eager to disprove that rumor. However, there is still some question in our mind about getting 10,000 in seats in the Coliseum.

Yes, there might have been 10,251 people watching the game, and they were sitting down, but some of them were sitting in the aisles on the non-student side of the mammoth building.

Several Oregon fans who arrived late for the game reported that the OSC people were still selling tickets after the game started, and AFTER the seats were filled, as near as these fans could see. At any rate, these fans say they hunted for a seat for some time, and finally gave up and sat in one of the aisles.

Hanging From Rafters

Those aisles, incidentally, are pretty huge, and they will hold a lot of people. On the non-student side, one of the center aisles was almost completely filled with spectators sitting on the steps, and several other aisles were scattered with people seated on the concrete steps.

These same fans who arrived late and sat in the aisles also told us that many people who also arrived late (and found no seat), became rather disgusted and left, after getting their money refunded.

These people who got their money back and left were, of course, not counted in the final attendance figure. Just to make a wild, partisan guess, we estimate that at least 250 people were sitting on the steps of the aisles. At any rate, the late-arrivers said there weren't any spare seats left, and they sat in the aisle . . . and reported the concrete just about as comfortable as Mac Court's wooden bleachers.

Now, what was the OSC athletic department trying to do? . . . just sell as many tickets as possible so that all fans who wanted to see the game could be satisfied? . . . or was the department attempting to disprove the ugly talk that the place wouldn't hold 10,000? We'll stick to the statements that the SEATS won't hold 10,000, but we'll readily admit that 10,000 people can watch a game inside Gill Coliseum.

At least the new hoop palace is no white elephant, and chances are that a much bigger building would fill up just as rapidly for such an important game. Let's hope that any new basketball pavilions which are built on the coast are of the same fine caliber.

Will They Boil Art in Oil?

Looks like it may be bye-bye for Washington's Art McLarney after the way his Huskies have gone to pot in this basketball season. Before the season started, and it looked as if the team wouldn't amount to much, Washington fans were reportedly getting ready to give McLarney the heave-ho just because he seemingly didn't have any material.

And then the Huskies won their first six games, and whee . . . they made up the Cinderella team of the conference . . . they were champions . . . McLarney was the salt of the earth.

After that, the losing streak started . . . the Cinderella stage-coach turned to a pumpkin . . . the glass slipper wouldn't fit anyone . . . the white stallions became white rats. And now, there is no joy in Mudville (Seattle to non-Washingtonians), for mighty Art has just about struck out.

Personally, McLarney has impressed us as being a fine gentleman, and he also has impressed us as being a good coach, considering the somewhat young material he has. But, as in a lot of schools, it's produce or leave at Washington, or at least that's how it looks.

We hope this is all wrong. We hope McLarney hears never a whisper about leaving, and stays on to coach more Husky teams. Considering what he had to work with this year, he has done very well. The team simply reached the top of its ability ladder early in the season and hasn't climbed any higher since. Other teams in the division have.



SPEC KEENE

Tennis Meeting

An important meeting of all candidates for the varsity and freshman tennis teams will be held at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the visitor's locker room of McArthur Court.

New Coach Robeson Bailey will discuss plans for this season and will outline possible practice schedules for the prospects.

Webfoots Win

(Continued from page four) managed a .320. Neither team scorched the backboard with its shooting. Many of the OSC buckets in the first half came, as they had the night before in Corvallis, from the tricky hand of little Hommy Holman, Aggie guard. Holman continually drove through the entire Oregon team, got in front of his defensive man, and put up a difficult shot from practically under the backboard.

Ducks Overcome Lead

When the two teams recaptured the floor from Bill Bowerman and his square-dancers, the second half got underway. Oregon State immediately served notice that it was out to win the game, after its first-half start.

The Aggies built their lead to 28-22 before the Ducks put the ball through the hoop on Jim Vranizan's layin. From there, OSC fought, Oregon fought, and eventually the Ducks overtook their furry friends at 36-36 with about nine minutes of the half gone.

Oregon State momentarily went ahead again at 38-36 and 40-39, but that was the last scoring of the game for the Corvallis plow-pushers, while Oregon went into their well-developed stall and took the count to 45 at the same time.

Oregon Stall Effective

During the stall, OSC got the ball several times, but was unable to put it through the hoop, try as the Beavers did, and they did.

In Saturday's game, a total of 48 fouls was whistled, 30 of them in the first half. Also in the first half Oregon's Bob Amacher was ejected from the game for roughness. When he collided with Aggy Ken Storey, Storey hit the floor as if he would never rise. However, he played enough in the second half to pick up his fifth personal foul and finally leave the game.

Beavers Bob Paine and Len Rinearson also were benched by five fouls in the last half.

Friday night's contest in Corvallis saw Oregon sail ahead for a brief period in the opening minutes. But Tommy Holman pulled the driver act, and netted several buckets from directly under the backboard to boost the Aggies.

In the Friday game, which saw a remarkable 57 fouls called, the Ducks seemed to fall apart when OSC started finding its range.

Upon Holman's driving, the Green team went into a zone defense, which for awhile stopped the OSC hemp-splitting tactics. But a tough defense was also slapped on Oregon, and OSC had a 27-20 half-time lead.

OSC Has Slim ND Chance

In the second half the same story was repeated, and the Orange maintained a lead which made for optimism in the partisan Gill Coliseum crowd.

The final score of 51-42 tells the story well.

Oregon State has a slim, but very slim chance of tying Washington State for the Northern Division title. The Beavers must defeat a sliding University of Washington team twice in Seattle. At the same time, WSC will be playing Idaho in Pullman and Moscow. To be tied, the Cougars would have to lose both of these games, which is not expected by observers in the division.

A market strike in Indiana is over. Fine! Any market strike is just a lot of rot.

Nishimoto Sets Record

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Results of the meet:
300-yard medley relay—won by Washington (Miller, Hoppe, Smith); time, 2:59.8.

220-yard freestyle—won by Clayton (W); 2nd, McArthur (W); 3rd, Hickenbotham (O); time, 2:13.5.

60-yard freestyle—won by Hansen (O); 2nd, Regan (W); 3rd, Wilson (W); time, :31.1.

180-yard individual medley—won by Tallman (W); 2nd, Sheldon (W); 3rd, Harmon (O); time, 2:08.4.

Diving—won by Stanley (O); 2nd, Newton (W); 3rd, Sawhill (W).

100-yard freestyle—won by Smith (W); 2nd, Santos (O); 3rd, Vanatta (O); time, :54.3.

150-yard backstroke—won by Miller (W); 2nd, Hargraves (O); 3rd, Sheldon (W); time, 1:42.4.

200-yard breast stroke—won by Nishimoto (O); 2nd, Hoppe (W); 3rd, Newton (W); time, 2:24.7.

440-yard freestyle—won by 3rd, Hickenbotham (O); time, Clayton (W); 2nd, Tallman (W); 4:57.8.

400-yard freestyle relay—won by Washington (McArthur, Regan, Wilson, Smith); time, 3:38.6.
Final score—Washington 59, Oregon 25.



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