

DUCK TRACKS

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The big plastic cover has been pulled over the baskets at McArthur Court and the game of basketball, varsity calibre, has been drummed into the pages of history, as far as the University of Oregon is concerned.

In this ode to the now departed soul of the great indoor sport fathered by James Naismith, we feel it is fitting and proper to toss in a brief resume of the 1949-50 Oregon basketball season.

The Webfoots opened fire December 2 and 3 at Salt Lake City, where they dropped a pair to Utah and Utah State; then they returned to McArthur Court for a series against the then vaunted Blue and Gold Athletic Club (formerly the Oakland Bittners). With the smooth Don Barksdale working the center post for the California professionals, the Club copped the first game on December 9, only to see the Ducks come roaring back to surprise the world by topping the pros on the ensuing evening.

As we recall it now, the Oregon squad never again rejoiced a more thrilling moment than immediately after their triumph over the professional defending champs.

December 20 and 21 saw the Ducks split two with Stanford's Indians at the Igloo, winning the second, after a hot, hot Stanford team made a route of it in the opener.

Hawks Hound Ducks

Oregon then took an expensive and disastrous trip to the great middle west where Loyola of Chicago trounced them in the Windy City December 27, and the University of Iowa Hawkeyes cleaned up a two-game series. The Hawks swept the first game by a margin of 27 points after the Ducks had been shaken up on a trip to Iowa City.

The following evening, the somewhat recuperated Ducks took on the Iowans again, this time as part of a twin bill at Madison, Wisconsin. After piling up a big lead at one point, Oregon folded, and the Big Ten quint blasted back to win the game by one scrawny point.

The game was reminiscent of the Iowa-Oregon football clash which saw a fighting bunch of Iowans, trailing at one point by 24-6, come surging back to defeat the gridiron Webfoots by 34-31.

Oregon opened the new year by dropping two more to an unstoppable barnstorming University of Columbia crew, January 2 and 3 at the Igloo. Neither game was ever in much doubt as the New Yorkers easily took command of the situation in both clashes.

A Gilt-Edged Samisen

Oregon then broke the back of their five game losing streak by slapping down the Northern Division favorites, the Washington State Cougars, in the first of two games at the Igloo. It was then that sports scribes foresaw some hope that the Ducks might brew enough trouble to spoil the soup for the "loaded" northern division ball clubs. The Cougars gathered themselves together, however, to cop the second clash by an eight point margin.

On January 13, the Oregon State Beavers got hot on their own new basketball court and humbled the Ducks who, in their first appearance at the Gill Coliseum, couldn't buy a basket with a gilt-edged samisen.

On the following weekend, the Ducks popped into the pavilion at Seattle to be mopped up on two successive evenings by the then class of the conference, University of Washington Huskies.

In regards to that series, a personal bit of correspondence from a reliable U of Washington student contained this information:

"I was a witness to both of the trouncings that the Ducks received from the great gold Huskies this weekend. The first night Washington was just hot... they couldn't miss... Oregon looked good, but they missed too many of their foul shots and just couldn't seem to get started against the lucky Washington team. The second night I would have bet on Oregon before the game and after the first five minutes of play. But when Washington got going it was the same as Friday night. So, I guess Art McLarney's Huskies aren't as bad as everyone around here expected."

The Kiss of Death

That last statement might well have been the kiss of death because the next weekend, Oregon rose to new heights and dropped the Seattle invaders twice on the homey Igloo floor.

Then a four-game debacle on the Inland Empire swing, in which Idaho and WSC each padded their win columns two times at the expense of the visiting Webfoots.

In more recent times, Oregon came back home to trounce Oregon State and an inept St. Mary's quintet; then came the split with Idaho at Mac Court, the loss to Oregon State last Friday at Corvallis, and the successful finale Saturday in which Oregon turned back the Beavers—again on the Igloo court.

Church History Conference Set

The American Society of Church History conference Mar. 7 and 8 will present a special guest lecturer, Dr. Matthew Sinka of Hartford Theological seminary. His central theme will be the Russian Religious Renaissance.

The first session of the conference will open at 10 a. m. Mar 7 in the Gerlinger Lounge. Dr. Quirinus Breen, associate professor of history and social science, will preside.

Two more sessions that afternoon will have Dr. N. P. Jacobson, acting head of the university department of religion, and Ross J. Griffith, president of Northwest Christian College presiding. At a public lecture at 8 p. m. Mar. 7 in room 207 Chapman Hall, Dr. Spinka will speak on "Khomaykov and the Beginnings of the Renaissance."

Discussion sessions Mar. 8 will be presided over by Dr. Breen and the Rev. Wesley G. Nicholson, pastor of the First Congregational Church in Eugene. At a second public lecture that night at 8 in room 3, Fenton Hall, Dr. Spinka will speak on "Berdyayev, Representative of Free Orthodoxy."

The evening lectures are sponsored by the University Faculty Lecture Committee, Dr. R. H. Ernst chairman.

Police School Sets CourtCaseToday

Final class of the Eugene branch of the Oregon Regional Police School will be held today, with a moot court case planned. The school is for city, county, and state officers who have had previous training.

Today's case, planned to take place in one of the circuit rooms at the Court House, finishes the series of five sessions dealing with a safe burglary. Instructors have been Special Agent Kelly D. Deaderick, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Sgt. Vern L. Hill, department of State Police.

Enrollment for the course reached 77, with an average attendance of 50.

Sponsors of the schools, which are held in 10 regions throughout Oregon, are the Oregon Association of City Police Officers and the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association.

Cooperating agencies are the Bureau of Municipal Research and Service on the campus, the FBI, State Police, Portland Bureau of Police, and State Division of Vocational Education.

Veterans Insurance Payments Continue

Payment of the special \$2,800,000,000 National Service Life Insurance dividend is more than one-third complete, according to information received from the Veterans Administration.

A total of 5,003,950 checks, amounting to \$889,769,708, were mailed to policy holders in the first 22 working days since payment began on Jan. 16.

With some nine million checks yet to be mailed on applications already received, the VA cautions veterans not to expect checks based on the last three digits of their serial numbers in all cases. A large number will not be mailed in that sequence.

The VA expects to make the bulk of all payments by June 30, but delay might be caused by veterans who have not received checks writing in to make inquiries. The Administration asks veterans to be patient.

Austrian Students to Perform In Goodwill Program Friday

The Austrian Student Goodwill tour will perform at the Eugene High School Auditorium, Friday night, Mar. 3.

Composed of 31 men and women students from Austrian Universities, the group will present a typical Austrian program. Included are "Mercy Scenes From Austria," folksongs, Alpine yodeling, folk dances from remote villages of Austria. The program will last about two and a half hours.

While in Eugene, the students will be housed in University fraternity and sorority houses.

The tour was organized to promote international relations and good understanding between nations. It left Vienna last fall, and has since performed throughout the United States. Harvard, Yale,

Columbia, and Stanford have been hosts to the group.

Their Oregon tour is being sponsored by Governor McKay, the Austrian Prime Chancellor, UNESCO.

Several of the group are prominent in Austria. Karl Mattisch, expert on folk dancing, won the ski crown for Austria in the American ski championships.

The group will appear in native dress. The conductor for the organization is Felix Molzer, conductor of the Vienna Boys Choir.

Entirely self-supporting, the good will tour is financed by its concerts. Tickets are available at Wilson's Music Store, the First National Bank, YWCA-YMCA Center and the University Man's Shop.



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