

Sets Sights for Beavers



BOB PETERSON, 6 foot, 5 inch sophomore forward, demonstrates scoring form with which he hopes to play a big part in Oregon's series with the Beavers of OSC Friday and Saturday. Big Bob leads the Webfoots in Northern Division scoring and has the best Division scoring average in conference play, 10.7 points per game.

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Ducks Scrimmage With Frosh As OSC Series Nears

With the Friday and Saturday Oregon State series looming one day closer Oregon's Ducks ran through a hard scrimmage with the Frosh Tuesday in McArthur court.

Forward Will Urban, still recovering from a re-injured right foot, ran with his team-mates for the first time in nearly two weeks.

Urban appeared to be shaping into his old form, but still is taking it easy, and did not extensively mix it up under the basket. Whether his foot will be conditioned enough for the Beaver games this weekend is still not known.

The first five in Tuesday's practice was made up of Guards Jack Keller and Ken Hunt, Center Jim Luscutoff, and Forwards Bob Peterson and Curt Barclay.

Neeley Shows Well

Veteran Guard John Neeley also saw an extensive workout, and showed up well on the fast break. Neeley's experience in the break and his close ball handling ability could prove valuable in a tight spot during the OSC games.

Mel Streeter, working Tuesday from the forward position, made several classy floor plays from the key hole and under the basket. Center Chet Noe, recently recovered from a bout with influenza, put in considerable time with the second five, but locked rough on backboard play.

Guard Mel Krause turned in some good looking defensive play against the Frosh. He also worked well with Neeley on the fast break.

Warren Substitutes Freely

Webfoot Coach John Warren substituted freely throughout the scrimmage.

The outcome of the Northern Division basketball race for 1950 could well be decided by the Oregon-OSC games this week. Oregon at present has a 2 and 2 record in conference play, while OSC has won and lost 3 games.

The Ducks have won 8 of their last 10 games, with two losses to Washington marring the picture.

Starting for the Beavers Friday night in McArthur court will probably be Guards Bill Harper and

Kentucky Takes Over Top Spot

NEW YORK, Jan. 23—(AP)—Kentucky reclaimed the top spot, ahead of undefeated Long Island University, in the sixth Associated Press basketball poll.

The Wildcats from Lexington Ky., succeeded Oklahoma A. and M., which fell to third after having its 16-game winning streak snapped, 44-40, by Oklahoma Saturday night.



CLAIR BEE
LIU—not yet No. 1

After Kentucky, LIU and Oklahoma A. and M. came this order: Bradley, Indiana, St. Johns, Columbia, North Carolina State, Kansas State and St. Louis.

Delt-Hunter 18-12 Tilt Only Close IM Game

By Bill Gurney

Alpha Tau Omega outran Campbell Club 31-14, Theta Chi defeated Merrick 27-15, Tau Kappa Epsilon downed the Yeomen by a 26-15 count, Sherry Ross fell 17-8 before Beta Theta Pi, and Delta Tau Delta won 18-12 from Hunter Hall in "A" Intramural basketball action Tuesday. The only "B" game played ended in a 21-4 walkaway for Sherry Ross over Sigma Phi Epsilon.

In only one game, the Delt-Hunter Hall struggle, was the outcome ever seriously in doubt. The other winners early asserted their superiority.

ATO's Keep Control

A tall band of ATOs, flashing a potent fast break and a good eye for the basket, never lost control of their game with Campbell Club. They shot their way to leads of 6-0 at the first quarter, 17-7 at half-time, 29-12 at the three-quarter mark, and coasted to a 31-14 victory.

Former varsity basketball Ernie Baldini led ATO with 10 points, most of them on driving lay-ins. Lanky Ken Torgeson contributed nine, plus a big share of the rebounds. For Campbell Club forward Ray Williams had six and guard Earl Ferguson netted three. The game was played in a clean manner; comparatively few fouls were whistled on either side.

Looked Like Rout

It looked as though the Theta Chi Merrick tilt would turn into a rout when the red-clad fraternity men raced to an 18-2 halftime lead. Merrick then awoke and made a contest of it for the last half, sparked by driving guard Leroy Dunn with eight points for the game.

Theta Chi made effective use of a fast break, especially in the first half, paced by an eight point effort from southpaw-shooting Bill Korpela, and seven counters by center Gene Hebrard. Theta Chi led 23-8 as the third quarter mark and came through with a 27-15 victory.

Play More Even

Play in the Teke-Yeomen contest was more even than the 26-15 score would indicate, with better shooting by the Teke club furnishing the

victory margin. Mark Van Voorhis, Teke center, led the winners with 13 points, while Don Nordling hit four for the Yeomen team. The Teke team led 16-8 at the half, and 19-10 at the third quarter.

Basketball with few holds barred was the order of the day when the Betas won 17-8 from Sherry Ross in a rough and rugged encounter.

Superior Beta Height

Superior Beta height and weight around the backboards enabled them to lead 8-4 at the half and maintain their dominance throughout the game. Both teams used defenses; on the relatively small activity court floors such tactics are often very successful.

Beta Harlan Mickey, late of the Duck varsity, hit for six points, while Lee Jackson earned four on the Sherry Ross side.

The Delt-Hunter margin at the three-quarter mark, but pulled away to win largely on the work of guards Darrell Hawes and Tom Joyce, who checked in with seven and six points respectively.

Trouble Hitting Hoop

Both teams had trouble hitting the hoop in the early stages of the tilt, but the Delt's fourth quarter rally, coupled with improved rebound work, enabled them to fashion an 18-12 victory. Guard Dick Stearns was high man for Hunter with seven points.

Sherry Ross made short work of an outmanned Sig Ep squad in the only "B" game of the day. They led 11-2 at the half and won 21-4. Forward Joe Almond and guard Leo Naapi contributed six points apiece for the fast-breaking Sherry Ross team.

Intramural Handball continued with the Delt's winning from the Legal Eagles 2-1. The Legal Eagles won the first singles match, but dropped the following singles and doubles matches.

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Mikan Holds Fat 317-Point Lead

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 — (AP) — George Mikan of the Minneapolis Lakers holds a fat 317-point lead over Indianapolis' Alex Groza in the National Basketball Association individual scoring race.

Mikan has scored 1,107 points in 41 games. Groza, in 38 games, has 790 points, but his runnerup position is none too secure. Boston's Ed Macauley is breathing down his neck with a 774-point total. Figures include game of Sunday, Jan. 21.

Mikan, in making a complete runaway of the scoring derby, has netted 383 field goals and 341 fouls. Both are high marks for the 10-team circuit.

Frank Brian of Tri-City is the only other player to go over the 700-point mark, having hit for 707 points in 41 games.

Among the playmakers, New York's Dick McGuire is the leader with 224 scoring assists.

Adolph Rupp's Kentucky Wildcats, the number one basketball team in the Associated Press Poll, has a winning streak at home (Lexington) of more than 90 consecutive games.



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