

Duck Tracks

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Although the present Northern Division basketball race has been featured by numerous complaints concerning the officiating, the present supply of ND whistle-blowers is ultra-perfect when compared to the tooters employed in feminine intramural hoop during the good old pre-war (World War II, that is) days. The ultimate peak in whistle-wackiness was reached during a 1939 battle between Hilyard House and University House. The game was progressing in typical fashion with little or no scoring when the girls, apparently getting bored, decided to change their lineups quite radically.

All of the forwards on both squads switched positions with the guards, but they neglected to inform the officials and scorekeepers. Since there were six players on each team, 12 technical fouls were called. Doubling up with laughter, the girls dropped 2 of the 13 attempted gifters.

By a strange coincidence, a similar situation occurred during a game between the Lucky Aces (apparently now extinct) and a team referred to as "Co-op." Another 12 technicals were called and the girls connected with a total of 4. Although a minute and a half of no-re action had taken place before the error was noticed by Official Russell, she did not hesitate to call the fouls when she finally noticed the rule infractions.

The game ended in a 10-10 deadlock. Official Russell commented, "The best thing about the game was the officiating."

Although the girls failed to register astounding scores in hoop competition, they impressed outside observers with their softball activities. The Kappa Alpha Thetas selected 34 hits in 5 innings as they edged Alpha Omicron Pi 20-3. Alpha Delta Pi hit seven first-inning homers and tallied 23 runs before the frame ended, taking a 23-4 decision over Chi Omega in 2 1/2 innings.

The Orides also had an occasional scoring burst as they routed Alpha Chi Omega 30-11 in 3 innings and rolled over Kappa Alpha Theta 20-3. The Orides defeated Delta Delta Delta 15-4 for the women's crown.

Turning to matters of more important concern, it seems that Look magazine's basketball prediction, which magnanimously rated Oregon in the Northern Division cellar, was not an example of brilliant prognosticating.

The Ducks, now top-ranking contenders for the ND title, began to show definite potentialities during their San Francisco double-header with St. Mary's of San Francisco University.

The San Francisco Examiner's Jerry Borba rated Oregon as the quintet seen in the Cow Palace during the season up to that time. Several days later, Duck Forward Peterson told Eugene's Oregonian that the Ducks had "found themselves" and would win, both times with Idaho.

This was a rather surprising statement, since the Vandals were favored to take both tilts, and the Webfoots, ignoring the Ordes, dropped the Muscovites 36 and 60-54. Since then, the Ducks have been winning games with outstanding regularity.

We now turn you over to Al Karr, Emerald sports writer, for the rest of Duck Tracks:

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Jack Friel probably wishes that he had stood in Pullman. The basketball team, who almost personally comes up with a Northern Division championship contender or not far off, embarked upon the Willamette Valley invasion leading the division with a record of five wins and three losses, and a percentage of .625.

Tied with WSC in games won and lost figures were Oregon's surprising (to Look magazine—see Phil Johnson's remarks) Webfoots and Tippy Dye's Washington Huskies, both with 6-4 won-lost records. Oregon and Washington were in second place, however, with a percentage of .600.

This left WSC all alone on top, percentage-wise speaking. Percentages are the official basis for determining a champion, although, of course, at the close of each Northern Division season the won-lost records will give the same results, each team having played the same number of games.)

Then came the four-games-in-five-nights Willamette Valley trip, dreaded by WSC, Washington, (which discontinued the practice, substituting instead two separate two-game trips, one with Oregon and one with OSC) and Idaho—almost as much as Oregon and OSC dread the four games in five nights Inland Empire trip against Idaho and WSC.

Oregon feasted on Cougar two nights in a row, winning the year's best exhibition of basketball the first night, 66-57, and edging WSC the second night, 57-55. Oregon thus vaulted into first place with an 8-4 record; Washington was second with that 6-4 record, and bewildered WSC was dropped in third place, with five wins and five losses.

WSC continued on to Corvallis, after one night's rest, undoubtedly determined to get back in contention. The doormat Beavers, with a record of four victories and eight defeats at that time, rose up to meet the falling Cougars, and administered a 49-37 licking. (The same night Washington was lambasting Idaho's tall warriors, 63-40, and advanced to within one-half game of Oregon.)

The next night WSC salvaged one game out of the disastrous Valley invasion, winning 45-38. (Washington rolled over Idaho again the same night, 75-59, moving into a first place tie with Oregon, each team with 8 wins and four defeats.)

So the Cougars, who started the Willamette Valley trip on top of the Northern Division, are now in third place with a 6-6 record, a .500 percentage, and two games out of first place. Like we say, Jack Friel probably wishes that he'd have stood in Pullman.

The Cougars are not mathematically out of the race, however, nor are they out of the race as contenders go (and as the Northern Division usually works out, contenders do go). But they are in a much worse position than they were a week ago.

There are certain possibilities by which WSC could tie or win the crown, and most of them involve a loss of three out of four games by Washington and/or Oregon along with a win of three or four out of four by WSC. Possibilities, but not too likely. However, anything goes in the Northern Division.

As far as Oregon's Ducks are concerned, Washington and OSC

'World Crisis' Theme for IRL Conference Here

"The United Nations, the United States, and the World Crisis" is the theme for the Oregon high school International Relations League conference, to be held Mar. 1 to 3 on the University campus.

Charles P. Schlecher, professor of political science, is directing the annual conference.

William J. Bruce, assistant director of the statistical office of the United Nations, will be featured speaker for the conference. The statistical office is the central UN source for important world statistics needed to assess the developments taking place in economic and social fields.

Bruce was a member of the first general assembly of the UN held in London in 1945-46. He also had a part in the planning and organization of the UN, beginning with the preparations of the San Francisco conference in the state department, at San Francisco during the formulation of the Charter, and at London where the basic policies and organization of the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council were being decided.

The conference speaker received the bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees in political science and economics from the University of Oregon and the Ph.D degree in political science from Stanford. He was assistant professor of political science at Stanford from 1937 to 1942.

Sigma Delta Chi Initiates 13

The University chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, men's professional journalism fraternity, held initiation Friday in the Student Union for undergraduates and professional members.

Those initiated into the undergraduate group were Philip Betens, Walter McClain, Don Dewey, Walter Graydon, and Herman Kaiser. Eight professional initiates have been chosen from practicing journalists throughout Oregon.

Keene to Be Guest At Press Meeting

Tom H. Keene, editor and general manager of the Elkhart Daily Truth, Elkhart, Ind., will be guest at a "Meet the Press" meeting at 4 p.m. today in the Student Union.

Keene will participate in an informal question and answer period. The fifth annual Eric W. Allen Memorial Fund address was given by Keene at a meeting of the Oregon Press Conference Friday afternoon.

are the remaining opponents, and formidable ones at that. If Oregon should win both from Washington, they can be jubilant that they did, for the Huskies, who beat the Ducks twice at Seattle, are the hottest team in the division after their high scores against Idaho. Oregon will fight for whatever they do win when the Huskies come to town.

Not to be forgotten as obstacles in Oregon's path are the Beavers from Corvallis. Now resting in fourth place with a not too impressive 5-7 record, they will be tough opponents for the Ducks in Oregon's last two games of the season. They showed this by defeating WSC Friday night, although Friel says that the third game in a four games in five nights trip is always the hardest for a team. Slat Gill, whose team hasn't done very well this season, usually follows defeats with some surprising comebacks, and the Beavers should be dangerous in their clash with Oregon.

Alumni Living-In Committee To Study Effects of Plan

A special committee of the University of Oregon Alumni Association, headed by Charles R. Holloway, Portland, has been organized to renew the study of the "living in" plan started on the University campus last fall.

ment of the individual student, and the training of students for individual leadership.

A report on a first-hand inspection of the "living in" plan will be submitted by the committee to the Alumni Association for approval at the Homecoming meeting next fall.

The committee succeeds a committee headed by Sidney Milligan of Eugene, and was formed at the suggestion of the original committee. The committee will study the effects of the plan by which all freshmen live in dormitories, considering financial status of living organizations, the social develop-

Committee members include Mrs. Dorothy Porter and Wesley G. Nicholson, Eugene; Ivan McKinney, Mrs. Melba Hess, C. Earl Walter, Ray E. Vester, Robert T. Mautz, Portland; Henry N. Fowler, Bend; J. Wesley Sullivan, Salem.



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