

Duck Tracks

By Bill Gurney
Emerald Sports Editor

Tonight is the big night for Bill Morcher as he unwraps the 1951-52 edition of the Ducks basketball team. And it's anybody's guess how the Oregon men will come out against the talented Portland University Pilots, since neither team has played a game as yet.

Hunt Should Be Steady

Borcher didn't inherit a lot of material from John Warren's second place squad of last year; but he does have big Bob Peterson, who after early practice difficulties, seems to be in the mood for another fine season. Ken Hunt, cool sharpshooting guard from Borcher's old stand, Marshfield, should be the steadying influence on an otherwise green backcourt crew. And then there is Mel Streeter, a boy who has what it takes for greatness. Maybe this season Mel's shots will start going swish instead of nearly in—and then out. He always was a demon on the backboards; his senior year may see him contribute vitally needed scoring punch.

Keith Farnum, junior forward, is another lad who didn't see much action last year but one who could develop into a real asset. Six-foot-eight junior center Chet Noe broke a scoring record as a Duckling, but last year was an understudy to Jim Loscutoff, now departed Yo-Yo king of the team. He is another question mark.

Wegner Gets LOOK Mention

Look magazine rates Guard Kenny Wegner, star of last season's frosh, as the sophomore to watch in the coming campaign. Kenny was an all-state choice while performing for a championship Roosevelt high club in his prep days. Another sophomore guard to watch is Bob Hawes, slim sharpshooter from Bend. Hawes and Wegner were a smooth back-court combination for Don Kirsch's 1951 frosh. Bud Covey, ex-Jefferson high ace, is a junior who also should see a lot of action at guard. Held out of action last season, he compiled a fine record as a freshman.

Huskies Seen As Champs

Those are some of the Ducks who should figure prominently in Borcher's plans for the season. How will they finish? Problematical to the extreme, and we would not hazard a guess. But there are always people around who will. Take Look magazine for instance. Look has the Northern Division picked in the following manner: First place, Washington, which they also rate as no less than fourth in the nation. They are certainly putting the pressure on poor Tippy Dye. Second, Idaho, which they must figure for a darkhorse or sleeper or something. Third, Oregon State, which certainly harvested a good freshman crop, one of whom, Bill Toole from Klamath Falls, is currently on first string.

Next in line are the local Ducks of Oregon. We wish to say that it is better to be picked at this point for fourth place, than to be there at the end of the season.

Look does rate Oregon ahead of the WSC Cougars, but you should never count Jack Friel and his platoon system out before a shot has been fired.

For Shame, Mr. Newman—

Having disposed of basketball, here is just a word about the dear departed gridiron season. It says here (OSC Barometer sports column by Jim Fisher) that: (1) Oregon's Yell King showed poor sportsmanship—was actually repulsive—as he led the Ducks in yells to obscure OSC signals during the Saturday game. He also led yells when a Beaver lay sadly wounded on the green turf. Both tricks were "childish." Goodness, gracious, how can Cy Newman live with himself. The column did not, however, brand him as a communist, which is a certain comfort.

Mr. Fisher also hints that George Shaw is guilty of something resembling selfishness, or headline happiness, because of his record breaking interception. All this is done with delicately subtle innuendo, however, and you must be at least past the sixth grade to get the point. For the record, and Len Casanova said it over the radio Tuesday night at Sacramento, the first thing Shaw said after he returned to the sidelines from intercepting a fourth-down pass on the Oregon two, was this:

"I forgot what down it was." Casanova has sufficient faith in George to believe him. And George is a pretty level-headed man—not a glory hog at all. He'll be around for three more years, though, and maybe Mr. Fisher will see him engineer a victory or two or three over the poor downtrodden Beavers.

Fiji, SAE Win Tilts As Semi-Finals Near

By Ron Ricketts

Volleyball play-offs went into full swing Thursday with Sigma Alpha Epsilon "A", Phi Gamma Delta "A", and Sigma Alpha Epsilon "B" each garnering quarter-final victories. Sigma Hall gained a first round berth and their league championship in the afternoon's final tilt.

In the battle of spikers, Phi Gamma Delta edged a fighting, but outclassed, Theta Chi squad, 15-11, 7-15, and 15-6. Both teams used the spike with good results, but the Fijis had the better defense against it and had more players who could spike the ball. Lally, Blunt, Hargrave, Smith, Baldwin, and Vannatta all played outstanding ball in pacing the Fiji win.

The Philadelphians gave Sigma Hall a scare in their first game, Sigma barely holding off a last-ditch Philly surge to win 15-12. Their defense completely falling apart, the Philadelphians were never in the second contest, the final score standing at 15-7. The Sigmas, although playing a loose game, looked very good at times. They are expected to be in top form for their coming quarter-final with Minturn.

In the only "B" game of the

day, SAE dropped Theta Chi 9-15, 15-12, and 15-2. Experience proved the outcome in this tilt, as SAE continually cracked the Theta Chi defense with smart net play. Pat Dignan, Bob Brittain, and Sam Conchetti were standouts for SAE.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon "A's" had no trouble with the French Hall "A's", notching 15-5 and 15-13 victories.

There will be four games on today's play-off slate. In "A" competition, a semi-final will see SAE meeting the Fijis. Minturn Hall will play Sigma Hall in a first round encounter. The "B" schedule has SAE-Minturn in a semi-final and French Hall-Pi Kappa Alpha on tap in a quarter-final.

Theta Chi, Gamma Hall Top Kegglers

Theta Chi won the interfraternity league title fall term, and Gamma Hall the interdormitory crown, in Student Union bowling competition sponsored by the Recreation Committee. Play in the interfraternity league was completed Tuesday, Nov. 20, while the dorm league title was decided Wednesday, Nov. 27.

Standout Bowlers

Jim Eckstrom of Sigma Phi Epsilon posted high series for the fraternity season with a 536. Gamma Bowler Ned Takasumi hit a sparkling 554 in the final games Nov. 27 to top the dorm league.

George Troeh of Sigma Phi Epsilon compiled a 161 average to lead the fraternity men, while Leo Naapi of Sherry Ross edged him with a 162 mark to pace the dormitory kegglers.

THETA CHI	18	10
Sigma Kappa Alpha	17	11
Sigma Phi Epsilon	16	12
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	15	13
Kappa Sigma	14	14
Pi Kappa Phi	13	15
Lambda Chi	6	22

GAMMA	20	8
Minturn	19	9
Sherry Ross	17	11
Fresh Counselors	16	12
Alpha	14	14
Nestor	11	17
French	8	20
Sederstrom	7	24

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Jesuit institution, but the Pilots out-pointed the Webfoots last year, 68-67. The two clubs are scheduled for a rematch tomorrow night, same time, same place. Eugene radio station KASH, 1600 kilocycles, is scheduled to handle both broadcasts, starting at 8:10 p.m.

Following are the probable starting lineups for both teams:

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Rodger Eddy, Bill Gurney, Harold Starkel, Larry Lavelle, Ron Ricketts.

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The Marshfield high school pep band and pep club will be in Eugene en masse, and will perform in the honor of Borcher, who was the Marshfield high hoop coach until acceptance the Oregon job this year.

Borcher has a reputation for liking music. He plays Dixieland jazz records to soothe his athletes before games.

Today's IM Schedule

- 4:00 Court 40—Sigma Alpha Epsilon A vs. Phi Gamma Delta A; semi-final
- 4:00 Court 43—Minturn Hall A vs. Sigma Hall A; quarter-final
- 4:45 Court 40—Minturn Hall B vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon B; semi-final
- 4:45 Court 43—Pi Kappa Alpha B Vs. French Hall B; quarter-final

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