

Duck Tracks

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The Harlem Globetrotters are coming to Eugene again this year, where they will play a team composed of former Oregon and Oregon State stars at McArthur Court on January 22. It will cost students 60 cents to attend, but anyone who has ever seen the Trotters play basketball knows it is worth every penny. Last year the Negro stars did almost everything it is possible to do with a basketball, meanwhile casually winning from the team of selected ex-college stars.

The ex-collegians, including Stan Williamson, who was a standout guard for Howard Hobson at Oregon, still had the old college try, and did their very best. It wasn't anywhere near enough.

The question wasn't who was going to win, but merely that of how much hilarious fun the Trotters, who are master showmen, could provide for the crowd.

A Lesson in Class

Which brings us around to another point. And that is the lack of that indefinable something called color in so many of our present day athletes. The phenomenal success of a team like the Trotters, for whom crowd pleasing antics are stock in trade, should be something of an example for other professional athletes to follow.

For example, who does professional baseball have today who can match the flamboyant magnetism of the great Babe Ruth. It was not merely the fact that he could and did hit a little round ball over numerous fences more times than anyone else.

He had a certain crowd-pleasing appeal which pulled fans in by the thousands. He was an incurable show off, and with his tremendous natural ability to back it up, the fans loved every minute of it.

Only Babe Could

Try to feature someone like Ted Williams pointing to a spot on the right field fence and announcing that he would propel the baseball to that point. Ruth did just that in the 1932 series with the Chicago Cubs, and proceeded to smash one of pitcher Charlie Root's slants into the spot in question. Asked later if he realized he would have looked rather foolish if he had not come through, the Babe said no, he never even thought of that. He was that kind of athlete.

Come to think of it, the University of Oregon did have an athlete here last year who was more than somewhat colorful. Jim "Moose" Loscutoff, John Warren's center last year, liked to celebrate a basket by clasping both hands over his head and calling for a cheer.

A natural comedian, he pulled several good ones on innocent referees; once when a stern official pointed an accusing finger at him, he pointed right back and brought down the house. He also performed with the yo-yo at rallies, and was a fast man with an ad-lib. Alas, poor Jim, Oregon knew him well. He is no longer with us since, never one to be over observant of the proprieties, he was expelled from school. Incidentally, we hear the army is about to make him its own.

Yes, colorful athletes are good for gate receipts as are winning teams. And speaking of such mundane subjects as gate receipts, Athletic Director Leo Harris tells us that the Oregon football just about broke even on the season. Attendance was never startling, even at home, and at the UCLA game the 14,000 people who showed up looked very, very lonely in the 105,000 capacity LA Coliseum. Harris thinks Oregon will probably also have just about enough to pay the bills for the whole season, which will be the first time the athletic department hasn't made a profit since 1946.

Rose Bowl—Ouch!

The controversy has raged on since the Rose Bowl game about whether or not the Big Ten teams are a bunch of Supermen, and whether the poor little old impoverished coast can possibly escape without contracting a bunch of neuroses and inferiority complexes and things like that.

Here is what Leo Harris thinks about the Rose Bowl: "I believe in well-conducted post-season games such as the Rose Bowl, and I don't think the coast should quit playing the Big Ten simply because we have lost several games. Someday the worm is going to turn and you'll see a string of PCC victories."

Harris leaves Wednesday morning for Cincinnati and the NCAA meeting, while grid Coach Len Casanova is already there. The PCC will attempt to gain the abolition of spring practice and the free substitution rule at the meeting.

Newburn Names Bob Laurence To Tennis Post

The University of Oregon has a new tennis coach, Captain Robert A. Laurence, a member of the Air Force ROTC unit on the campus, has been appointed to fill the post, and his appointment was confirmed by President Harry K. Newburn in a letter on January 4.

The new mentor has been in the air force since 1942, and his tennis playing experience includes participation on the Far Eastern Air Force Military Air Transport Team. In 1949, when he was stationed in the Philippines, this team played in the world championship finals for Military Air Transport teams at Washington, D.C.

Eyes on Tennis

Laurence attended the North Pacific College of Optometry for two years following his 1940 graduation from Grant high school in Portland.

During the war, he flew 50 missions as a B-24 pilot over Italy, and also spent three years in Japan on occupational duty.

He takes over the reigns of the Oregon squad from Cameron Thom, who piloted last year's tennis team to a second place finish in the Northern Division.

Two Back

Among returning lettermen who will greet him are Tom McDonald and Don Neras, stalwarts on last year's squad.

Laurence plans to start tennis practice the first part of February, weather permitting, and will hold indoor practices if playing space can be found. Prior to basketball season, McArthur Court had been used for tennis purposes.

Today's IM Schedule

3:50 Court 40—Phi Sigs vs. PIKAs
3:50 Court 43—Sigs vs. Delts
4:35 Court 40—Sig Eps vs. PIKaps
4:35 Court 43—Minturn vs. McChesney
5:15 Court 40—Stan Ray vs. Gamma
5:15 Court 43—Nestor vs. French

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Southern Cal-UCLA, Cal-Stanford Traditionals Feature Southern Race

SAN FRANCISCO, — (UP) — Pacific Coast Conference Southern Division cagers will attempt to break a four-way division deadlock in their own backyards this week after conference openers highlighting the North-South rivalry ended in stalemate.

California and Stanford open the weekend basketball warfare Friday night in Palo Alto, and travel across the bay for a second contest Saturday in the Golden Bears' men's gym.

Meanwhile, USC and UCLA will be tangling in a brace of games down south on the Trojans' Pan-Pacific court.

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Linfield Juniors Drop Duck JVs

The Linfield Frosh capitalized on fine second half play to defeat the Oregon Frosh 48-45 Monday night.

Eldon Nordahl with 13 points and Carroll Cable with 12, led the Wildcats to their eight win against only two defeats. Linfield led at the end of the first quarter, 16-13, but Byler and Page brought Oregon back to 28-25 half-time lead. Tarpinning kept the 'Cats close with several good shots and fine floor play.

The second half saw Nordahl and Carroll take control and going out in front after two tie scores to gain a 40-38 third quarter lead. Linfield held as much as a seven point lead during the fourth quarter, but baskets by Page and Marxer brought the score 44-46, Linfield with four and one-half minutes remaining. The Wildcats went into a stall, and both teams fouled heavily, both taking the ball out of bounds. With 20 seconds remaining Cable scored a field goal, sewing up the game, although Kempe scored a free throw for the Ducks.

Linfield's shorter team dominated the backboards and displayed a fine brand of floor play. Oregon meanwhile had trouble hitting from the field, and missed many valuable free throws. Hugh Marxer led Duckling scoring with 12, and Howard Page scored 9, before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

OREGON LINFIELD

Byler (6) F..... (5) Hartzell
Marxer (12) F..... (12) Cable
Choat (5) C..... (4) Lytle
Page (9) G 10) Tarpinning
Byhre (5) G..... (13) Nordahl
Subs — Oregon: Blodgett (2), Hempy (3), Takana (3); Linfield: Froman, Hilyer (4), McGuire, Williams.

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PCC Standings

NORTHERN DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct
OREGON	1	0	1.000
Washington	1	1	.500
Idaho	1	1	.500
Oregon State	1	1	.500
Washington State	1	2	.333
Monday's Score			
OREGON 59, Washington State	45		
SOUTHERN DIVISION			
California	1	1	.500
Stanford	1	1	.500
UCLA	1	1	.500
Southern Cal	1	1	.500

the four-way split over the weekend, it would have to go to Stanford's fast-breaking Indians.

The Palo Alto quintet turned a stolen-ball play into a 73-71 victory over the UCLA Bruins Saturday night in the Westwood sweat-box after losing to the Bruins the preceding night, 81-63.

It was the division champions' third loss on their home court, one of the most difficult for visitors in the country, in their last 52 games. With Westwood contests behind them, Stanford may have the Indian sign on the Bruins in future meetings.

Rematch!

University of Oregon and Washington State college will conclude their two game basketball series tonight at 8:00 in McArthur Court. Pacific university's junior varsity are slated to meet the Oregon junior varsity squad in a preliminary at 6:00.

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