

Duck Tracks

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It is beginning to look as if the University of Oregon is going to produce a somewhat better basketball team than many people expected. They are now, suprisingly enough, perched on the top of the Northern Division standings, and have their next games with the favorites, the Washington Huskies. So their mettle will be tested by the odds-on favorites in about ten days.

One bad feature about the situation is that they meet the Huskies on their own floor in Seattle, where Washington loses very few games. The Huskies, rated third best in the nation before losing to Idaho, are now sixth according to the latest AP poll, but that means nothing as far as their potential to win basketball games is concerned.

One thing is certain, and that is the fact that Bob Peterson will be a marked man in remaining Oregon games, even more so, now that he has set another Northern Division and Pacific Coast Conference rebounds record of 25 Tuesday night.

Pete Makes and Breaks Record

This broke the previous mark of 21, which was made something like twenty four hours before by the same Mr. Peterson. Big Pete, by virtue of his tremendous performances under the boards, has further lengthened his national lead in that department. If any one man could be said at this point to be the backbone of the Duck squad, it is he.

The national rebound record for one season is an average of 20.6 per game for 27 games, set by Ernie Beck of Pennsylvania in 1951. Peterson now has an average of something over 20, and thus has a fine chance to better this record.

Returning to the Washington Huskie situation again, it looks as though their high scoring center, Bob Houbregs, will miss this weekend's games with OSC. It is, however, doubtful whether the Washington team will be quite lost without the young man against a team like Oregon State.

We have a press release from Bert E. Rose, Jr., Washington Athletic News Service Director, which indicates that last Saturday night's 61-42 victory of the Huskies over Idaho will "go down in Edmundson Pavillion annals as one of the greatest shows of raw courage and spirited desire of all time."

It goes on to state that the Huskies were facing terrific handicaps in the loss of Houbregs the night before, plus the fact that they lost the game.

"Raw Courage" Wins

And so the Huskies had to draw on their raw courage and spirited desire somewhat. Of course a forward like Frank Guisness, or a guard like Joe Cipriano, or a center like Doug McClary, just might be able to contribute something more helpful than raw courage in a Northern Division basketball game. It comes to mind that raw is hardly an apt adjective for description of anything about this thin purple line of heroes. For instance there may be smoother, more talent-laden forwards around than Frank Guisness, but we don't know where.

Performing very courageously in the clutch Saturday night, all Guisness did was to score 21 points, a feat which placed him second in the Washington scoring race.

He now has 131 points in 12 games for a 10.9 average, which is, however, far below the 18.9 average and 208 points for 11 games sported by the wounded Houbregs.

Cipriano is just a shade behind Guisness, with a 10.8 average and 131 points in 12 games.

Dye's Record Terrific

The Washington coach, William Henry Harrison "Tippy" Dye, has been in the Husky post for just one year, but he started out in championship fashion, winning the Northern Division title, the Pacific Coast crown, and ending up third in the Western NCAA playoffs.

He was no newcomer to big time basketball, however, since he took Ohio State to the Eastern NCAA playoffs in 1950, before losing to CCNY's national champions.

Dye first earned athletic fame in 1935 as a sophomore quarterback for the Ohio State team, which narrowly lost the Big Ten title to Illinois. As a college grid star, he weighed in at a strapping 140 pounds and stood only five feet, seven inches.

Also Dye earned three letters in college basketball and baseball as well. He was a top-notch guard on the maple court, and played nearly every baseball position in the infield, with a batting average of about .340.

His coaching career started at Grandview high school in Ohio, and after three titles in three sports, he went to Brown University as head basketball coach in about 1940; from there his alma mater beckoned. He stayed at Ohio State, with time out for a hitch in the navy, until 1950.

And How's Your Vacation?

Oregon State Penitentiary Scene Of Extensive Study by 3 Students

By Charlene Christiansen

Christmas vacation behind bars wouldn't sound like a pleasant situation to most of us but three Oregon students look at it differently.

The students, E. W. Jacobus, graduate student in psychology; Clyde Fahlman, junior psychology major; and Bill Barber, graduate foreign languages student; spent their vacation interviewing the convicts at the state penitentiary in Salem.

They spent over a week there with time off for Christmas. No pay was given them but they received food and lodging in the guards quarters.

Their study went along with the state prison's new plan of rehabilitation. Under this new plan more of an attempt is being made to place men in jobs for which they are suited. The convicts were interviewed in order to find out what jobs they had held before and what interests.

Psych Tests Given

Interviewing was the job of Jacobus, Barber and Fahlman. Jacobus worked with the older, hardened criminals who were out off from communications with the other convicts. He gave psychological tests as well as interviewing the men and wrote a report of his findings.

Barber and Fahlman interviewed first offenders and worked from a sociologists point of view. They wrote case histories of the men they interviewed and studied their

IM Handball

In intramural handball playoffs Wednesday night, Phi Delta Theta's McCollon won his first two games with Mikkelson of Gamma hall. Phi Delta Holmes won 2 out of 3 games with Kalb of Gamma, and Phi Delta doubles team Rodwey and Metskes took two straight from Gamiles and Glass of Gamma.

"The prisoners are still a little uneasy and uncertain as to where they stand but they know that the situation is becoming more personalized. They are becoming names instead of numbers," Fahlman said.

Convicts Felt Interest

Barber said that there was a childhood and the incidents leading up to their prison sentences. These histories will be used by the prison sociologist, John R. Akin; the warden, Virgil O'Malley, and, later, by the parole board.

All three men agreed that the convicts seem to like the new plan.

Webfoots Take Rest

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season record of seven wins and seven setbacks.

Borcher will return his Ducks to the hardwood Friday afternoon to begin the grind for the vital Jan. 18-19 series with the Washington Huskies at Seattle. Washington's leading scorer, Center Bob Houbregs, has been sidelined with a knee injury and is expected to miss both games. Persistent rumors from Seattle are predicting that Houbregs is through for the season. He has scored 208 points in 12 games.

scoring records:

Player	FG	FT	TP
Peterson	90	27	207
Noe	67	43	177
Hunt	53	34	140
Mel Streeter	32	18	82
Barney Holland	12	12	36
Keith Farnam	9	15	33
Bob Hawes	12	6	30
Ron Bottler	11	6	28
Jim Vranizan	9	3	21
Hank Bonneman	6	2	14
Bud Covey	2	1	5
Ron Phillips	1	1	3
Doug Rogers	0	0	0
All others	1	0	2
Total	345	332	882

long way to get yet, but a step had been made in the right direction.

According to the men, the convicts liked being interviewed by students. They felt it demonstrated that people outside are interested in them.

The idea for this study of the convicts developed from classes in criminology and social work and welfare last term. Before going to the prison none of them had any desire to go into prison work but they are now seriously considering it. Jacobus said that he was very interested and hoped to work at the prison during vacations and perhaps even on weekends. Barber said that he was wondering about making it his life work.

Their findings at the penitentiary will be discussed in a seminar with Professor W. T. Martin of the sociology department this term.

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