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BILL TOOLE, husky 175 pound freshman guard from Klamath Falls, Oregon shows great speed and much natural ability on the maple. He will be one to watch when the Oregon State Beavers clash with the Ducks late in February.

Secret Drill Held Behind Closed Doors

By Rick Tarr

Bill Borchers' Duck varsity club worked out behind closed doors at Mac Court Monday. The master chef is cooking up a few surprises of Tippy Dye and his talented connoisseurs. Action was preceded by a brief chalk-talk on Washington tactics, and how to meet them. Throughout the afternoon a shirted aggregation dummied for the Huskies against a varsity lineup consisting of Mel Streeter, Chet Noe, Bob Peterson, Ken Hunt, and Kenny Wegner.

The first drills stressed team defense, followed by offensive and defensive out of bounds and tip play. The stall was practiced next, just in case. Then, the jocular crew used the full court for drill against a pressing defense. Borchers would drop a shot through the varsity basket whereupon they would work the fast break against a glue-like defense. Back under one basket again, the team concentrated on a three-two offense. The first portion of it stressed ball handling with shooting forbidden. The remainder featured all out play by the varsity five against a determined "Husky" club consisting of Bud Covey, Bob Hawes, Ron Bottler, Jim Vranizan, and Hank Bonneman. The ball handling looked sharp as each player turned in good performances. Kenny Wegner ex-Roosevelt high ace looked particularly effective with his lay-ins and floor work.

Three grueling one minute conditioning relays were performed to climax the session, followed by the all-important foul-shot practice as a windup.

All members of the team are in good shape and two more closed practices are scheduled before the Washington junket.

Basket Shortage Faced Hoopster Ancestors at UO

By Phil Johnson

The University of Oregon's first basketball team commenced operations with a search for basketball.

According to Coach Hugo Bezdek, who also coached the Duck football squad, the 1907 Oregon hoop team had only one basketball when the season began. One was not enough, so the contacted a dealer, who informed them that "none could be had on the coast."

Bezdek added that the school's gymnasium apparatus, which could not be stored away during basketball practice, "was constantly a source of annoyance to the players." Games were scheduled "practically on the spur of the moment."

Bezdek's dumbbell-dodging hoop aces played the first game in Oregon history against the boys from Oregon Agricultural college, now known as Oregon State. The Aggies managed to eke out a 44-18 victory.

The Ducks then moved against less-talented opposition, defeating Roseburg high 27-6, although they were hindered by "poor lights, center posts and cross beams" in the court.

Actually Bezdek's excuse about the posts is not very valid—why didn't he use the post play?

The Webfoots then travelled to Ashland and defeated the Ashland Athletic Club 20-19.

Bezdek's unique description of the refereeing difficulties has a decided dramatic touch: "Again the referee's decisions were hooted and for a time it looked dangerous for him. Poor referee! Then and there he decided not to referee any more games for Oregon."

The two clubs met again, without the same referee, and the half-time score was 9-9. Oregon then

broke away in the second half, accounting for 17 counters before Ashland scored a single point. Oregon then led 26-9, but Ashland scored 11 while holding the Ducks scoreless throughout the remainder of the tilt. It was the third Webfoot win in four tries.

Coach Bezdek then led his quint against the strong Aggie club again, and the OACies captured a 41-6 triumph at Corvallis. Bezdek happily wrote, "Our boys held them down to the lowest score of the season on their own floor." A rousing moral victory!

A close 15-13 loss to the Independence Athletic Club followed the Corvallis game. Bezdek was not too disappointed—"It's safe to say that the boys enjoyed both trips very much for expressions of pleasure were voiced time and again."

The Ducks lost to the powerful Chicago Crescents 27-22 at Eugene, defeated a team known as "Friendly's" 30-19 and closed the campaign with a 32-16 win over Roseburg.

After summarizing the 5-4 win-loss season, Bezdek wrote:

"It is evident that basketball can be readily developed to as high a standard of sport as football, track or debate."

Kricher Awaits Nod

Pullman, Washington—An announcement is expected tonight naming Al Kircher as the new head football coach at Washington State College.

The school's publicity director for athletic news, Don Faris, says Kircher already has accepted and that official announcement will come soon from the president's office.



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