

Duck Tracks

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According to a publicity release from the University of Washington, the most improved player on the Husky basketball team is Joe Cipriano, known affectionately by his admirers as "Slippery" Joe.

Cipriano currently has an average of something like ten points per game and along with Frank Guisness and Doug McClary is one of the Huskies that Bill Borchers' hopeful Ducks must stop when they head north.

Split Five for Nooksack Valley High

Originally from Nooksack Valley high school in Sumas, wherever that is, Joe was a pretty fair scorer. In fact he averaged 25 points per game throughout his senior year.

As a freshman at Washington, the five-foot, eleven-inch 155 pound guard was a starter on what was called the finest frosh outfit in UW basketball history. He scored 265 points to earn a tie with center Bob Houbregs for high season honors. Houbregs, incidentally, is still slated to miss the Duck-Husky encounters because of a pulled Achilles tendon.

As a sophomore last season, Joe did not succeed in cracking Tippy Dye's starting varsity lineup. His defensive play left something to be desired in that he had the unusual habit of leaving his man unguarded in an attempt to steal the ball from another defender. Tippy Dye, patiently training him and developing his confidence, was confident enough to the end of the season to state that Cipriano was his choice to replace graduating Louie Soriano on the 1952 team.

Still Steals Ball — But Discreetly

In the first 14 Husky games, Cipriano has 142 points for third place in scoring behind Houbregs and Guisness. He has also come through with 34 assists, second only to 43 by Guisness.

He and Guisness together lead the vaunted Washington fast break, which Oregon must cope with in order to stop the Huskies.

Defensively, Cipriano is apparently just as good. He is lightning quick, and has conquered his unfortunate habit of trying to steal the ball from everyone all the time.

He still uses this trick, but only often enough to catch the defense napping without letting them get fully prepared for the maneuvers. Thus he can, and often has, come through with crucial baskets for the Huskies.

L. H. Gregory of the Oregonian writes that Oregon has a chance against the Huskies; Cipriano, Guisness, and company notwithstanding; if Bob Peterson and Chet Noe can keep up their hitherto sterling work on the backboards.

Scoring System Said Help to Pete

Speaking of Oregon's pride and joy on the backboards, we ran across a column in the OSC Barometer by Neil Wissing which is slightly depreciative of Bob Peterson's feat of establishing conference records on the boards two consecutive evenings against WSC.

He points out that there is no accepted method for recording rebounds and assists during the course of a game. Every school in the conference has its own system, and according to him, Oregon's is particularly lenient. We quote:

"For example—Suppose a rebound ends in a jump ball. Down U of O way, they give the rebound to the man who latches on to the tip on the jump. At OSC, a rebound which ends in a jump is disregarded entirely. We can find no fault with either of these methods, but we feel that if schools are going to claim records, the records should be obtained via a set pattern."

This sounds logical, and if it is true, perhaps rebound scoring should be standardized. But nevertheless, Peterson definitely gets the overwhelming majority of his rebounds right off the backboard, and usually out of the outstretched arms of some opponent whose hands are not so quick or whose reach is not so long. Peterson is also extremely adept at getting "position" under the basket so that it is hard to dislodge him when he goes up after the ball.

Don't Give Up the Ship, Kiddies

Not a daintily built little violet, all 200-odd pounds of him are used to good advantage in the struggle under the backboards, where the action sometimes gets rather rugged.

It will be no walkaway for Tippy Dye's men as long as Peterson is in top form, and if he gets some scoring help from Noe, Mel Streeter, with the Kennys Hunt and Wegner performing on the fast break in the manner of which they are capable, then Oregon just might surprise the confident Huskies. Whatever happens, it won't be a slow series. Dye teams always run, and Borchers didn't play under Howard Hobson for nothing.

Globetrotters Add Two Stars

Duke Cumberland, one of the all-time Harlem Globetrotter greats, will be in the lineup when the Trotters meet the Oregon All-Stars at McArthur Court January 22, according to word received from Abe Saperstein Wednesday.

The addition of Cumberland and Ducky Moore to the Trotter squad already slated for the Eugene appearance makes it one of the strongest Trotters clubs ever to perform in the Northwest.

Slated to appear for the Harlem crew are Captain Babe Pressley, Carl Helem, Leon Hillard, Tom Sealy, Ervell Perry, Tom Gipson, Bob Hall, George Smith, Cumberland, and Moore.

Saperstein stressed the fact that the addition of Cumberland and Moore to the roster was made within the last week and that further changes may be made before the Trotters' appearance here next Tuesday.

Coming Soon



ABE SAPERSTEIN, Globetrotter coach, will be in Eugene Jan. 22 when his team plays the ex-collegiate all-stars.

Oregon placed ninth in the national football standings in 1948.

Today's IM Schedule

- 3:50—Court 40: Delta Upsilon A vs. Phi Kappa Sigma A
- 3:50—Court 43: Kappa Sigma A vs. Alpha Tau Omega
- 4:35—Court 40: Chi Psi A vs. Phi Sigma Kappa A
- 4:35—Court 43: Pi Kappa Alpha A vs. Sigma Nu A
- 5:15—Court 40: Delta Tau Delta vs. Sigma Epsilon A
- 5:15—Court 43: Pi Kappa Phi A vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon A

Handball
Phi Sigma Kappa vs. French Hall

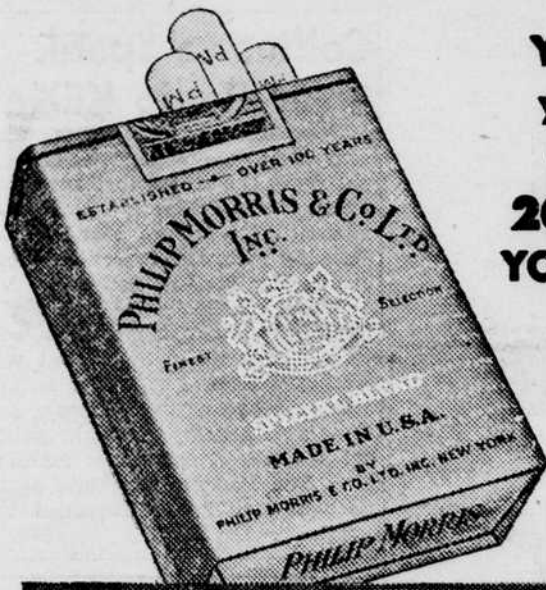
Phi Deltas, Phi Psis

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In Tuesday's final contest the Hunter hall team romped to a decisive 32 to 15 conquest over the Cherney "B" squad. Marcus Schutte and Bill Rose led the Hunter boys with eight and six points respectively, while Jim Forbes was high for the losers with five.

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