

# Duck Tracks

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Well, it was nice while it lasted; nice to be undefeated and leading the Northern Division with two wins and no losses. But the picture changed and changed fast inside Washington's mammoth Edmundson Pavillion.

There are very few excuses or rationalizations one can make for two such extremely thorough trouncings. It is an axiom in sports that there is no substitute for class, and apparently the Oregon hoop squad had to be victims of the proof of this old saw. As Coach Bill Borchert puts it:

"I won't make any excuses; we just lost to an outstanding team. From what they showed up there it is hard to see how any of the other teams in the division can come close to them."

Of course, the Ducks were surely not playing nearly the basketball of which they are capable. Borchert says they "unquestionably" had buck fever, and certainly their shooting averages, rebound recoveries and general all-around play were perhaps as poor as they have been all season.

## Breather from ND Play This Weekend

"It is logical to assume," says Borchert, "that we will do better against the Huskies when we play them in Eugene, (February 1 and 2), but I won't make any promises until I see how well we improve some of the individual mistakes we have been making."

Luckily, the Ducks get a breather from conference action this weekend when they meet the St. Mary's Gaels Friday and Saturday nights in the friendly confines of McArthur Court.

This is good, because it is rather a psychological blow to take beatings of this variety on one weekend, and then be forced to put the pressure on in championship competition just six days later. It is conceivable that some teams would react to such thorough lickings by losing their drive and desire to win, and the home series against the Gaels will give the Ducks an opportunity to regain their confidence somewhat. It is a sad thing that the schedule-makers forced Oregon into playing all four games with the Huskies with only one week's rest in between.

## Noe Says Crowd Rode Webfoots

Chet Noe, six-foot, eight-inch Oregon center, thinks that the Ducks will be able to split with Washington at Eugene.

"They aren't that much better than we are; we just couldn't get started, and played our worst games of the year. One thing which was especially outstanding about Washington was their defensive work. That full-court pressure defense of theirs hurt our fast break a lot."

"The crowd up there was really riding us all the way through the series, which also might have had something to do with the way we played. As to Bob Peterson. I think he just had a bad series against them and will snap right out of the slump. In fact I think the whole team still has plenty of spirit left."

Peterson suffered a severe blow to his hopes for a national rebound crown during the series. "Cripples" Bob Houbregs and Doug McClary, and Duane Enochs from Portland, seemed to have the Indian sign on both Pete and Noe, who were expected to provide much Duck backboard strength.

Enough of post mortems for now; let us hope that in the future they need be less gloomy.

## Anybody Here Seen Hiram?

Here is something which would perhaps be of interest; rumors are recurrent around the campus that a new star has entered college basketball. People tell you about him in hushed tones. Already he is becoming a legend. It seems, from what we can hear, that his name is Hiram Wonderborn, and he is five-feet, three-inches tall in his stocking feet. He plays for some college, we don't know which one, and he is supposed to have scored 73 points in an epic performance recently. What is more, he is considered most effective on dunk shots, and is reputed to have broken his nose three times on the rim while swishing lay-ups.

If there is anyone at all who knows anything more about Hiram, we would like to hear of it. He sounds like the sort of boy we could use around here. For instance does he yell "Up, up and away!" when he soars off the maple for another fabulous shot?

# Philadelphians Edge Yeomen 19-16; Sherry Ross-Omega Downs Gamma; Barrister Defeats Legal Eagles

By Bill Brandsness

Height was the determining factor as French hall over-powered Hunter hall in a close, low scoring battle last Friday in the intramural play. The final score was 16-14.

Neither team seemed to be able to get through the other's tight-woven defenses. The half-time score was a six to six tie. French hall kept Hunter out of the key circle and almost all of the shots dunked by Hunter were made from deep court. Neal Marlett pushed up seven points from under the basket to lead the French scoring, Lowry Hover followed in the scoring lists with four. On the Hunter hall side of the scoring ledger Farrell Albright scored seven points, all on long shots. Jack Neer hit for five and Bruce Dingler got two.

**Philadelphians Edge Yeomen**  
In another close intramural game the Philadelphians downed the Yeomen 19-16 in an over-time tilt. Dick Smith led the victors with 10 points, while Smith and Redmond tallied five each for the losers. The score at the end of the game was 13-13. In the three minute over-time Jim Hunt hit four and Dick Smith hit two to put the Philadelphians ahead for keeps.

Sederstrom tipped Cherney in a not too eventful game by a score of 33-15. Sederstrom grabbed an early lead and kept it all of the way through the contest. High for Sederstrom was Don Holt with 16 points. Mike Kilkenny and Dick Davenport potted 10 and 5, respectively to add to the Sederstrom cause. Gary Jones scored seven and Sam Duncan made six to lead the Cherney scoring.

**Sherry Ross-Omega Tips Gamma**  
The combined teams of Sherry Ross and Omega thoroughly trounced Gamma hall 43-19. Sherry Ross-Omega had to pull out from a 22-15 half-time score to bring about this overwhelming victory, but they were never really in much trouble at any one time. Dick Graham was high for the losers with seven. Jerry Jeub, a Cherney

hall transfer was high for Sherry Ross-Omega with a fabulous 21 points. Craven and Briggs followed with seven each.

Stan Ray used one of the fastest breaks seen in the tourney as they rolled up a record of 49 points to slaughter McChesney 49-18.

Harold Starkel was the leading punch of the fast break as he dumped in 17 points. He was followed by Jolly and Holloway with nine apiece. A substitute, Frank Maier, was fourth on the Stan Ray scoring lists with eight points to his credit. Melvin Westfall scored 11 for McChesney.

## Barrister Takes Grudge Match

In the last game of the day Barrister Inn downed the Legal Eagles 14-6 in a grudge match. The game was probably one of the most laughable games played up to date. The game could well be called a comedy of errors as everything went wrong. The Legal Eagles used 14 men while Barrister used eleven. Bill "Bulge Bottom" Deatherage was high for the winners with seven. "No Shadow" Linklater rolled in 3. Leader and Danielson slopped in 2 each.

Legal Eagles scoring was as follows: Robert "Bones" Pucket, 1; Young, 2; Sollis, 1; Riely, 1; Brand, 1.

All of the games played on Friday were in the A division of play.

## Today's IM Schedule

- 3:59 Court 40—Minturn Hall B vs. Sherry Ross-Omega B
- 3:50 Court 43—Staa Ray Hall B vs. Campbell Club B
- 4:35 Court 40—McChesney Hall B vs. Gamma Hall B
- 4:35 Court 43—Tau Kappa Epsilon B vs. Beta Theta Pi B
- 5:15 Court 40—Sigma Chi B vs. Theta Chi B
- 5:15 Court 43—Phi Kappa Psi B vs. Delta Tau Delta B

## Ducklings Drop Tilt at Corvallis

Saturday night bode ill for Oregon's JV's in Corvallis as the Ducklings absorbed a 70-43 shellacking from OAC's baby Beavers. The defeat marked something of a reversal in form for the Ducklings, who up till Saturday night's fray had been displaying a better-than-average brand of basketball.

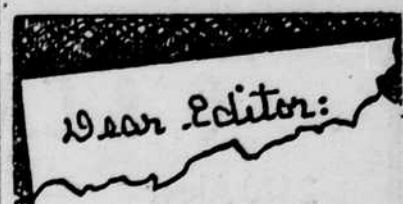
The game was more or less a utilization of superior height and ball-handling by the Staters, who controlled the boards during most of the game.

Play in both halves was about the same, with the baby Beavers racking up a margin of 37-16 by intermission time. The Ducklings showed a little more fire in the second half, but not enough to overcome OSC's early lead.

Individual scoring honors for the evening went to Howard Page of Oregon with 14 points, followed by White of OSC with 10.

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