

Duck Tracks

By Don Dewey

This probably isn't the year for Bob Peterson, Oregon's all-star bench warmer during the just-concluded St. Mary's series, to walk off with All-American honors or even national headlines. But he did get some pre-season recognition on which we have yet to see comment.

During the first week of the Northern Division chase the Christian Science Monitor out of Boston came up with the following conclusion to a story on the hoop hopes of the Washington Huskies:

"Despite Washington's publicized basketball hopefuls, probably the best player in the Northern Division this year will be Oregon's Bob Peterson."

Borcher Lays Down Law

Fortunately the Monitor failed to by-line the dispatch. Frankie Guisness' and Bob Houbregs' fans would be gunning for the heretic if they knew who he was. Think of it: A Seattle resident by-passing the two Husky greats in favor of "that guy" from Oregon. The Monitor had better keep an eye on its Northwest sports correspondent or he may turn up missing.

And while we're speaking of Peterson, we'll take our hat off to Webfoot Coach Bill Borcher for his resolute handling of Big Pete last week-end. When Pete failed to show up for practice Borcher laid down the law by demoting the great rebounder and scorer to a bench position. That's not so unusual. Lots of coaches have made similar threats. What is surprising is to find a coach with the guts to stick with his convictions in the face of defeat.

More Than Just a Loss

Friday night the Ducks won without much trouble, and everything was just dandy. But things went differently 24 hours later. St. Mary's won 51 to 45 and the gallery gods shouted for Peterson. They didn't get him, and the Webfoot record received another mark on the losing side. Big Pete might have proved the difference between victory and defeat.

But there's more to consider than just defeat. Much more important is the fact that Borcher must have gained in stature in the eyes of his younger players. If he is to be coach he must be just that—not one of the boys. This week-end Borcher proved that he plans to be boss; that he won't take any foolishness, even from his greatest star. Furthermore, the varsity experience gained by Hawes, Covey, Page, Rogers, et al, should prove of value during forthcoming games.

Peterson has made the national sports sheets, but one ex-Webfoot has outdone him. Clint Agee, who tried out for—but didn't make—the frosh basketball squad in 1949, is spread over nearly half a page of a recent Life magazine.

Agee has moved to Pacific university to display his hoop talents. In a recent encounter with Lewis and Clark college, Agee and J-C's John Feuz indulged in a bit of court acrobatics that was immortalized by the camera of the Oregonian's Kirk Braun.

Ex-Webfoot is Good Dancer

The camera stopped the two basketballers in an action that left them looking as if they were halfway through a strenuous waltz. Despite the fact that Lewis and Clark outscored Pacific and Feuz outscored Agee, we note with pride that the former Webfoot is by far the better dancer.

Just when is the Pacific Coast conference going to get squared away so that the teams who are supposed to be undisputed leaders will start running away from the rest of the league. The University of Washington, the powerhouse of the Northern Division, is finally back in top spot. But it has lost two of its eight games, one of them to the Cougars of Washington State, who have been tabbed as doormats of the ND.

Things are even worse in the southern half of the conference. The Stanford Indians, who were supposed to collect the championship hardware, have spent most of their time in the dingy confines of the Southern Division cellar. The team that has been doing the winning down there is from UCLA. And the Uclans are supposed to be cinch last-placers.

Slats Headed For Cellar Spot

But perhaps the biggest surprise of the season involves Slats Gill and Oregon State. The Gill-coached Beavers are apparently headed for their first undisputed last place finish and their second consecutive dip into the cellar (they tied with Idaho for last in 1951). Slats Gill in the cellar... truly a season of strange and bewildering occurrences.

Oregon Swimmers Set New Records

The University of Oregon swimming team set four new records as it annexed the state AAU indoor championship for men's teams.

The Ducks were not seriously threatened as they totaled 92 points, garnering 7 out of 11 first places. The second place Aero Club had 62 points, the host Multnomah Club had 36, and Columbia grabbed 7.

Gordon Edwards broke the 440-yard freestyle mark of 4:58.2, which he had set in the preliminaries, with a sizzling 4:53.3. The 300-yard medley relay team of Yosh Terada, Milton Kotoshirodo, and Jim Allen clipped .62 off the record as they splashed home in 3:07.6. Terada, a triple winner, recorded the best time ever made in the state as he copped the 300-yard individual medley in 3:39.1. Edwards, Allen, Terada, and Kotoshirodo combined to crack another old state record in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Their time was 3:45.5.

Pete Charlton won the high board diving event with a total of 274.8 points. Terada's two other victories were in the 100-yard back stroke and the 220-yard breast stroke.

MAC's Pete Van Dijk broke two records as he captured the 100-yard freestyle in :54 flat and the 220-yard freestyle in 2:16.4.

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100-yard freestyle—Won by Pete Van Dijk; Milton Kotoshirodo, Oregon; Jim Allen, Oregon; Roy Westgard, Aero; Harry Fuller, Oregon. Time—:54. New record. (Old record set in 1934 by Jim Hurd, Oregon, :55).

100-yard backstroke—Won by Yosh Terada, Oregon; Dan Cramer, Aero; Jack Palmer, MAC; Traver Campbell, MAC; Pete Van Dijk, MAC. Time—1:05.8.

100-yard breast stroke—Won by Bob Gregson, Aero; Charles Gray, Aero; Milton Kotoshirodo, Oregon; Allen Wakinekona, Oregon; Dick Ruckdeschel, Oregon. Time—1:06.8.

440-yard freestyle—Won by Gordon Edwards, Oregon; Bob Gregson, Aero; Gilbert Westwall, Aero; Dick Slawson, MAC; Don Sullo-way, MAC. Time—4:53.3. New record. (Old record set in 1951 by Edwards, Oregon, 5:05).

High Board diving—Won by Pete Charlton, Oregon; Jim Sparks, unattached; Hal Davis, Oregon. Winning points, 274.8.

300-yard medley relay—Won by Oregon "A" (Terada, Kotoshirodo, Allen); Aero "A"; Oregon "B"; MAC "A"; tie for fifth between MAC "B" and Aero "B". Time—3:07.6. (New meet record).

300-yard individual medley—Won by Yosh Terada, Oregon; Gilbert Westwall, Aero; Kress Lockridge, Columbia; Dick Slawson, MAC; Allan Wakinekona, Oregon. Time—3:39.1. (New state record).

220-yard freestyle—Won by Pete Van Dijk, MAC; Gordon Edwards, Oregon; Bob Gregson, Aero; Jim Allen, Oregon; Harry Fuller, Oregon. Time—2:16.4 (New state record).

200-yard back stroke—Won by Dan Cramer, Aero; Kress Lockridge, Columbia; Gilbert Westwall, Aero; Henry Kaiura, Oregon; Jack

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OREGON			
Player	FG	FT	TP
Streeter, f	1	1	3
Farnam, f	2	0	4
Noe, c	5	5	15
Covey, g	0	0	0
Hunt, g	5	5	15
Vranizan, f	1	1	3
Hawes, g	0	0	0
Wegner, g	1	0	2
Holland, g	0	0	0
Page, g	0	0	0
Rogers, f	0	1	1
Bottler, g	0	0	0
Phillips, f	0	2	2
Total	15	15	45

SAINT MARY'S			
Player	FG	FT	TP
Turner, f	2	0	4
Steinkamp, f	1	0	2
Gibson, c	3	0	6
Flores, g	2	2	6
Higgins, g	3	0	6
Bagley, f	0	0	0
Getris, f	2	1	5
Pidoriano, g	6	5	17
Halley, g	0	5	5
Geissberger, c	0	0	0
Total	19	13	51

Campbell Club Dumps Yeomen

Both class "A" and class "B" games were played last Friday in the Intramural Playoffs. In the A division French hall stopped Cherney 35-15; Campbell Club trounced Yeomen 40 to 15; and the Philadelphians edged the Legal Eagles 18-13. In the B division Minturn looked like a championship ball club as they downed McChesney 42-12; Phi Delta Theta won easily as they held Beta Theta Pi to four points in a 29 to 4 rout; and Sherry Ross-Omega took a win from Stan Ray by a forfeit.

Minturn Bs looked very good in their 42 to 12 win over McChesney. Minturn used the platoon system for substitution and they checked the ball all of the way down the floor.

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Today's IM Schedule

- 3:50 Court 40—Delta Upsilon B vs. Chi Psi B
- 3:50 Court 43—Hunter hall B vs. Sederstrom hall B
- 4:35 Court 40—French hall B vs. Cherney hall B
- 4:35 Court 48—Phi Gamma Delta A vs. Theta Chi A
- 5:15 Court 40—Sigma Alpha Epsilon A vs. Tau Kappa Epsilon A
- 5:15 Court 43—Phi Kappa Sigma A vs. Alpha Tau Omega A

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