

# Duck Tracks

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They don't get big headlines in the Portland papers when they win or lose a game, but the Oregon junior varsity basketball team plays a vital part in the local hoop picture.

For one thing, they practice with the varsity this year, not separately as frosh teams did before the freshman eligibility ruling, and they thus are guinea pigs for any new schemes Bill Borchers' crew is planning to use against Frank Guisness and company, or the other Northern Division teams.

In connection with that, this year is unique in that the freshman ruling has been rescinded for next season, so the basketball and football setups will return to separate freshman and varsity teams.

As it is now, the Oregon JV team is composed of a combination of freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The frosh don't predominate as much as you might expect, because of the abnormally slim crop of high school stars who entered Oregon last fall.

Such prep hot-shots as Bill Toole and Ron Robins went to OSC, while Eugene high school's own Dean Parsons was a complete traitor to the cause, as he enrolled at Washington. Incidentally he is seeing considerable varsity action and will be here for the forthcoming Husky series.

## Three Sophs in Starting Lineup

Anyway, getting back to the Oregon junior varsity, the Don Kirsch-coached Ducklings have a record of five wins and three losses in competition with other JV teams, and two victories against one loss in frosh competition.

The regular starting lineup for the Ducklings includes Ron Phillips and Howard Page at guards, Doug Rogers at center, and Don Seigmund and Hugh Marxer at forwards.

Phillips, a sophomore from Roosevelt high in Portland, is tabbed by Kirsch as one of the better shots on either the varsity or JV squads. If he possessed more speed or defensive skill, Kirsch thinks the six-foot, two-inch guard would see a lot of varsity action.

Howard Page is a freshman who played for Borchers last year at Coos Bay. The six-foot-tall southpaw has a deadly shot, but Kirsch says he also lacks in speed for breakneck varsity competition.

A Salem boy, Doug Rogers is another sophomore who scored 65 points for last year's frosh squad. The six-foot, three-inch center is cited by Kirsch as a good team man and a capable defensive performer.

## Seigmund is Baseball Hurler

Also a promising baseball pitcher is left-handed Don Seigmund, a husky forward who rounds out the trio of sophomores on the starting lineup all of whom played for the 1951 frosh. His coach calls him an outstanding rebounder, although not an especially potent scorer. He carries 200 pounds on a six-foot frame.

An ex-Washington high school performer is Hugh Marxer, the other forward. The former Colonial does everything fairly well, according to Kirsch, but lacks somewhat in aggressiveness. Marxer is six-feet, two-inches tall.

Another JV who has seen considerable action is Bill Choat, six-foot, six-inches of basketball center material from North Bend, a stones throw from Borchers' stamping ground. Choat is the tallest man on the squad, but to his height he has a lot to add in the way of coordination.

Wayne Johnson, junior and football end in season, turned out late, and Kirsch says he also needs a lot of work. Built like a basketball player, Johnson is a forward, six-feet, four-inches tall.

## Kirsch Says JV's Have Good Spirit

Freshman Bill Blodgett from Grant high in Portland is another recent addition to the JV squad. Blodgett is a forward in basketball, and additionally a rather promising baseball hurler. Paul Byhre of Washington high and Rex Davis of Milwaukie are two other frosh hoopsters who also have potentialities on the diamond.

Ray Hempy from Berkeley, Cal., is the only out-of-state performer on the squad. Hempy, another freshman, is a lean six-foot, three-inch forward.

Two men who were counted on for much help are scholastically ineligible this term. They are Larry Chamberlain, guard from Salem, and Dick Kofford, who hails from La Grande.

Of the JV team as a whole, Kirsch says:

In general this team is a little below par in natural ability, but they do have a fine spirit. They are playing for the fun of it, but they like to win, and they try very hard.

## Dorm Bowlers Win Alley Games

Intramural bowling last night saw the Frosh councilors split with Pi Kappa Phi 2-2, Merv Englund bowling a high series of 520 for the councilors. In the Minturn-Sig Eps clash, Minturn decisioned their opponents by a 3-1 score. For Minturn, Clifton Dickerson hit an even 500 series while George Troeh of the losers had a 223 game and a series of 546.

The Yeomen and Fijis also split in their games each winning two of the four tilts. In the last set of the evening, Sherry Ross humbled ATO three games to one. Bill Perckett of the winners led his teammates in total score with a 529 series and Jerry Shaw of the losers had the highest series of the whole night with 556.

Although there were not to many who bowled over 500 last night, Lou Belissimo recreation manager at the Student Union, stated that league play is steadily improving.

## Baseball Season Arrives?

Baseball has started informally this week, as pitchers and catchers began their warming-up exercises in the unfinished area of the P.E. building. Next week the rest of the squad may turn out, as Coach Don Kirsch has erected nets in the unfinished area so that batting practice may be taken. In this way, Kirsch hopes to have his players in good shape when the season arrives.

## New OSC Track Coach

CORVALLIS — (U.P.) — Hal Moe, freshman football coach, has been named varsity track coach at Oregon State College, school officials announced today.

Although the appointment became effective immediately, Moe will continue his football and teaching duties. George Fullerton, former OSC distance runner, will assist Moe.

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