

Duck Tracks

By John Whitty

When the University of Idaho Vandals open their series against the Webfoots of the University of Oregon this weekend, they will be solidly entrenched in the second spot in the Northern division hoop race. Idaho is only one game behind the league-leading Washington squad, and three full games separate the Vandals from the third place Cougars of Washington State.

This year's Vandals have a good chance to sieze the conference title for the third time since Idaho entered the Northern division in 1923. The Vandals of that year tied with Washington for the championship and defeated them in the playoff contest.

The only time since then when the Idaho school has received the ND championship trophy was in 1946, when they nosed out the runner-up Oregon State squad for the crown. They were later defeated by California for the PCC title.

Finley Called Hoop Expert

The Idaho coach, Charles (Chuck) Finley, who is now in his fifth season at the helm of the Vandal hoop squads, has been called one of the 12 best informed basketball men in the United States.

Finley's quints are well-known for their versatility, and they have shown themselves to be capable of using any number of offensive and defensive styles, sometimes even changing their style completely in mid-season, without any apparent loss of ability.

Since Finley first took over at the Inland Empire school, the basketball fortunes of the Idaho squad have been steadily climbing. In 1948, the Vandals, under Finley, finished in the ND cellar, but since then they have been improving constantly, until this year, when they are in contention for the conference crown.

'Gains and Losses' Used by Borchers

Oregon coach Bill Borchers has devised a simple method for producing spirit and a hustling attitude in his practice sessions. Much of any practice in any field of athletics is regarded by the players as drudgery, and often their only wish is to get the work done, so they can get to their dinner.

Borchers has introduced a system which makes for a livelier practice, while at the same time simulating the actual pressure and competitive of game conditions.

The device is a system of losses and gains, which are kept by the manager while the team is engaging in offense-defense work. A gain is recorded for the offensive quint every time they make a basket, while they receive a loss for every occasion in which the defensive unit takes the ball away from them or ties the ball up. A foul by either group results in one-half of a point for their opponents.

Competitive spirit is introduced quickly in this manner, for the first team, offensive or defensive, which has five losses or gains scored against them must run three quick laps before the game is resumed.

IM Competition Started in 1930

Intramural competition at the University of Oregon first got its start in the year 1930, but a handbook of intramural sports, containing managers, such as is now issued, was not published until 1931.

Previous to 1930, there had been spasmodic attempts at starting an intramural program, but they had not been successful. At the start, only thirteen events were included in the program, but at the present time there is competition in sixteen different fields of activity.

According to Dr. Paul Washke, Professor of Physical Education, who was the organizer of the intramural system as it now exists, interest in the program is increasing all the time, as well as participation by individuals and living organizations.

Dr. Washke says, "The school of Health and Physical Education recognizes that it is one of the functions of the school to put on an intramural program. Considering the amount of funds we have to use and the time spent, we believe that we have as good an intramural program as there is in the country."

He also emphasized the fact that the purpose of the IM competition is not primarily to select the winners in the numerous sports offered, but the purpose is to promote participation and the use of the skills taught in the service courses.

One glance at the comprehensive handbook issued annually by the school of H & PE gives an indication of the amount of work involved in setting up and maintaining an intramural program such as we have here at the university, and the students should be grateful for the opportunity provided to engage in athletics all during the school year.

Tough Competition Slated For Webfoot Swimmers

Coach John Borchardt's Oregon swimming team travels to the Inland Empire this weekend for a pair of Northern Division dual meets with the WSC Cougars and the Idaho Vandals. The Ducks meet the Cougars on Friday, and the Vandals on Saturday.

Against WSC, Coach Borchardt expects tough competition, as the Vandals took only one first place against the Cougars in a recent meet.

Conference champion Fred Sprenger of Washington State will be competition with Duck Gordon Edwards in the distance events. Thursday time trials showed that Edwards made the best time recorded this year in the ND, with a 440 yard freestyle mark of 4:44.6; just four seconds under the conference record set by Jack Medina in 1934.

Yosh Terada is expected to give Cougar Paul Sellen a tough battle in the 200 yard backstroke. Sellen is also conference title-holder in this event. Milton Kotoshirodo, Oregon free-styler, turned in his best time of the season in the 50 and 100 yard events during Thursday's drill.

He will perhaps meet his toughest competition against Idaho's Bill Hoblet, who took the only first against WSC in the 50 yard free-style with a time of 24.9.

Kotoshirodo and Dick Ruckdeschel, both seniors, were selected as co-captains for the Oregon swim team. Kotoshirodo is from Honolulu, and Ruckdeschel is from Portland.

Ducks to Meet UBC

After the Inland Empire trip, the Ducks return to action in their home pool on Feb. 16 against the University of British Columbia. They resume home conference action with the powerful Washington Huskies at Eugene on Feb. 22.

Following are the entries for the WSC and Idaho meets.

300 yard medley relay: Henry Kalura, Dick Ruckdeschel, or Dave Houck.

220 yard free-style: Gordon Edwards and Phil Lewis.

50 yard freestyle: Milton Kotoshirodo and Jim Allan, or Houck.

150 yard individual medley:

PiKA Thinclads Down Sherry Ross

Intramural track action Thursday saw the Pi Kappa Alpha cinder squad down Sherry Ross hall by a 39-21 count, while in the other meet of the day Kappa Sigma topped Stan Ray hall, 13-0. Stan Ray did not field a team, so only two events, the shot and the 40 yard dash, were run off. Varsity football fullback Tom Novikoff established a new IM shot-put record for the Kappa Sigs, as he threw the iron ball 42' 5".

Laursen of Kappa Sigma took the 40 yard dash in a time of 4.7 in the only other event.

Following is a summary of the PiKA-Sherry Ross meet:

High jump: Craven (S), no other qualifiers. Height: 4' 8".

Pole vault: Ragozzino (P), Kilkey (P). Height: 7'.

Broad jump: Taylor (S), Easton (S), Johnson (S). Distance: 16' 1".

Shot: Patrick (P), Schireman (P), Booth (P). Distance: 35' 2".

Hurdles: Leonig (P), Schierman (P), Craven (S). Time: 6.4.

40 yard dash: Ragozzino (P), Liberty (P), Johnson (S). Time: 5.1.

Three-fourth mile: Easton (S), Gilkey (P). Time: 4:33.4.

120 yard relay: Pi Kappa Alpha (Ragozzino, Schireman, Leonig, and Liberty.)

Final score: Pi Kappa Alpha 39, Sherry Ross 21.

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Ducks, Vandals Set

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Chet Noe against the Vandal tall men. Sophomore Bob Hawes will open at the other guard, having won a starting spot with fine play against Washington, and in practice the last week.

Under Finley, the Vandals play slow deliberate basketball, with frequent use of the platoon system. They use ball-control tactics against fast breaks such as Oregon's and are long shot artists.

A feature of the series will be halftime entertainment provided by Gloria Ellexson, of Seattle, internationally famous baton twirler. Miss Ellexson has just returned from a tour of Europe, and has appeared at Oregon basketball and football games previously.

Game time for the varsity contests will be 8:00 p.m. both nights, and the JV games start at 6:00 p.m. each night.

"Leap Year Lyrics," loads of fun! What, no date? Then get one. (Heart Hop Friday)

Yosh Terada and Allen Wakinekona.

Diving: Pete Charlton and Hal Davis.

100 yard freestyle: Kotoshirodo and Allan or Houck.

200 yard backstroke: Terada and Kalura.

200 yard breaststroke: Ruckdeschel and Wakinekona.

400 yard freestyle: Edwards and Phil Lewis.

400 yard freestyle relay: Allan, Terada, Edwards, Kotoshirodo or Houck.

Bowling

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League Standings:

	won	lost
Sig Eps	13	3
Sherry Ross	10	6
Minturn hall	10	6

Bill Parkett of Sherry Ross hall leads the league with an average of 169.

Thursday:

French hall 3, Kappa Sigma 1
Phi Kappa Psi 4, Phi Kappa Sigs 0
Pi Kappa Alpha 4, Beta Theta Pi 0
Cherney 3, Sammies 1

The best series of the night was collected by Ken Ireland, who scored 515.

Cherney and Phi Kappa Alpha are tied for the league lead with 14 wins and only two losses.

Borchers Seeks

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