

Duck Tracks

By John Whitty

This weekend will provide an opportunity for those members of the University of Oregon student body who have not yet visited the new \$1,800,000 basketball plant at Oregon State to get a good look at the imposing structure from the inside.

The building, named Gill Coliseum after Amory T. "Slats" Gill, present Beaver coach, was completed in 1950, and it has a seating capacity of 10,5000, with 85 per cent of the seats located on the sides, which are preferred by most basketball fans.

Close Game Is Predicted

The setting for this evening's contest is almost ideal, from the standpoint of the unbiased fan, if such a being ever existed. Oregon State is in last place in the Northern Division hoop race, trailing the conference-leading Washington Huskies by a full seven and one-half games.

The Webfoots, under coach Bill Borchert, are just a short jump ahead of the Beavers, as they rank five games out of first place and two-half games ahead of their opponents for this weekend.

We predict a real thriller this evening. On the face of it, Oregon would appear to have the edge, due to their superior record all season long and their higher standing in Northern Division play. However, the game will be played on Oregon State's home floor before a home crowd, which will probably be very much against the Oregon squad, due to the fact that there was some trouble between a fan and Bob Peterson of the Duck squad last year in a game played at Corvallis.

Pete Gets Obscene Letter

Along that line, although most Oregon fans were satisfied to call that incident closed after Pete made his obviously sincere apology on the following evening, there is still some resentment harbored against him in the hearts of at least a few Beaver supporters.

Earlier this week, Big Bob received a very derogatory and obscene letter from Corvallis, in which some exceedingly violent predictions are made. The missive, apparently in a feminine hand, left a very poor taste in the mouth of this writer at least, and inspired some doubt as to the sanity of anyone who would waste his or her time composing an epistle such as that.

Player vs. Coach

An odd circumstance of the game tonight will be noted by at least some of the players on the two teams. For the first time in four years, Ron Robins, diminutive Beaver guard will be playing against his old high school coach and some of his former teammates at Marshfield high school.

Robins, who stands only 5-feet, 8-inches, played in three state tournaments under Borchert, and he was selected to the all-state basketball team in 1949, along with Barney Holland, who is now a member of the Oregon varsity squad.

According to reports received, Robins played some very fine basketball against Idaho last Monday, and although he made only two points, a number of comments were made on the excellence of his defensive play and his play-making ability. With his instinctive knowledge of the fast break as employed by Borchert-coached teams, Robins may prove to be a thorn in the side of the Webfoots.

OSC Has Good Yearling Crop

Oregon State is one Northern Division school which came up with a very good crop of freshman prospects this year. Washington has Dean Parsons of Eugene and Larry Ramm, a 6-foot, 3-inch forward from Bremerton, both of whom are listed on the varsity squad.

Idaho has its phenomenal Harlan Melton, who scored 18 points in the last encounter between the Ducks and the Vandals. Oregon itself has several promising first-year men, four of whom are listed on the 1951-52 varsity roster. They are Ron Bottler, Hugh Marxer, Howard Page, and Bill Choat.

The Beavers seem to have come up with the cream of the high school crop, however, as they list ten freshmen on the varsity roster. Among them are all-staters Ron Robins and Bill Toole, first team, and Tom Schubert, Reggie Halligan of the 1951 second all-state squad. Schubert has transferred to OTI this term, however.

Gill also has several out-of-state prep stars on his Beaver squad. They are Jay Dean, an all-stater in three sports from Nampa, Idaho, Tex Whiteman, a 6-foot, 6-inch all-stater from Colorado, Art Henriksen, who was selected on the all-Southern California team, and Al Patsel, an all-city prepper at Lincoln of San Francisco. Things look good for the Beavers in years to come.

Southern State Supplies Ducks With Another Gem

For the second straight year the state of California has contributed a first-string center to the University of Oregon's basketball squad. Chet Noe, a towering native of Los Angeles, this year has stepped into the brogans of the departed Jim "Biceps" Loscutoff and has rewarded Coach Bill Borchert with a highly pleasing performance.

So far this season Noe has displayed great improvement over his performance of last year, when he was a sophomore. In addition to better defensive ability, lanky Chet has racked up 102 field goals and 60 free throws for a 264-point total in 22 games, pressing Bob Peterson for the team leadership in that department.



CHET NOE

Noe finished Washington High school in Los Angeles, where he was on the varsity hoop crew for two years. Chet was selected to the All-City and All-League teams during both of those years. In his senior year he led all city scorers with a fabulous 25-point average as his team won the city title.

During his first year on the campus Noe proceeded to rewrite the Frosh basketball record books. Chet flipped in a total of 223 points to break the pre-war record established by All-American Laddie Gale.

With another year of eligibility remaining for Chet and his uncheckable hook shot, Borchert should have few worries for the center position next year, especially if Noe continues to improve as he has this year.

Williams Paces

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Dan Hendrickson scored 13 for the high point honors for the winners and Adams scored eight for the losers.

Garrett, Phi Delt forward, did not do any of his usual high scoring as he only counted for two baskets.

SAE
Mundle, 5 F Adams, 8
Lewis, 11 F Franciseovich, 8
Hendrickson, 13 C Wolf
Wherry, 2 G Kruger, 1
Garrett, 4 G Karnofski, 6
Subs SAE: Cleary, Jones. Phi Delt Subs: Britain 2, Miller, Smith, Mills.

DELTS
Hull, 6 F Williams, 23
Kerns, 5 F Tennison, 4
Haves, 10 C Kofford, 8
Adair G Archer, 2
Bradword, 6 G Haney
Substitutes: Delts, Owen. Nestor, Takano.

Today's IM Schedule

Track
4:00—Minturn vs. Nestor
Sigma Chi vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon

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