

Duck Tracks

By Hal Childs

As the 1952 Northern Division basketball season comes to a conclusion it is evident that some of the boys who have performed for their respective teams stood out more than others. These outstanding performers deserve some recognition for their fine work during the past year, and so we have selected a 1952 all-Northern Division team.

In this present day of basketball any team needs at least one big man if that squad is to have any hope of a successful season, and this dream outfit of ours is no exception. For the front line we offer BOB HOUBREGS and FRANK GUISSNESS, both of the champion Washington Huskies, and BOB PETERSON, who played a big part in Oregon's fight for a spot high up in Northern Division standings.

Houbregs—Hook Shot Wizard

Houbregs rank as one of the finest players to perform in the Northern Division in the last ten years. With two games left to play against Washington State this week-end he is dangerously close to setting a new Northern Division season scoring record. If Bob does set a new league standard he will do it despite missing three games early in the season.

The lanky six-foot, eight-inch Washington pivot man has one of the best, if not the best, hook shots in the country. In addition to his amazing hook Houbregs is also an excellent shot from out, and fakes very well to get layins and close shots. The big boy's backboard play is very fine, and he picks up a good many points on tipins. Called by one coach the equal of George Mikan it seems likely that Houbregs, with one more year of competition left, will be placed on the all-time Northern Division team.

And Then There is Pete

Peterson, one of the nations leading rebounders, could not be overlooked on anybody's all-star team. Pete is the loop's best backboard man, and is just as well versed in the other phases of the game. His rebounding is almost unbelievable. Peterson is aggressive, has great hands, is possessed of split-second timing, and always gets position.

Offensively he is a constant threat. The Ducks' six-foot, five-inch junior forward has a variety of shots and is just as good a shot left-handed as he is right-handed. Unfortunately he isn't fed like the other big men, Houbregs, Kruger, and Roberts, in the league or he would probably come close to winning the Northern Division scoring crown.

Despite the fact that he has to work for every shot he takes, Pete still maintains a ten-point per game average. Many of Peterson's baskets come on tipins, and layins after stealing the ball from some unwary opponent. Not only is his rebounding and shooting excellent, but he is a very fine floor man and an exceedingly strong defensive operator.

The other member of the forward line, Guisness, is the Northern Division's smoothest player, and the loop's top floor man. Playing in a system where the big man does most of the scoring, Guisness still stands out by dint of his great playmaking and his almost uncanny defensive play.

Frank, a six-foot, three-inch senior from Vancouver, Wash., although not the key scoring man this year still checks in with some 10 or 15 points a night. He is one of those fellows who plays his best in the clutch, and seems to thrive on playing under pressure. Considered to be the best driver in the league this springy-legged, handsome kid is a capable shot from close in or from far out.

McCutchen and Hunt at Guards

At the guards we selected a pair of fine playmakers and top defensive men, MIKE MC CUTCHEN, Washington's cool floor leader, and KEN HUNT, Oregon's hard-driving, sharp-shooting captain.

McCutchen ranks right behind Guisness as a floor man. When he is teamed with Frank, the Huskies have a pair of defensive slickers who are mighty hard to top. McCutchen's defensive play is practically flawless. Mike is also a very fine playmaker and a cool-headed lad who is always at the right place at the right time. An excellent shot, he had little chance to display his ability with a pair of top-flight pointmakes like Guisness and Houbregs on the same team. He made the points when needed, however, and wound up with one of the loop's better shooting percentages. In addition to his other talents, this six-foot, two-inch junior proved to be a valuable rebounder.

Hunt, at this writing, tops the Webfoots in the points column besides leading the league in assists. Ken is an excellent shot, specializing in one hand push-shots from outside the key or from the corner. He also drives very well and picks up many field goals on driving layins.

Picked on the second team were Duane Enochs, Washington, and Eric Roberts, Washington State, at forwards; Hartley Kruger, Idaho, at center; and Joe Cipriano, Washington, and Danny Johnston, Oregon State, at guards.

Final OSC Tilts Face Duck Five

The much-traveled and weary Oregon basketball team returns to the friendly Willamette Valley this weekend for its final series of the year, the traditional tilts with the Oregon State Beavers.

In games played earlier this year, the Ducks made a clean sweep of the two contests, seizing the first tilt, which was played at Corvallis, by a 57-44 margin. In the second game, the Beavers showed a little more fight than on the previous evening, but still fell to the rampaging Webfoots by a 55-64 count.

The question to be posed this weekend is, "Will the dean of Northern Division basketball, Slat Gill, come up with a solution to the Duck offense, or will Bill Borcher, Oregon's young mentor again sweep the series from OSC?"

Social Calendar

Social activities for the week include:

Today

Dinners:
Delta Tau Delta and Kappa Kappa Gamma
Chi Psi and Alpha Phi
Dances:
Yeomen and Orides radio dance

Friday

WRA Carnival

Saturday

Dances:
Phi Sigma Kappa
Phi Kappa Sigma

Firesides:

Sherry Ross and Omega
Zeta Tau Alpha
Phi Gamma Delta

Sunday

Alpha Delta Pi preference dinner.

Kurt Frey to Talk In SU Tuesday On WSSF Drive

Kurt Frey, executive secretary of Studentenwerk, German welfare organization for students, will speak at an assembly March 6 at 1 p.m. in the Student Union in behalf of the World Students Service Fund drive.

Frey, who was director of Studentenwerk at Kiel, Germany, before being appointed to the position of national director of the movement, rebuilt and reorganized the bombed-out shell of the Christian-Albrechts Haus, a student living center.

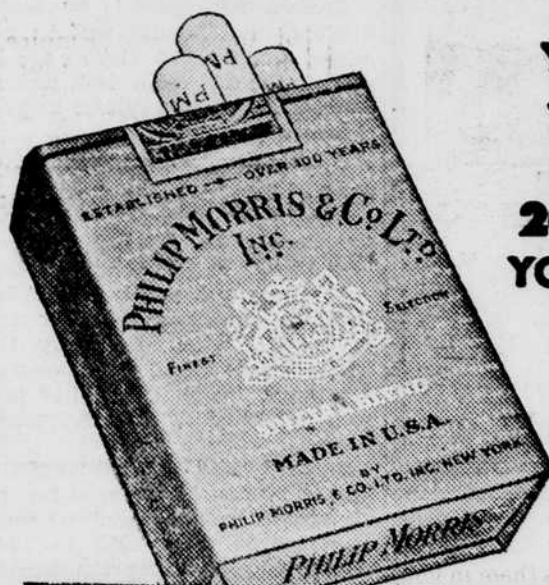
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