

Duck Tracks

By John Whitty

In the midst of all the jumble of grade school, high school, and college football scores and results to be seen in papers around the state over the past weekend, a discerning eye might have seen a small notice stating that the University of Oregon basketball team, coached by Bill Borchert, was staging its first drill of the season on Monday, October 18.

Yes, basketball is here already, almost before the football season seems to have gotten underway, and inside of a month and a half the Ducks will have their opening hoop tilts behind them, and football will give up its throne to the new king, basketball.

Turnout Small, But Talented

Varying opinions as to the estimated strength of this year's Webfoot cage squad are being tossed about. Some observers, pointing to the fact that only 17 candidates were on hand for the opening drill, predict a gloomy season, while others, discounting numbers, foresee an interesting and reasonably successful year for the Webfoot hoopsters.

It is in the latter class that this writer finds himself. This year's Ducks may be few in numbers, but we feel that, since only five men can legally play on a basketball floor at one time for each team, the size of the turnout has little relevance on the final product.

We are reminded of the stories about the 1937 Oregon high school state tournament, in which a team known as the "Nine Boy Wonders" from Bellfountain defeated Lincoln high school of Portland in the finals by a score of 35-21. The unique name of the team was derived from the fact that there were only nine boys attending school at Bellfountain.

We realize, of course, that high school basketball is a far cry from the brand of ball played in the colleges, but the fact remains that a school with only nine boys in attendance won by a convincing margin over a team with approximately one hundred times that number of male students.

Size Necessary to Break

The men out for the squad this year should fill the bill quite nicely as far as fitting into Coach Borchert's system. Borchert's style of basketball is built around the fast break, which means that speed is an essential factor.

However, this does not mean that the tall man is at a disadvantage in this type of game. Rather, height is just as essential as speed in a really coordinated fast break.

The ideal fast break team has one or two big men who are excellent rebounders and whose primary duty is to sweep the defensive backboard and get the ball started down the court as quickly as possible. One of the most important elements in a good fast break is the first pass, because if there is a delay in clearing the ball, the fast break is virtually useless, no matter how fast the ball-handlers are or how well they handle the ball.

Borchert will probably depend upon the efforts of Chet Noe, Ed Halberg, and Henry Bonneman for the backboard work, and they should provide all that is desired.

Noe Back for Senior Year

Noe was a standout center on last year's squad, as he improved tremendously on his plays the previous year as a sophomore. Big Chet stands 6 feet, 7 inches tall, is quite fast for a big man, and is capable of hooking the ball into the hoop with either hand.

He showed considerable skill last year at clearing the ball on the fast break, and his play will undoubtedly improve.

Ed Halberg is a transfer from Olympic J.C., who has been plagued with knee trouble for the past year. His legs seem to be holding up much better this year, however, and his 6-foot, 5-inch frame should come in handy on the backboards.

Bonneman is another 6-foot, 7-incher who is back for his senior year. Hank is a steady player who shows occasional flashes of greatness. If he gets started right this year, he could be a valuable asset to the Webfoots.

Little Guys Needed Too

The other half of an ideal fast-break unit is provided by the small men on the team. They should be fast, quick with their hands, capable of scoring from far out, and experts at driving under the basket for a lay-in shot.

There will be keen competition for these spots, as Borchert has a half-dozen or so guards turning out, any two of whom could make the starting five.

Among them are Barney Holland, a 5-foot, 11-inch junior letterman, Bob Hawes, another letterman, who is just an inch shorter than Holland, and Bud Covey, a 5-foot, 10-inch senior letterman.

Two other talented veteran letterman who will see a lot of action as the forward slots are Ken Wegner and Keith Farnam. Wegner is capable of playing either guard or forward, while Farnam, although he is not really a "big man" at 6-feet, 2 inches, is a fine rebounder and a good competitor.

Hopman Selected Aussie Net Captain

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (AP)—

Australia has again named Harry Hopman as captain of the Davis Cup tennis team. He has been non-playing captain since Australia lifted the title from the United States two years ago.

Frank Sedgman and Ken McGregor are expected to play in the singles and doubles in the challenge round, opening on December 29th in Adelaide. Others on the squad are Mervyn Rose, Ken Rosewall, Lewis Hoad, Ian Ayre, Don Candy and Rex Hartwig.

The United States is expected to be in the final round against Australia. The Americans must defeat either Italy or India in the inter-zone finals which will be staged in Australia.

ABL May Ban Hoopsters In Fix

NEW YORK (AP)—President John O'Brien of the American Basketball league says he is opposed to admitting players involved in the basketball fix cases. And O'Brien has hinted that he will resign as president if members of the league vote to allow the players in the circuit. A vote will be taken Thursday night.



BARNEY HOLLAND
Duck Quarterback

Ten Teams Unbeaten

NEW YORK (AP)—The college football season is just about at the halfway mark and a recap today showed that 55 teams still are unbeaten and untied. However, only 10 of these play a tough-enough schedule to be listed as major teams. The big-timers with perfect records are California, UCLA, Southern California, Michigan State, Maryland, Georgia Tech,

Sigs, Campbells, Phi Psis Tip Foes; Nestor Wins

A royal prince from the Gold Coast of Africa, freshman Vishnue Wassiamal, sparked Susan Campbell hall to a close, 13-15, 15-10, 15-10, victory over Barrister Inn. Other outstanding players for Susan Campbell were Jim Jolly, Ron Miller, Eddie Wah, and Larry Scott.

Hale Kane, newly crowned seven man football champions, continued to cut a wide swath through intramural competition, defeating Alpha hall, 15-3, 15-2, in a volleyball competition yesterday. Fine playing by Bob Muirhead, Milton Kotoshirodo, and Bobby Takane led the Hawaiians' win.

In other games Nestor hall, with Jerry Aman and Art Dornath playing stellar ball, defeated French hall, 16-14, 15-5; Phi Kappa Psi edged Pi Kappa Alpha, 15-10, 15-13; Theta Chi slaughtered Sigma Phi Epsilon, 15-2, 15-3; and Sigma Chi trounced Sigma Alpha Mu, 15-5, 15-12.

Duke, Villanova, Holy Cross and Virginia.

Something has to give, however, at the head of this lineup on Saturday. The California Bears meet the Southern California Trojans in Los Angeles.

Who, Me
a Snob?



Why the last thing in the world you could call me is a snob—I despise snobs!

That's just the trouble, Mister, a lot of people are snobs and don't know it!

Not me—I'm a good American. Why, my people...

See what I mean—never mind your people. It's you we're talking about.

I don't get it!

Okay, what kind of day did you have? Bawl out any waiters? Give any dirty looks? And when you got on to politics at

lunch did you start picking any race apart—make a few cracks about someone's religion? You see, that's where the trouble starts.

Well, I—uh...

Look, Mister, nobody is saying that you mean to be intolerant—but every time you make a crack like that you are hurting your country's unity.

I never thought of that. Say—who are you anyway?

Your conscience.



Accept or reject people
on their individual worth