

Duck Tracks

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Oregon vs. Washington State at Pullman—no longer a suicide swing, but nonetheless a painful two-night stand in the Palouse badlands.

While most of the tabsters are inclined to agree that the Webfoots should win both games without working up a collective drop of perspiration, there are some exceptions. One of them is Bill Borchner, who is taking the Cougars far from lightly.

For one thing Jack Friel's twin fives played anything but cellar-brand ball against Washington Saturday night in Seattle and had it not been for Tippy Dye's 13-minute pause and a two-minute coal-roasting session between halves, the "sleepers" might have sullied the Huskies' perfect record.

Before each road trip, Borchner prepares a list for his club, an itinerary which is distributed to keep them informed of their responsibilities while out of Eugene. At the bottom of this week's mimeographed sheet Borchner reminds his players that "two wins at Pullman will mean a lot in the fight for second place" and of Oregon's "15-point lead" against the Cougars when the teams last clashed at Pullman.

Do and Die Trip

It was not quite a year ago that the Webfoots sauntered into the Inland Empire, needing three wins to remain in the running for second place. They opened against the Cougars, a vastly better club last season, and trimmed them 71-61 on a Friday night. Kenny Hunt was on a hot scoring spree during the entire trip and the rest of the ball club was the following night, piling up a 45-30 halftime lead. But they blew the game—lost it 67-65.

That loss more than any other finished the Ducks' chances. Although they clipped the runner-up Vandals, 66-60 Monday night, gaining a foot-hold on second place, they fell by the same 60-66 score the following night. Reversing the role against Oregon State, the Ducks lost the opener, then won the finale at Gill coliseum.

Portland writers have just about handed Oregon State the 1954 Northern division basketball flag, claiming that the addition of Freshman Center Wade (Swede) Halbrook, plus the experienced holdovers will transform them into an unbeatable combination, much the same as this year's Washington outfit.

Ducks Lost Out

We'll grant that the Beavers are the team to beat in '54 in a league which will be weakened seriously by the large number of graduating seniors. Yet it will be a better-balanced tighter race; there probably will be fewer than six games separating the champs and the chumps.

OREGON STATE—Slats Gill will be the only mentor in the league who will be able to pick and choose. The Beavers could open with a lineup of Tex Whiteman and Tony Vlastelica, forwards; Halbrook, center; and Bill Toole and Ron Robins, guards. Outstanding depth would be their number one weapon—Ted Romanoff and Johnny Jarboe on the bench.

OREGON—Two headaches are in store for Borchner, one forward spot and a center. Ed Halberg is a cinch to open at one forward, probably along with Bob Stout, who is improving steadily; the untried Max Anderson at center, who may be a year away; and standbys Ken Wegner, Barney Holland and Bob Hawes to fight it out for the two guard openings.

Better Balanced

The pinch of selective service has already figured in Borchner's 1953-54 plans. A six-foot, five-inch sophomore center from Compton Junior college in California, Larry Robertellie, was set to enroll in Eugene in April, but was drafted last month. Compton, by the way, swept the state-wide, 16-team Sam Barry Memorial tournament last December in Glendale and Robertellie was named the outstanding performer.

IDAHO—Coach Chuck Finley can't seem to get much mileage from his talent-laden Vandals this year so there's little reason to expect to finish any higher (if that) next season. They'll still be good with a starting lineup of Rog Lillibridge and Harlan Melton, forwards; Dwight Morrison, center; and Bob Falash and Tommy Flynn, guards.

WASHINGTON—It's a lead-pipe cinch that Dye won't start a fivesome of Don Apeland and Steve Roake at forwards; Dean Parsons, center; and Don Tripp and Roland Halle at guards. The Huskies have a spectacular frosh squad and the Northern school will dig up some junior college talent to half-plug the un-pluggable gaps.

WASHINGTON STATE—Although consigned to last, they'll be no slouches. The Cougars can count on a starting lineup of Bert Underwood and Bob Swanson, forwards; Bill Rehder, center; Bob Klock and Ron Bennink, guards. Only Underwood is currently a second platoon.

FORFEITS MAR SLATE

Stitzers, Pi Kaps, SAE's Win

Stitzer Hall beat Sherry Ross's "B's"; Sigma Hall won on forfeit from Alpha Hall's "A" quintet; Pi Kaps tipped the "A" hoop aggregation from Beta Theta Pi; SAE's "A's" won over the Tekes; and Sigma Hall won a "B" contest from Chi Psi on forfeit as did the Phi Kappa Alpha "B" squad tip the Counselors in intramural action Thursday afternoon.

paced the winners with 10 counters, followed by Martin Brandenfels and Sandy Kam with eight each.

Gerald Froebe collected almost half the losers' points, garnering 8 in the defeated effort.

Stitzer (26) (18) Sherry Ross Brandenfels, 8 F.....2, Imbrie Wald, 10 F.....0, Grant Bach, 0 C.....1, Lawson Salyes, 0 G.....3, Meihoff Kam, 8 G.....4, Shaffer Subs—For Sherry Ross: Froebe 8.

a 21-16 victory in a tight "A" basketball game with the Beta's. At halftime the count stood at 11 to 7 in favor of the winners.

Dade Wright, Pi Kap, and Martin, Beta Theta Pi, tied for top scoring honors with 6 each.

PKP (21) (16) BTP Wright, 6 F.....2, Ivolfard Decker, 0 F.....0, Beairsto Wooden, 4 C.....3, Sogge Surprenant, 3 G.....5, Lyons Greco, 5 G.....6, Martin Subs—for Pi Kaps: Toner, 3.

Stitzer Over Sherris

The Stitzer-Sherry Ross affair was a matter of three men out-scoring the losers. Dick Wald

Pi Kaps Beat Betas

Pi Kappa Phi grabbed an early lead and gradually built it up to

SAE Wallops Tekes

Sigma Alpha Epsilon had a field day in walloping the hapless TKE's 44 to 12. From the opening whistle the SAE's were out in front and led 25 to 8 at the midway intermission.

Rex Davis was high for the game with 12 for the winners. Bob Lacy turned in a superb game for the losers and collected 10 of their 12 points.

SAE (44) (12) TKE Carlson, 6 F.....0, Markham Dignan, 6 F.....0, Kykendall Hoss, 4 C.....0, Clark Davis, 12 G.....2, Easton Kittridge, 8 G.....10, Lacy Subs—for SAE: Franciscovich, 8

Seven of 13 Intramural Teams Almost Have Titles Wrapped Up

The winners of seven of the 13 intramural basketball leagues have been virtually decided but hot races are predicted in the remaining six.

Kappa Sigma has only one more game with cellar dwelling TKE before becoming champ of League 1-A; ATO is undefeated in League 2-A; and Sigma Nu, French Hall and Campbell Club have just about got Leagues 4-A, 6-A and 7-A wrapped up.

Hale Kane is undefeated in League 4-B, as is French Hall in 5-B.

League 3-A has three squads, Fijis, Phi Kap's and Sigma Chi's, battling for the top with identical 2 and 1 marks. Hale Kane and Susan Campbell are tied in League 5-A.

League 2-B is a two-way race between SAE and Sigma Nu; Fijis and Sig Eps are deadlocked for the top in League 3-B; and wide open races are taking place in Leagues 1-B, and 6-B.

LEAGUE 1-A
(Standings include Wednesday night results.)

	W	L	Pct.
Kappa Sigma	4	0	1.000
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	3	1	.750
Delta Tau Delta	2	2	.500
Beta Theta Pi	1	2	.333
Pi Kappa Phi	1	3	.250
Tau Kappa Epsilon	0	3	.000

LEAGUE 2-A

	W	L	Pct.
Alpha Tau Omega	3	0	1.000
Pi Kappa Alpha	3	1	.750
Chi Psi	2	1	.667
Sigma Phi Epsilon	0	3	.000
Lambda Chi Alpha	0	3	.000

LEAGUE 3-A

	W	L	Pct.
Phi Gamma Delta	2	1	.667
Sigma Chi	2	1	.667
Pi Kappa Sigma	2	1	.667
Pi Kappa Psi	2	2	.500
Phi Sigma Kappa	0	3	.000

LEAGUE 4-A

	W	L	Pct.
Sigma Nu	3	0	1.000
Phi Delta Theta	3	1	.750
Delta Upsilon	1	2	.333
Theta Chi	1	2	.333
Sigma Alpha Mu	0	3	.000

LEAGUE 5-A

	W	L	Pct.
Hale Kane	4	0	1.000
Susan Campbell	4	0	1.000
Sigma Hall	2	1	.667
Alpha Hall	1	3	.250
Barrister Inn	1	3	.250
Gamma Hall	0	5	.000

Ducks Try WSC

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city of Washington and collected eight points both nights.

Oregon Mentor Bill Borchner plans to start the same five that were so successful against Idaho. The first squad will be made up of Halberg and Farnam at forwards, Noe at the post, and Holland and Wegner at the guard slots.

Probable starting lineup:
OREGON Farnam.....F.....WSC
Halberg.....F.....Swanson
Noe.....C.....Mullins
Wegner.....C.....Rehder
Holland.....G.....Bennink
Clock

Other players: Oregon—Forwards, Stout and Mickey; Center, Boneman; Guards, Hawes, Covey and Page. Washington State—Forwards, Underwood and Myron; Centers, McCant and Peterson; Guards, Garten and Morgan.



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