

Duck Tracks

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It may be whistling in the dark, but isn't it about time for someone to break up the Washington Huskies—or at the very least, their 12-game, Northern division victory string? Of course, it's mere coincidence that the Webfoots will be at Hec Edmundson pavilion tonight and Saturday for a pair of games with Tippy Dye's guys.

Trouble is, to the casual bystander, if anyone were to knock over the Huskies it should be the University of Oregon, the only other club in the Northern division with a winning percentage. But besides the uncomfortable task of clashing with the mechanized Washingtons, the Ducks risk ruining a perfect record of their own, dating back to 1947 when they won their last pavilion game.

This year the physical problem is as trying as the psychological one. In the Washington Huskies, the Ducks face perhaps the nation's finest starting crew—Mike McCutchen, Doug McClary, Bob Houbregs, Charlie Koon and Joe Cipriano. The Huskies are great in that they are extremely well-balanced, commit a minimum of errors and have flawless ball control.

Huskies Won't Foul

Although their prime weakness is depth—rather, the lack of it—they rarely ever foul out of a ball game. Cipriano, the Nook-sack Valley senior guard, is the leading culprit with 35 violations, a trifling 2.75 per game. On the other hand, four Webfoots, Ken Wegner, Chet Noe, Ed Halberg and Barney Holland, all have committed more personals than has Slippery Joe. Wegner has 43, Noe, 39; Halberg, 42; and Holland, 39.

And where do all those fouls get you against Washington? Not very far. Huskies have converted 255 of 352 free throws for a .725, which is by far tops for the entire Pacific Coast conference. Oregon trails the Huskies from the charity line, with a .669 mark.

Last year Dye's marauders seared the Webfoots twice, 74-36 and 64-39 at Seattle, frustrating Bill Borchers' five with a full court press for much of the ball games. And it wasn't until the same Mr. Dye employed the same technique in the division opener last month that our Webfoots could be headed off. The visitors rallied in the final three and one half minutes to dunk the Ducks, 79-73.

'Ifs' vs. Washington

If Borchers can devise a plan to stop Houbreg's fantastic hook shot, if the Webfoots don't fold in the face of an all-court defense, if they don't leave McCutchen, Koon and Cipriano open for shots, if the Ducks have an "on" night—maybe the Huskies can be had. All and all, it looks like the "ifs" don't have it and Washington does.

Based on comparative figures the Huskies should open as 18-point favorites and tonight's score might read something like Washington 76, Oregon 58; and Saturday's—Washington 73, Oregon 66.

Northern division teams will be pretty difficult to call this year, but just the same here's how it should average out . . . Halberg, Oregon, and McCutchen, Washington, forwards; Houbregs, Washington, center; and Cipriano, Washington, and Wegner, Oregon, guards.

Webfoot Ed Halberg is the only newcomer to the northern circuit, but has made his presence felt. The balding junior from Port Angeles, Wash., replaced the effective, but temperamental Bob Peterson and has done an amazing job with his jump shots and top flight rebounding.

Steady Starter

Mike McCutchen, the six-foot, one-inch southpaw shooter and captain of the Huskies, is a pestiferous player, one of those steady performers who comes through in the clutch. McCutchen has a nifty jump shot, a good set shot, and is a defensive ball-of-fire.

What's been said about Houbregs hardly needs mentioning again. Many West coast coaches have favorably compared California's Bob McKeen to Houbregs, but we'll let the coast conference playoffs determine that one.

Ken Wegner, Oregon's driver-guard, draws the attention of Northwest crowds. Some like him, some don't, but all have to admit that the Portland junior is one of the handiest guys in the league. Wegner had a tough assignment in filling the shoes of Ken Hunt, but many now attribute Oregon's late season success to Mr. Wegner.

Joe Cipriano, like Houbregs, was an all-conference selection last year, and in 1953 has proceeded to show why and how he was great in '52. Cipriano has the best longshot in the division and his defensive work leaves little to be desired.

A second team of Dwight Morrison, Idaho; Doug McClary, Washington; Chet Noe, Oregon; Bruce McIntosh, Idaho; and Charlie Koon, Washington, would also measure up in any collegiate competition.

INTRAMURAL GAMES

Merrick, Legal Eagles, Suzies ATO, Betas, Delts Turn in Wins

Merrick hall, led by Bob Bond who potted 22 points from his guard slot, soundly trounced the Stitzer Hall five 47-23 in Thursday's intramural action.

Following Bond in the scoring column was Jack Viskov, also of Merrick Hall, with 12 counters. Topping the scoring for Stitzer were Harold Schneiderman and Sanford Kam, each with six points.

Merrick (47) (23) Stitzer
Leland, 4.....F.....3, Brandenfel
Kramer, 2.....F.....3, Schneiderman
Viskov, 12.....C.....4, Mickelson
Bond, 22.....G.....6, Kam
Hastings, 5.....G.....5, Everest
Substitutions: For Merrick: Pritchard.

Eagles Defeat Phillis

In another Thursday intramural basketball game, the Legal Eagles squeezed past Philadelphia House 17-15.

The game started out slowly with the first half score being 6-5 in favor of the winners. Leading the Legal Eagles scoring was Harold Tolliver with four points. Procter of Philadelphia House was high for the game with eleven.

Phil. House (15) (17) Eagles
Buck, 3.....F.....1, Mansfield
Proctor, 11.....F.....4, Moore
Thompson, 0.....C.....1, Ingerson
Jones, 0.....G.....2, Rose
Wosten, 1.....G.....4, Tolliver
Substitutions: Legal Eagles: Givan 3; Hansen 2.

ATO Downs Sigma Chi

The high talented Alpha Tau Omega B five downed the Sigma Chi B's 28-17 in Thursday afternoon intramural basketball action.

The ATO five opened the scoring to take a 7-5 first quarter lead never to be headed. The half time score was 9-8. Leading scorer was Raymond Hempy of Alpha Tau Omega.

Sigma Chi (17) (28) ATO
Greenley, 2.....F.....3, Brethauer
Patera, 3.....F.....4, Phiester
Elliot, 3.....C.....2, Kilkenny
Sloan, 2.....G.....4, Hart
Newburn, 5.....G.....4, Altman
Substitutions: Sigma Chi; Nash 2; Alpha Tau Omega; Du Boch 2, Hempy 9.

Betas Drop Phi Psi

The Beta Theta Pi B team showed great backboard strength and scoring ability in manhandling Phi Kappa Psi B, 36-18.

Paul Jackson, their tall center, led in both departments as he scored 17 points in the Thursday

basketball action. Bjornstad and Bob Haney led the Phi Psi's scoring with six counters each.

BTP B (36) (18) PKB B
Adams, 2.....F.....6, Bjornstad
Reaves, 4.....F.....2, Trye
Jackson, 17.....C.....2, McNutt
Meyers, 2.....G.....6, Haney
Adkinson, 1.....G.....2, White

Delts Beat Sammies

Delta Tau Delta roared to a 19-9 win over Sigma Alpha Mu in Thursday intramural basketball action.

Paul Peterson scored five of his eight points to take his team from a 9-9 stalemate to the victory. Stanley Geffin lead the Sammies in their vain attempt with four points.

DTD (16) (9) SAM
Peltzer, 3.....F.....2, Rubenstien
Beischel, 0.....F.....1, Davis
Tarr, 1.....C.....4, Geffin
Juniper, 4.....G.....0, Sherman
Peterson, 8.....G.....2, Krichevsky

Suzies Wallop Chi Psi

Sporting a well balanced attack and a good defense, the Susan Campbell B team rolled to an easy 39-15 triumph over the Chi Psi B's in a fast bit of intramural basketball action.

Muir topped all scorers in leading his Suzie team to victory with eleven points. He was followed by

James Bagby and Richard Froman with ten counters each.

Campbell (39) (15) Chi Psi
Strkel, 4.....F.....3, Carnafan
Bagby, 10.....F.....3, Shaw
Froman, 10.....C.....1, Casper
Stobie, 4.....G.....6, Meredith
Muir, 11.....G.....2, Lovell

Wrong Way Cager Aids Foe in Win

The intramural department has its "Wrong Way Corrigan"; but this "backwards" individual is associated with basketball.

Gene Beck scored 14 points in a basketball game between his team, Phi Kappa Sigma, and Sigma Chi at 8:30 Thursday morning in a make-up intramural game.

Two of these counters went into the wrong basket, however, and helped Sigma Chi to win, 32-28. The halftime score was 17-14 in favor of the Phi Kaps.

As one observer commented, "Maybe he isn't used to playing in the early morning."

Phi Kapps (28) (32) Sigma Chi
Beck, 12.....F.....10, Phillips
Settecase, 13.....F.....6, Hodges
Mundle, 1.....C.....4, Ruhlman
Hinman, 2.....G.....6, Pollock
Bliefernich.....G.....4, Hedgepath
*Two scored by other team.

Seattle U Turns Down NIT Bid In Favor of NCAA Tournament

(AP)—Seattle University will play in the National Collegiate Association basketball playoffs.

The NCAA school officials made the choice today several hours after receiving the invitation. At the same time, Seattle U. turned down another prized bid, that of the NIT, or National Invitation Tournament at New York. The NIT bid came last night.

Scoring star Johnny O'Brien had expressed the team's preference for the NIT, where the Chiefs played a year ago. But the university officials made the decision.

Team at Large

Thus Seattle will be one of two at-large, or independent, teams in the western NCAA setup. The Chiefs will play the Rocky Mountain Conference Championship to the right to enter the western playoffs. If Seattle wins, it goes to the regional playoffs to be held at Corvallis, Oregon. The winner

at Corvallis will qualify for the national NCAA tourney at Kansas City.

Big leagues or bush leagues, it's all the same to Johnny O'Brien when it comes to throwing a basketball through the hoop.

The pocket-sized sharpshooter from Seattle University has gone to the front in the individual scoring race among major college players. Last year he won the minor college title but the National Collegiate Athletic Association moved Seattle into the major bracket this season.

51 in One Night

The 51 points Johnny garnered in his scoring spurge against Gonzaga Sunday night boosted his average for the year to 28 and one-half points per game.

His nearest pursuers are Frank Selvy of Furman, Ernie Beck of Pennsylvania and Walt Dukes of Seton Hall.

Eight Teams Enter Playoffs

Eight teams are in as far as the intramural play-offs are concerned. Four A and a like number of B IM basketball quintets have definitely won the championships in their respective leagues.

Kappa Sigma, Alpha Tau Omega, Hale Kane and French Hall are the A title holders. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Hale Kane and French Hall are the successful B squads.

The tightest race is in League 4-A, where three clubs hold 3 and 1 marks. Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta and Theta Chi will have a play off for the contested crown.

| LEAGUE 1-A | W | L | Pct. |
|---------------------|---|---|-------|
| Kappa Sigma | 5 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Sigma Alpha Epsilon | 4 | 1 | .800 |
| Delta Tau Delta | 2 | 3 | .400 |
| Beta Theta Pi | 2 | 3 | .400 |
| Pi Kappa Phi | 2 | 3 | .400 |
| Tau Kappa Epsilon | 0 | 5 | .000 |

| LEAGUE 2-A | W | L | Pct. |
|-------------------|---|---|-------|
| Alpha Tau Omega | 4 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Pi Kappa Alpha | 3 | 1 | .750 |
| Chi Psi | 2 | 2 | .500 |
| Sigma Phi Epsilon | 1 | 3 | .250 |
| Lambda Chi Alpha | 0 | 4 | .000 |

| LEAGUE 3-A | W | L | Pct. |
|-----------------|---|---|------|
| Phi Gamma Delta | 3 | 1 | .750 |
| Sigma Chi | 3 | 1 | .750 |
| Pi Kappa Sigma | 2 | 2 | .500 |
| Phi Kappa Psi | 2 | 2 | .500 |
| Phi Sigma Kappa | 0 | 4 | .000 |

| LEAGUE 4-A | W | L | Pct. |
|-----------------|---|---|------|
| Sigma Nu | 3 | 1 | .750 |
| Phi Delta Theta | 3 | 1 | .750 |
| Theta Chi | 3 | 1 | .750 |
| Delta Upsilon | 1 | 3 | .250 |
| Sigma Alpha Mu | 0 | 4 | .000 |

| LEAGUE 5-A | W | L | Pct. |
|----------------|---|---|-------|
| Hale Kane | 5 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Susan Campbell | 4 | 1 | .800 |
| Sigma Hall | 2 | 3 | .400 |
| Barrister Inn | 2 | 3 | .400 |
| Alpha Hall | 1 | 4 | .200 |
| Gamma Hall | 0 | 5 | .000 |

| LEAGUE 6-A | W | L | Pct. |
|--------------|---|---|-------|
| French Hall | 4 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Merrick Hall | 2 | 1 | .667 |
| Nestor Hall | 2 | 2 | .500 |
| Sherry Ross | 1 | 3 | .250 |
| Stitzer Hall | 0 | 3 | .000 |

| LEAGUE 2-B | W | L | Pct. |
|---------------------|---|---|-------|
| Sigma Alpha Epsilon | 4 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Sigma Nu | 3 | 1 | .750 |
| Sigma Chi | 1 | 2 | .333 |
| Alpha Tau Omega | 1 | 2 | .333 |
| Kappa Sigma | 0 | 4 | .000 |

| LEAGUE 3-B | W | L | Pct. |
|-------------------|---|---|-------|
| Sigma Phi Epsilon | 4 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Phi Gamma Delta | 3 | 1 | .750 |
| Delta Upsilon | 2 | 2 | .500 |
| Sigma Alpha Mu | 0 | 3 | .000 |
| Delta Tau Delta | 0 | 3 | .000 |

| LEAGUE 4-B | W | L | Pct. |
|----------------|---|---|-------|
| Hale Kane | 4 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Chi Psi | 2 | 1 | .667 |
| Susan Campbell | 2 | 1 | .667 |
| Sigma Hall | 1 | 3 | .250 |
| Gamma Hall | 0 | 4 | .000 |

| LEAGUE 5-B | W | L | Pct. |
|--------------|---|---|-------|
| French Hall | 4 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Merrick Hall | 2 | 1 | .667 |
| Stitzer Hall | 2 | 2 | .500 |
| Nestor Hall | 1 | 3 | .250 |
| Sherry Ross | 0 | 3 | .000 |

| LEAGUE 6-B | W | L | Pct. |
|--------------------|---|---|-------|
| Pi Kappa Alpha | 3 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Campbell Club | 3 | 1 | .750 |
| Phi Kappa Sigma | 2 | 2 | .500 |
| Philadelphia House | 1 | 2 | .333 |
| Counselors | 0 | 4 | .000 |

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