

Duck Tracks

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Well, as the man sings, "It's all over but the memories." However, this year's basketball season was far from a love affair. As usual the Northern Division race was, with a few exceptions, spirited and hard-fought despite the fact that it was clear from the start who would come out on top.

This is highly commendable especially in comparison to the Southern Division which, until this year, tended politely to step aside and let UCLA win with a minimum of effort. Frankly, we are glad that the myth of invincibility surrounding Bruin Coach Johnny Wooden, has finally been broken. But finishing third place shouldn't throw doubts on his coaching ability. We still feel he is one of the best coaches in the nation.

Coaches Got Off Free

Throughout the past season thousands of inches of copy have been written about the Northern Division basketball players. So far the coaches have gotten off almost scott free. Many question the right of the anemic, ink-stained wretch of the press to criticize athletes. From this standpoint criticism of their coaches (positive as well as negative) is almost ludicrous. But we can't resist.

First of all, we want to offer our congratulations and compliments to Bill Borcher. This is not prompted by local prejudice or the tradition of taking it easy on the home coach.

Before the season started, and based on relative manpower of the teams, the Northern Division was tabbed to finish Washington, Idaho, Oregon State, Oregon, and Washington State in that order. We think this was a fair pre-season estimate. A fourth place final standing for Oregon shouldn't have brought any legitimate complaints. Despite a poor finish, Oregon tied for second and can be considered the second best team in the division on the basketball court, if not on paper. We think good coaching was the reason.

Dye Delivers Goods

As for Washington Coach Tippy Dye, he has proved he can deliver when he has goods. We predict that next year, after the "goods" have graduated (all five of them), Tippy will still make a good account of himself.

Jack Friel, at Washington State, evidently made the best of a bad situation. The Cougars just couldn't make any headway with their inexperienced and second-rate players (except Pete Mullins). Yet we still question Friel's use of two platoons with such limited material.

Although it seems to be journalistic heresy in these parts to criticize Slat's Gill, we don't think he did a good job this year or last. Gill didn't figure out a lineup that suited him until half the season was over. In the meantime he was losing games. He not only had experienced varsity players to choose from but a wealth of better-than-average sophomores. The real potential of the Beavers showed up sporadically during the season and, unfortunately for Oregon, in the last two games.

Next year's Northern Division basketball champion will be Oregon State—on paper. Any coach in the country would like to have the OSC material of next year. We wonder if Gill will make the best use of it.

This year the coach's dunce cap goes to Chuck Finley of Idaho. The individual Vandals had experience and ability but Finley failed to build a sound team out of them. Two miserable showings in McArthur court this season convinced us in our doubts about Finley. The win over Washington proves they must have had the manpower and had no business losing eight games out of sixteen in division play.

Campus Briefs

● Terrace dances have been tentatively scheduled to start April 10, it was announced by the Student Union Dance committee. Entertainment will be featured at these dances and as many as possible will be held during the term.

● Petitions for chairmanships for the Easter Sunrise service are being called for by co-chairmen Sally Hayden and Jean Peterson. Chairmanships open include program, publicity, promotion, collections, music and physical arrangements. Petitions are due at 5 p.m. Friday and may be turned in to Miss Hayden, Miss Peterson at Delta Delta Delta or to the YWCA.

● Currently on display in the school of architecture is a terminal project exhibition of paint-

ings and graphics by Jorge Goya, senior in architecture. The project is being shown in rooms 111 and 116. It will remain on display until March 20.

● Houses may pick up their money from the WRA carnival from 1 to 4 p.m. today and from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday in the physical education office in Gerlinger hall, Mary Wilson, general chairman, has announced. The office is on the second floor of the building.

● The Inter-Dormitory Council will have an important meeting today at noon in Straub hall, president Tom Shephard, has announced. A report from the Oregon State visitation committee will be given and Cy Ellington, IDC adviser, will discuss financial matters with the group.

Forensic Group Ends Schedule

The University symposium squad completed a heavy schedule of speaking engagements this week, Herman Cohen, director of forensics, announced. Speakers are discussing the topic, "How the United States Can Best Combat the Communist Menace," before civic clubs, high schools and other organizations.

The schedule this week included Whittaker PTA, Lebanon Kiwanis, Jefferson, Newberg, Gaston and Hood River High schools.

A group of symposium students will tour Eastern Oregon during spring vacation, Cohen said. Engagements include the Dalles, Pendleton, Hermiston, and Umatilla. The tour will cover three days, Mar. 23, 24 and 25. Robert Kully, debate coach, will accompany the group.

Symposium speakers include Carol Oakley, freshman in sociology; Don Collin, senior in economics; Elizabeth Collins, sophomore in liberal arts; Patricia Adkisson, sophomore in English literature. Schmidt, junior in liberal arts; Paul Ward, freshman in pre-law; Richard Holt, freshman in pre-law; Richard Bronaugh, freshman in liberal arts; Phil Cass, freshman in pre-law; Don Mickelwait, sophomore in pre-law; Bill Ruiter, senior in liberal arts; Forbes Hill, graduate in speech.

Heads of Houses Officers Elected

Mary Waddell, Kappa Alpha Theta president, was elected Heads of Houses president Monday. Shirley Shupe, president of Ann Judson, will serve as the group's vice-president for the next year and Carol Wood, president of Rebec house, secretary-treasurer.

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