

Duck Tracks

By Bob Robinson
Emerald Sports Editor

We have heard so many complaints lately concerning the coaching of Oregon State's Slats Gill that we cannot help but enter in on the argument, also.

Most of the digs at the greying OSC mentor concern his juggling of players during the past season and the Beavers' failure to win the PCC championship from Southern Cal over the past weekend.

We have heard such comments as, "he's old-fashioned," or "he doesn't play the right players." Another statement has been, "with all that material how could he help but win the championship?"

We are inclined to agree with the second comment but not necessarily with the other two.

Nobody Sure of Starting Berth

Our reasons for falling in with those people who say Gill didn't use his players right are rather presumptive but we think they are very apparent.

In the first place, outside of center Swede Hallbrook, not a single Oregon State player was assured of a starting position on any given night. Even in the championship series with USC, Gill used three different combinations in the trio of games.

Many people will argue that this system is good in that it increases competition among the players for positions on the team but we believe that this theory is all wet.

Players Lose Confidence

It is probably true to a certain extent that Gill's substituting procedure increased rivalry for the starting jobs but looking at the situation from another angle one begins to wonder if it didn't do more harm than good. When players are shuffled around in the way that the Beaver cagers were during their just completed schedule we can't possibly see how any of them could loosen up while they were on the playing floor.

A mistake or two on the part of one of the Orangemen would bring on a reserve from the "loaded" OSC bench and the poor offender would be doomed to spend the rest of the evening picking up slivers on the sidelines. Sometimes the same basketballer would miss the next couple of games because of his miscue.

It is interesting to note that such outstanding stars as Ron Robins, Bill Toole, John Jarboe, Tony Vlastelica, and Jay Dean all had evenings on which they never had a chance to remove their warm-up jackets.

It is our belief that this fear of not getting to play definitely had an effect on the way in which the Beavers performed while they were in action. No player can be completely relaxed when he has the thought in his mind that one slip is going to bring on a replacement.

Great Teams are Constant

In the past it has been proved that almost all the championship teams of the Pacific Coast have been those in which the coach found one player combination and stuck with it during the entire season.

A good example of this is last year's University of Washington powerhouse. Coach Tippy Dye picked Doug McClary, Mike McCutcheon, Bob Houbregs, Joe Cipriano, and Charlie Koon for his opening five and then banked all his hopes on them for yeomen duties. They responded with a third place finish in the N.C.A.A. tourney.

Webfoot Nine Set 30 Tilts

The University of Oregon baseball team will open their 1954 season Thursday afternoon, April 1, when they take on Oregon State at Howe field.

For the Ducks this will be only the beginning of a 30 game schedule that will pit Don Kirsch's Webfoots against some of the top diamond outfits in the Pacific northwest.

After their opening contest the Ducks will face Portland U., Lewis & Clark, Willamette, and Linfield before opening defense of their Northern Division championship with a home series against the Washington State Cougars on April 16-17.

Two of the top games on the Oregon schedule are set for April 23-24 when the Duck nine plays a home and home set with the Salem Senators of the Western International League.

Kirsch has had his team working out for several weeks now and hopes to have them in pretty good shape for their first tussle.

The Oregon baseball schedule follows:

- April 1 Oregon St., Eugene
- 2 Portland U., Portland
- 3 Lewis & Clark, Portland
- 6 Lewis & Clark, Eugene
- 8 Oregon St., Corvallis
- 9 Portland U., Eugene
- *10 Willamette, Eugene
- *13 Linfield, Eugene
- 16 Wash. St., Eugene
- 17 Wash. St., Eugene
- 21 Idaho, Eugene
- 22 Idaho, Eugene
- 23 Salem Senators, Salem
- 24 Salem Senators, Eugene
- 26 Washington, Eugene
- 27 Washington, Eugene
- 30 Seattle U., Eugene
- May 1 Alumni, Eugene
- 5 Idaho, Moscow
- 6 Idaho, Moscow
- 7 Wash. St., Pullman
- 8 Wash. St., Pullman
- 10 Washington, Seattle
- 11 Washington, Seattle
- 15 Oregon St., Corvallis
- 17 Oregon St., Eugene
- 21 Oregon St., Corvallis
- 22 Oregon St., Eugene
- * Doubleheaders

USC Plays Idaho St. In Western Regional

Southern California will meet Idaho State and Santa Clara will tangle with Colorado A&M in the Western Regional N.C.A.A. basketball playoffs scheduled for Gill Coliseum this Friday and Saturday nights.

Tuesday night the surprisingly powerful Idaho State entry upset highly favored Seattle university 77-75 in an overtime thriller at Corvallis and the hard-working Santa Clara Broncos downed Texas Tech 73-64 as the two winning fives gained spots in the tourney. Colorado A&M won their place a couple of weeks back when they won the Rocky Mountain crown and Southern Cal earned their berth the hard way when they clipped Oregon State 48-45 in a third game playoff for the Pacific Coast Conference title, Monday night.

The Trojans will take on the Idahoans in the first game Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Forrest Two-good's upset-minded crew will be a strong favorite to knock over Idaho State, which at the present time is a team of somewhat unknown ability.

The second game of the evening between the Broncos and the Aggies is considered to be a toss-up and could very easily be won by the breaks of the game. Santa Clara will no doubt be given a slight edge in before game ratings because of their past tournament experience.

The Broncos finished second in the Western Regional tourney last year and almost all of the players

Holland Gets Baker Award

Barney Holland, senior from Coos Bay, was awarded the "Bill Baker Mens Shop" trophy as the outstanding player on this year's Oregon basketball team. Baker made the presentation himself at the annual Duck Club luncheon held in the Multnomah hotel in Portland Wednesday noon.

Holland was the choice of his teammates, who did the voting. Other seniors on the squad who were eligible for the award were Ken Wegner, Ed Halberg, Bob Hawes and Bob Stout.

on this year's team were also members of last season's power-laden quintet which gave the Washington Huskies such a tough battle for the championship before going down to defeat.

Say, Dad! Dig This Crazy Numbers Racket

It seems these Ducks all like to get together about this time every term to see who can get the most. They all pay through the bill to get in the game, and the winners don't seem to get any more than a quack of acclamation.

Don't sweat it kid — It's not for knowledge that we go to college, but to meet Rod Taylor while we're here.

ROD TAYLOR'S

On The Glenwood Strip

NOW

ESSENTIALS OF GREEK AND ROMAN CLASSICS
By Meyer Reinhold
(A guide to the Humanities) \$1.50

ESSENTIALS OF ENGLISH LITERATURE
Vol. 1 Beg. to 18th cent.
Vol. 2 Pre-Romantic Period to present
ea. vol. \$1.50

EVERYDAY SPEECH
By Bess Sondel
How to say what you mean \$1.00

COLLEGE OUTLINE SERIES
Full line carried in text book department \$.75 to \$1.75

Co-op Book Corner

Frosh Wrestlers Given Numerals

Assistant wrestling coach, Bill Denman, announced Wednesday the freshmen wrestlers who will be awarded numerals for this year's competition.

Denman stated that Don Lovett, Dick Nice, Neil Butler, Dave Newland, Jerry Jones, Cecil Enman, Steve Danchok, Ken Kesey, Jack Hendrickson, and Gerald Dixon will be presented with numerals.

The Frosh finished with a one won and six lost record for their first season of competition.

Sports Staff

Sports Editor—Rob Robinson
Staff—Gordon Rice

Graves Music Co.

is proud to announce their appointment as dealer for



ANGEL

RECORDS

Sunshine Corn Snow

SKI MT. HOOD — TIMBERLINE LODGE

MARCH—SPRING SKIING AT ITS FINEST—JULY DANCING NIGHTLY

MAGIC MILE CHAIR LIFT—TWO ROPE TOWS
FACILITIES OPERATE DAILY
NUMEROUS TRAILS, TWO TO FOUR MILES IN LENGTH
FREE: MOVIES NIGHTLY

DORM FACILITIES (all linen furnished) \$ 3. per night
STANDARD ROOMS (double) \$12. per night
CORNER ROOMS (double) \$14. per night
FIREPLACE ROOMS DELUXE (double or triple) \$16-\$20 per night

ALL ROOMS ARE \$2 less during the week, except for the dorms, and holidays.

Springtime Is Time For . . .

SADDLES

- Single Needle!
- Orange Colors!

This Is Strictly The College Man's Shoe!

Lucky Student No. 999

If you have this number on your registration card, stop in for a free necktie! Watch our ad each week for a new number!

FENNEL'S

860 E. 13th

HEILIG Dial 4-9311

— Now Playing —

"SASKATCHEWAN"

Alan Ladd
Shelley Winters

in

Technicolor

Mighty Saga of Northwest Mounted Police

MAYFLOWER Dial 5-1022

— Now Playing —

"THE MAGIC BOX"

Sir Lawrence Olivier