

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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Once again another year has slipped by and with it has gone another year of sports. Oregon had one of its best years in intercollegiate athletics in recent times with Duck teams winning the Northwest championship in no less than five out of eight sports.

A big step in Oregon's athletic program was the resuming of wrestling competition between Oregon and other Coast schools. The addition of new balconies to McArthur Court raised the hoop plant's capacity to 10,000 and gave the state two of the finest basketball pavilions in the country in another improvement.

After Coach Bill Borchert led Oregon to a surprising second-place spot in the Northern Division basketball race, Duck teams took over the top spot in spring and fall sports. Championships were won in track, baseball, and golf with the Duck diamond team reaching the Western NCAA playoffs.

In the fall, all-time-great George Shaw led Oregon to easy wins over Idaho, Washington, Washington State, and Oregon State to win the mythical Northwest football title. It was the Ducks' first win over the Beavers in six years and enabled Oregon to finish third in the Pacific Coast conference. Bill Bowerman's cross-country team also won the Northwest championship for the second year in a row.



GEORGE SHAW
A Great 1954 Star

Shaw Tops Nation

In national competition, Shaw captured the total offense title, rolling up 1536 yards by his passing and running. He was also second in the nation in passing behind workmanlike Paul Larson of California. Shaw won the Glen Warner award for the best football player on the Pacific Coast and he, Ron Pheister, and Jack Patera were selected to play in the East-West Shrine game.

Sophomore Bill Dellinger highlighted the track season for Oregon when he set an all-time Oregon record in the mile with a 4:10.6 effort in the PCC-Big Ten meet. Earlier he had won both the Coast and the NCAA mile championships, as well as the Northern Division title.

Yes, it was a good year all around for Oregon sports and also sports in Oregon and around the world. Such things as the Giants' winning four straight over the Indians in the World Series, the breaking of the four-minute mile mark by Roger Bannister, and the winning of the Davis Cup from Australia after four weary years of frustration captured the headlines over much grimmer news at times.

'54 Standouts Recalled

But it's a new year now. And champions in sports are soon forgotten as others take their place. So before we completely leave 1954 behind, here's a Happy New Year... To George Shaw, who put Oregon football on the map... To Kip Taylor, the nicest guy who ever had to resign... To Bill Dellinger, who might be Oregon's contribution to the four-minute mile... To Jack Patera, who had the guts not to let tragedy finish his football season.

To Slats Gill, who has too much basketball material... To Bill Borchert, who doesn't have enough... To Jim Loscutoff, whose smile keeps opposing players from taking a poke at him... To Swede Halbrook, who might graduate some day... To Tony Vlastelica, who should have gone to college before Gill heard of Halbrook.

To Dean Parsons, who will probably get less playing pro ball than he did at Washington... To Bob McKeen, the laziest All-American candidate in history... To Dick James, who might get to play basketball some day... To Cal Bauer, whose resemblance to Johnny O'Brien is purely coincidental... To the Eugene Emeralds, may they win the Northwest League pennant next summer... and to all sportsmen everywhere, Happy New Year from the Oregon Daily Emerald.

Spring Practices, Television On NCAA Meeting Agenda

By Hugh Fullerton Jr.

NEW YORK-(AP)-The National Collegiate Athletic association council restored Arizona State college of Tempe to good standing Wednesday.

The television committee, winding up its business for 1954, learned that football attendance during the past season was up 2.5 per cent in spite of increased TV "competition" and the college football coaches made a strong pitch for more spring practice.

These were the principal developments of the third day of the winter meetings of college sports leaders.

Two-year Ban Lifted

Arizona State, center of a recruiting "scandal" a couple of years ago, was handed a two-year probation starting Sept. 1, 1953. The NCAA council reviewed the situation a year ago, voted that the one-year suspension of eligibility from NCAA meets and championships should be ended, but continued the probationary period.

This was one of about a dozen disciplinary moves to be reviewed during the current meetings. No new cases are scheduled to be aired, although several are under investigation.

New TV Group

The TV committee, finishing its report on the season that was a financial headache to the network which handled the games, adopted the position that it would not tie the hands of the 1955 committee, which probably will be named Saturday.

Its conclusions and recommendations, previously reported to the NCAA members, simply are that TV controls should be continued, and that a new committee should draw up a 1955 plan, with due consideration for the assorted opinions which will be brought up in Thursday's round table discussion.

Many Proposals

At least five or six proposals will be discussed before a preferential straw ballot is taken. It's almost a certainty that the watered-down resolution will be passed by the convention Friday.

The TV committee also accepted the fifth annual report from the national opinion research center of the University of Chicago, which has studied the effects of TV on football attendance. The 12-page document

showed an attendance increase over 1953, but a decline of over a million from the pre-TV average of about 15 million per year.

In their separate meeting in another hotel, the members of the American Football Coaches association got into a lively discussion of spring practice in their open discussion session. They unanimously approved the AFCA rules committee's recommendations for three changes in the code, including a liberalization of the substitution rule.

Practices Extended

The coaches finally agreed on a resolution that spring football practice, now limited to 20 sessions within a 36-day period by a NCAA rule, should be extended to a total of 60 hours.

After a lengthy discussion, a committee headed by Biggie Munn of Michigan State agreed on a program limiting spring practice to five two-hour periods a week within a period of six calendar weeks, exclusive of vacation periods.

This was referred to the NCAA

for consideration, but it can't come up at this year's meeting because of a constitutional requirement that proposed legislation must be circularized 30 days before the convention.

The convention "scuttlebutt," largely concerned with coaching changes, failed to produce the usual numbers of rumors.

Idaho Coach Sees Company in Cellar

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP)—"It looks like the three of us—Idaho, Oregon and Washington State—are in the same boat," said Harlan Hodges, the new Idaho basketball coach after watching the Ducks and Cougars split two games Monday and Tuesday.

He suggested the Northern Division race will be strictly a two-team affair between Oregon State and Washington. Neither Oregon nor Washington State were impressive in the opening series here.

Butler Hoop Boss Views Foul Rule

INDIANAPOLIS-(AP)-Paul B. (Tony) Hinkle, president of the National Basketball Coaches association, said Wednesday it's a little early to gauge effects of the new bonus foul rule but "it looks as if the rough teams are getting hooked."

"There's no doubt it places a severe penalty on fouling," said Hinkle, who is coaching Butler university's team for the 26th year.

Non-foulers Rewarded

"Teams which can guard without fouling are doing very well under the rule. There's Purdue, for example."

Purdue, with a veteran team but a poor record the last two years, has won eight of nine games this season losing only by one point to Pennsylvania.

"The full effects of giving an extra free throw for one made haven't been seen yet," Hinkle said in an interview. "Teams started out playing the same as last year."

"I can't see that the rule has

decreased fouling, at least in our games. But there are several possible developments. An aggressive defense may be eliminated. Coaches may go into the zone defense. One of the dangers is that congested defenses might place a premium on height and eliminate the good little men."

Hinkle said he thought last year's rule, giving an extra free throw if the first was missed, wasn't a bad rule but "it was killed by bad publicity before it was tried."

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