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Duck Tracks

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The suspension of 7' 3" Swede Halbrook by his Oregon State coach, Slat Gill, has put the division-leading Beavers into the same position they maintained at the season's beginning back in December, if the Swede stays out of game action.

At that time, Gill was forced to experiment with his team until the conference play began in January. The Staters as a result had a poor pre-league record. But with the emergence of Halbrook in the two series against Washington State and Washington, the OSC attack began to click.

Opening the season here against California in a double-header, the Beavers dropped a close 52-50 decision to the Bears, then rated high but now the bottom team in the Southern Division. No scoring threat was on hand then, even when the Staters topped Santa Clara 39-34 the next night.

Beavers Start Poorly

From then on, it was somewhat of a rough season for the Beavers, who gave promise of great things a year ago with their win over NCAA champ Indiana. They lost games to San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Southern California before opening the 1955 league play.



TONY VLASTELICA
Gill's New Hope?

Halbrook's help proved vital as Oregon State whipped the WSC Cougars in two straight, and followed that with two smashing victories over the highly-rated Washington Huskies. Now the Beavers again must start from scratch, if Swede cannot play.

Tony Vlastelica's encouraging 33-point performance in the second Washington game may be the answer, though 7-foot Phil Shadoin has taken Halbrook's spot at center. Vlastelica will undoubtedly have to assume the scoring burden for Gill, along with Guard Ron Robins and Forward Jay Dean.

Now the Beavers must return from an essentially-post feeding sort of offense to a balanced attack as they used in December.

Duck Series Vital

For the Beavers, this two-game match with the Ducks is vital in their Northern Division title plans. They have a perfect record opposed to Oregon's 5-1, but the Webfoots have completed their Inland Empire trip, something that OSC must yet face.

Oregon could take over the division lead with two wins this weekend, and gain the upper hand in the race. With or without Halbrook, the Staters will be tough. But the Beavers have not been the same team without the big center.

Oregon's backboard-wise trio of Jim Loscutt, Max Anderson and Ray Bell is capable of giving the OSC big boys plenty of competition for rebounds, and with the newly-found outside scoring punch of Howard Page and Phil McHugh, the Ducks may have the answer.

At any rate, the Beavers should be weaker without Halbrook. And it is the perfect opportunity for Oregon to capitalize on the Staters. The series this weekend should be a real basketball treat, almost evenly-matched and a test for both teams.

Small Schools Ranked

Smaller schools are making inroads on the big boys in the latest AP basketball poll. The largest school in the top ten is seventh-place Illinois with 23,000. Kentucky, the leader, claims 6200, while smaller North Carolina State, 4200, San Francisco 1340 and LaSalle, 2300, follow in that order.

It is not usually the case in football, as the big boys dominate play. Only UCLA and Maryland, among the hoop powers, had top football teams during the past campaign. On the maple court, with only five good men to possess instead of eleven, things tend to even themselves out.

ATO's, Phi Delts Win IM Basketball Games

Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Delta Theta emerged victors in their second round of A league intramural basketball action Wednesday with wins over Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Chi and Sigma Nu, respectively.

ATO's Drop Delts

In the first game of the evening, Delta Tau Delta held the taller ATO's to a slim 13-12 half-time lead, but in the second half, with Johnny Keller, George Shaw and Doug Basham leading the way, the winners ran up a score of 31-18 at the end of the third period, and the final winning margin to 43-26.

Keller, who was high scorer for the game, dropped in 10 of his 12 points in the second half.

Shaw dropped in 11 and Basham 10 to aid in the ATO's victory.
ATO (43) (26) Delts
Blodgett 6F..... 4 Gaudager
Keller 12F..... 6 Norgan
Shaw 11C..... 4 Ricketts
HugginsG..... 5 Gustafson
Basham 10G..... 5 Baker
Subs: ATO—Bick 4. Delts — Dale 2.

Phi Delts Victors

Phi Delta Theta, defending A league intramural champion, was hard pressed by a smaller but defensively alert Sigma Nu team, before rallying in the fourth period for a 31-23 win.

The Phi Delts led at every quarter, 9-6, 18-16 and 20-19, after a low-scoring third period. In the last chapter, 6'4" Bob Wagner dropped in three baskets and Harry Johnson scored two to spearhead the victory drive.

Johnson was the game's and evening's top scorer by dropping in 15 points for the winners. Dick Pavlat and Charles Ramos each tallied 8 for Sigma Nu. Nick Markulis sank the longest shot of the evening, swishing a two-hander from the center circle as the final horn sounded.

Phi Delts (31) (23) Sigma Nu
Wagner 6F..... 8 Pavlat
Schlosstein 2F..... 2 Markulis
Johnson 15C..... J. Ramos
Hastings 2G..... 8 C. Ramos
Garrett 5G..... 5 Keegan
Subs: Phi Delt—Williams 1.

Calgary Club Picks New Head Coach

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP)—"Scrappy Jack" Hennemier, line coach at the University of Maryland since 1949, announced Wednesday he had resigned to become head coach of the Calgary Stampede in the Canadian pro football league.

Hennemier is credited with major responsibility for the sparkling defense Maryland football teams have usually put up, particularly when they were voted the nation's No. 1 team in 1953.

He has a one-year contract at Calgary but salary terms were not disclosed here.

Hennemier was an all-conference center his senior year at Duke in 1935 despite the fact he weighed in at only 150. He went to Washington and Lee as line coach in 1939 and into the Navy after the 1941 season, coaching and playing football on the football team at the Pensacola, Fla., Naval air station. After his discharge he went to Duke as assistant line coach.

Sig Eps Take Second

Sigma Phi Epsilon joined the ranks of the twice-victorious by dumping Sigma Chi from the undefeated ranks, 25-20.

Sigma Chi dominated the first half, using their height advantage to dominate the backboards and run up leads of 6-2 at the end of the quarter, and 11-6 at the half. The Sig Eps began their rally in the third period by closing the gap to 15-13.

In the final period, Terry Sullivan scored 5 points, and Gene Bowles and Don Spinas hit 4 and 3 respectively, their only points of the game, to pace their squad's win. Sullivan was high for the game with nine points. Doug Ruhlman scored six for Sigma Chi and Tom Crabtree hit five.

Sigma Chi (20) (25) Sig Eps
Dorwin 2F..... 9 Sullivan
Sherman 2F..... Gibson
Crabtree 5C..... 4 Squires
Rogers 3G..... 4 Bowles
Ruhlman 6G..... 5 O'Harra
Subs: Sigma Chi—Lehl 2, Hinkson. Sig Eps—Spinas 3.

IM Schedule

Thursday Basketball

3:50 Delta Upsilon A vs. Phi Kappa Psi A, court 40.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon A vs. Tau Kappa Epsilon A, court 43.

4:35 Chi Psi A vs. Phi Kappa Sigma A, court 40.
Sigma Alpha Mu A vs. Kappa Sigma A, court 43.
5:15 Lambda Chi Alpha A vs. Pi Kappa Alpha A, court 40.

Hunter hall A vs. Nestor hall A, court 43.

Handball

4:00 Phi Gamma Delta vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, courts 42, 44, 46.

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Houston U Names New Grid Mentor

HOUSTON (AP)—Bill Meek, 33-year-old head football coach at Kansas State, Wednesday was named head football coach at the University of Houston.

Corbin J. Robertson, chairman of the university athletic council, said Meek has accepted terms for a 5-year contract. No salary terms were revealed, but it was speculated the new contract will call for from \$12,000 to \$14,000 per year.

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