

WILDLIFE Lines

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Do you know that next year will be the 75th year since the historic liberation of the Ringneck Pheasant in the United States? In 1881, twenty-eight Chinese Pheasants were released on the Owen Denny homestead, near Albany, Oregon. They were shipped from Shanghai by Judge Denny, an avid bird shooter. The pheasants were right at home because the climate and terrain was identical to that of their native country. They bred like the proverbial rabbits, and Oregon opened its first pheasant season just eleven years after the arrival of the first birds.

About 50,000 birds were killed on the first day of that season in 1892, according to reliable reports. Later in the year 1,400 pheasants were shipped to a single San Francisco meat market, to be sold to restaurants. Pheasant under glass was at its zenith as a gourmet's delight in those days.

Pheasant Proves Adaptable

The pheasants ability to be right at home in cultivated fields is one of the reasons for his remarkable adaptation to Oregon. The encroachment of civilization doesn't bother the China as it has the Ruffed Grouse, the Elk, and other game of the forests. He is especially fond of corn fields, wheat stubble, weed patches, and irrigation ditches.

Since those good old days of 1892, pheasant hunting has slowed up quite a bit in the valley. The shooting is still very good in comparison to many other states, but there are parts of Oregon that have much better hunting. The best pheasant shooting in the state is now to be had in the irrigated sections of Malheur county.

Pheasants are quite abundant right outside Eugene. We flushed birds in the fields along the Coburg Road, down by the Willamette, and near Fern Ridge dam. Last year these areas provided shooting all season long, and with the way we shoot, they'll provide shooting next year too.

It's Time for Fly Tying

Now's the time of the year to get out those fly tying materials and whip up a few of your favorite flies. With most fishermen, and college students, looking for things to do, fly tying should fit right into your schedule.

Fly tying is a rapidly growing hobby that is fun, and profitable too. For a few dollars you can get together a kit that will provide enough materials to tie up hundreds of flies.

There are many books available that provide step-by-step instructions, and also list the favorite fly patterns. You can teach yourself to be a proficient fly tier in a couple of weeks, if you are willing to learn the fundamentals.

Catching a fish on one of your own creations is a thrill that's hard to surpass. If you're an angler who has never tried it, make sure you put fly tying on your list of things to do this week.

Handball Singles Slated on IM Tap

An intramural singles handball tournament has been added to winter term IM events according to Paul Washke, director.

The single elimination event will be conducted on an individual basis, with entrants responsible to contact and play opponents before dates scheduled. Official rules used in intramural team handball will be enforced for the tournament.

Signup for the tourney will end at 5 p.m. on Feb. 4 and any registered student is eligible for competition. Entrants are asked to record first and last names, living organization and telephone number on the list, which is located on the intramural bulletin board in the PE building.

Bowlers Take Second Win

The University of Oregon bowling team scored its second win of the year Jan. 19, by defeating Western Washington College of Education 2846 to 2633.

Leading the Duck rollers was Bob Boyle, who compiled a series of 689 pins. Boyle also bowled the highest game with 244. Also contributing to the victory was Don Jacklin, 566; Dan Garcia, 567; Vern Jackson, 527, and Bryce Reimer and Scott Page who combined to total 497 pins.

Kentucky Holds Top Position In Hoop Voting

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

For the sixth straight week, Kentucky leads the pack in the Associated Press basketball poll with a comfortable lead and no game until Saturday.

Kentucky won two games last week, shading Louisiana State 64-62 and whipping Tennessee 84-66 to make its record 11-1. The poll is based on games played through Saturday, Jan. 22.

San Francisco Advances

Although the experts left Kentucky on top, they shuffled the other members of the top ten like crazy. San Francisco, idle last week, took second place, moving ahead of North Carolina State which downed Wake Forest and LaSalle but lost to North Carolina. San Francisco drew 14 first place votes and NC State had five firsts.

Duquesne changed places with LaSalle, taking over fourth position with the help of a victory over St. Bonaventure. LaSalle's decline was caused by its loss to North Carolina State.

George Washington and Utah moved up with a rush, jumping three positions. George Washington, No. 6 (knocked off Maryland and Virginia Tech and Utah, No. 7, toppled Wyoming and Colorado A. & M.

UCLA Climbs

Maryland's defeat by George Washington dropped the Atlantic Coast team two rungs to eighth. Idle UCLA climbed to ninth and Illinois tumbled from seventh to tenth, dropping a 92-80 game to Iowa.

None of the top ten has played this week. Kentucky, NC State, LaSalle, Maryland and Illinois won't go back to work until Saturday. San Francisco, Utah and UCLA play Friday. Duquesne and George Washington don't have a game until next Monday.

1. Kentucky	67	11-1	1,037
2. San Francisco	14	12-1	812
3. NC State	5	16-3	771
4. Duquesne	1	11-3	532
5. LaSalle	13	4-4	463
6. Geo. Washington	9	13-3	424
7. Utah	3	13-2	333
8. Maryland	12	3-3	271
9. UCLA	1	11-3	229
10. Illinois	9	3-3	181

The Second Ten

11. Marquette	4	13-1	145
12. Missouri	1	10-3	139
13. Holy Cross	4	11-2	118
14. Alabama	1	11-2	109
15. Dayton	2	13-3	99
16. Northwestern	8	4-4	90
17. Richmond	12	3-3	89
18. Vanderbilt	1	10-2	59
19. Iowa	9	4-4	56
20. Niagara	1	12-2	41

Webfoots Ready For BYU Series

Oregon's Ducks take time out from the rugged Northern Division conference play this weekend as they try to get back on the win trail with a pair of king-X contests with the Brigham Young Cougars at McArthur court.

The Ducks dropped two straight games to Oregon State last weekend to retain their second-place position in conference play with a 5-3 record. Meanwhile BYU was running its season's record to 7-9 with a win over Colorado A. & M. and a loss to Denver.

The slow-starting Cougars currently hold second place in the Skyline conference behind front-running Utah, who is undefeated so far in league play. Last season BYU finished third in the conference with a 9-5 mark and had a season's record of 18-11.

Ducks Drill Hard

Meanwhile Oregon Coach Bill Borchert started running his team through hard practice this week in an effort to correct some of the troubles experienced by the Ducks over the weekend. Monday the first seven of Jim Loscutoff, Jerry Ross, Ray Bell,

Howard Page, Phil McHugh Max Anderson and Ed Bingham were excused from practice while the Webfoot mentor worked with the Oregon reserves.

Yesterday the full squad was back in action again as it practiced plays and ran through some scrimmage in preparation for the tough weekend series facing them. Free throws received considerable attention after the Ducks missed 20 out of 30 against OSC Saturday to virtually hand the Beavers the game.

With less than half the season remaining, Loscutoff is still the Oregon leader in points scored and rebounds in both conference and non-conference play. The big forward is averaging 18 points per game and has grabbed more than 16 rebounds per contest. Anderson tops the squad in field goal shooting with an average of .409 for the year and Howard Page is the best free thrower with a .653 mark.

Reserves to Play

Oregon will probably send its usual lineup against the Cougars consisting of Loscutoff and either Bell or Ross at forwards, Anderson at center, and McHugh and Page at guards. The Webfoots reserves, most of whom saw no action in the tough OSC series, are slated for more work in the non-counting BYU series.

The Cougars will come to Eugene with a team that has averaged over 70 points per game this season, despite its so-so record. The team is led by pint-sized Terry Tebbs, who has averaged more than 14 points per game from his guard post, and is one of the best back-court men in the Skyline conference.

BYU has rolled up an impressive shooting record in recent years and Tebbs has been getting considerable help in the point-making department from center Herschel Pedersen, with a 13 point per game average this season. Pedersen is the tallest man on the squad at 6'6". The other three starters for Coach Stan Watts will probably be 6'4" John Benson and 6'4" Ed Pinegar at forwards with 6'2" Dave Lewis teaming with Tebbs at guards.

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UO, OSC Schedule Big Ten Schools For Doubleheader

Michigan and Northwestern have been scheduled to meet Oregon and Oregon State in the annual December basketball doubleheader next year, according to athletic department officials.

Northwestern meets Oregon and Michigan is to play Oregon State in the first night's action at Corvallis Dec. 20. The four teams move to McArthur court Dec. 21 and the Ducks face Michigan while the Beavers try Northwestern.

This will be the second year in the three year history of the doubleheader in which Big Ten teams have come to the Willamette valley for the games. Indiana and Nebraska visited in 1952. California and Santa Clara were entertained this season.

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