

# Duck Tracks

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Oregon plays Brigham Young university for the first time in sports history of the two schools tonight, and the Webfoots will be facing an opponent that is both dangerous and interesting. Coach Stan Watts of the Cougars has won international fame in the cage sport in the past six years as head of BYU basketball fortunes, and Oregon is fortunate to host a fine team like the Cougar cagers.

In the past five seasons, the BYU quintet under Watts has won one National Invitational title, two conference crowns in the always-tough Skyline league, and has yet to finish lower than third in the conference, which has seven members.

The friendly Cougar coach is one of the true scientists of the game of basketball, a qualification which has paid off in his record of 116 wins against only 50 losses at BYU since coming to the school in 1949. He is the District Seven representative on the NCAA Basketball Rules committee and has written many articles in national magazines on the hoop sport.

## Watts Shone in School

Watts came to BYU as freshman coach in both football and basketball after compiling an outstanding high school coaching record. The amiable Cougar mentor graduated from BYU in 1938 and took with him two letters each in football, basketball and track, as well as the school's outstanding all-around athlete award.

Since taking over the head basketball job in 1949, Watts' record with the Cougar cagers has been one of the best in the nation. In his second season at the BYU helm, the Cougars played both in the National Invitational and NCAA tourneys, winning the NIT crown and taking two out of three games in the national championships.

Since 1951, when the Cougars won the Skyline championship, they have had to rebuild and competition has been getting stronger in the conference. Wyoming won the title in both 1952 and 1953 with Colorado A. & M. taking a surprise championship in 1954, when the Cougars finished third.

The BYU team of 1951 probably holds an all-time college record for games won and played. That year the Cougars went on a pre-season tour of South America and wound up their season in the NIT compiling a 40-9 season's mark. Last year the Provo, Utah, quintet retained their title as the nation's most-traveled team when they covered 18,000 miles in playing before more than 180,000 fans. Their 1954 record was 18-11.

## Out-of-Staters Few

The team is traditionally a home-grown club and this year's team is no exception. Out of 14 men listed on the Cougar squad, only one is from outside Utah. Star Guard Terry Tebbs is the exception, coming from Cowley, Wyoming. The rest of the BY Uteam hails from such unlikely spots as American Fork, Sandy, Spanish Fork, Grantsville, Parowan, Rockville and Monroe. The terrific competition for basketball players in Utah keeps most of the boys at home and schools don't need outsiders.

**Facts about Brigham Young:** Located in Provo, Utah, a city of 30,000 people... School was founded in 1875 by Mormons... 1954-55 enrollment is over 7,000 students... Cougars play in one of the best courts in the country in three-year-old fieldhouse seating 11,100 people.

Apparently the BYU team has really taken a liking to their new fieldhouse since its completion in 1951. Cougar cage squads have a terrific 34-4 record on their home floor since they started playing on the new court. This included 14 wins without a loss in 1952 at home. Coach Bill Borchert of the Webfoots hope they aren't that good on the road.

## Touring Bevo Francis Twists Back in Game

WINLOCK, Wash. (AP)—Bevo Francis, former Rio Grande college basketball star, twisted his back during a game here Tuesday night and will spend the next few days in a hospital.

Francis now is playing with a team of touring professionals.

The attending physician said the injury was not serious but that Francis needed a few days of rest.

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## Frosh to Meet Two AAU Clubs In Prelim Pair

Two strong AAU quints form the next opposition for Oregon's "running scared" Ducklings. Tonight they meet Eugene's Martin Signs, and tomorrow they take on Fernandez Loggers of Longview.

Both games are slated for 5:45 as preliminaries to the McArthur court struggles between Oregon and Brigham Young.

The Frosh are fresh from double losses at the hands of Oregon State's Rooks, and Coach Don Kirsch plans to juggle his starting lineup as a result of poor showings in both games.

### Tuchardt Moved to Center

Paul Tuchardt, 6'5" scoring leader, will move from forward into the pivot spot, his old high school position. Dave Wanaka will stay at one forward post, while at the other, Bob Faris gets the nod to start over Hal Duffy, who has so far produced only 16 points. Guards will again be Wendy Razor and Wimp Hastings.

Kirsch criticized the squad's defense and board play in both OSC games, but called the first half of the game played at Eugene "our best effort of the season." The team fell apart in the second period of that game, however, as they produced only 17 points.

The Ducklings have been working out with the varsity reserves in mixed units this week, "to give them a chance to work with their future teammates.

### Hamilton Coaches Martin's

In Martin Signs, the Frosh will face nearly the same Everybody's Drug squad that went to the AAU finals last year. Coached by Bob Hamilton, team captain of Oregon's 1945 Northern division champs, the Martin Signs outfit has several outstanding ball players.

Mel Streeter, Brad Fullerton, Doug Talbot and Bud McElravy all performed for the Drug-gist five and will be around to take on the Frosh tonight.

Fernandez Loggers are a power this year in the Southwest Washington AAU basketball league. They are paced by Bob Ball from Rainier high school, and their roster includes ex-college stars such as Doug Logue from Willamette, Phil Brown from Washington State and Fred Wilson of Lewis and Clark.

The Loggers have lost to the Rooks of Oregon State, but still are reckoned a dangerous club.

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## Phi Delts Take Third Straight

Phi Delta Theta bounced back in the second half for a 26-17 victory over Theta Chi in A league basketball action Thursday. It was the third straight victory for the Phi Delts and the first defeat for Theta Chi.

**Theta Chi (17) (26) Phi Delts**  
Highlander 7 ..F... 6 Schlosstein  
Ott .....F..... 1 Wagner  
Weatherford 6 C..... 7 Johnson  
James 2 .....G..... 2 Gaffrett  
Olsen .....G..... 7 Powers  
Subs: Theta Chi—Leland, Davis 2. Phi Delts—Hastings 3.

### Fijis Romp

Bob Goodwin scored eighteen points to lead Phi Gamma Delta to a 36-21 victory over Tau Kappa Epsilon. Larry Gubrud collected thirteen points for the Tekes.

**Tekes (21) (36) Fijis**  
Gubrud 13 .....F..... 8 Hickok  
Hawley 2 .....F..... Belknap  
Madden 6 .....C..... 18 Goodwin  
Olson .....G..... 6 Hoogs  
James .....G..... 4 Skillern  
Subs: Tekes—Harrison, Hardin.

### SAE's Advance

After a slow start, Sigma Alpha Epsilon swept to a convincing 19-6 win from Chi Psi Thursday. The win was the third straight for SAE and the first defeat for Chi Psi.

**SAE's (19) (6) Chi Psi**  
Davis 4 .....F..... Reeves  
Savage .....F..... Lovell  
Tennyson 7 .....C..... 4 Wiswall  
Hardin 4 .....G..... Walker  
Dahl 4 .....G..... 2 Stoneroad  
Subs: Chi Psi—Lawson.

### Phi Sigs Forget

Because Phi Sigma Kappa failed to show up for their scheduled game with Kappa Sigma, the Kappa Sigs won on a forfeit.

### ATO'S Grind Out Win

Alpha Tau Omega waged a fierce battle with Sigma Chi before taking an A victory, 24-20 in Thursday action. Trailing 12-8

at the half, the ATO's used speed and aggressiveness to outscore Sigma Chi in the racehorse third and fourth quarters.

**ATO's (24) (20) Sigma Chi**  
Shaw .....F..... 2 Crabtree  
Blodgett 6 .....F..... 6 Rogers  
Bick 2 .....C..... 8 Dorwin  
Basham 6 .....G..... 4 Hinkson  
Keller 9 .....G..... Lehl  
Subs: ATO's—O'Brien 1, Huggins. Sigma Chi—Carrol, Ruhman.

### Sigma Nu Tips DU

Sigma Nu defeated Delta Upsilon, 27-24, in a close, hard-fought methodical game Thursday. Halftime score ended with neither team enjoying any advantage at a 12-12 tie.

**Sigma Nu (27) (24) DU's**  
Ramos 8 .....F..... 4 Rogers  
Pavlat 1 .....F..... Kernutt  
Keegan 8 .....C..... 2 Kent  
Ramos, S. ....G..... 2 Smith  
Markulis 2 .....G..... 12 Beck  
Subs: Sigma Nu—Gillispie 8. Delta Upsilon—Darnbos, Danchock 4.

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