

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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Football and its allied arts have disappeared from the Oregon athletic scene for the present, but George Shaw, the Webfoots' most talented grid artist, is still very much in the spotlight. Awards continue to come in for the great Duck star, but the method of honoring him on his own campus is still somewhat a mystery.

In its meeting of Jan. 13, the ASUO Senate agreed to recommend the retirement of Shaw's number 14 game jersey to be placed in a position of honor in the athletic department. The action was not to have retired the number permanently, however. Earlier, two Emerald editorials had urged outright retirement of the number from future football action. This feeling is still strong in several quarters.

The athletic department policy is not to take any athletic number out of action permanently unless the performer was a member of a national championship team. Thus the five shirts from the 1939 NCAA basketball varsity are the only jerseys which have been honored.

Van Brocklin Unhonored

Apparently All-American mention is not enough, though it was originally thought sufficient to hang up number 14 if Shaw was named to a first team. Norm Van Brocklin, the Duck standout of 1948, had neither his number nor jersey retired despite his being honored on several All-American teams.

In addition, Oregon swimmers have received national and even international honors, and Webfoot track men have won national championships without having their equipment placed in hallowed spots.

The athletic department's position on number 14 is simple; it doesn't want to start a wave of retirements that might eventually result in the need for jersey numbers in three or four figures. The idea may seem a bit far-fetched, but the number hang-up conceivably could get out of hand.

Even the retirement of jerseys might get bad if it became the practice to put one away every year. A clutter of shirts in a trophy case with small identification cards would serve only to add confusion, rather than honor, to athletes' records.

Fame Scroll Proposed

We prefer the "Hall of Fame" idea advanced by Art Litchman, athletic news bureau director. Litchman suggests a scroll appropriately placed in the athletic department for the listing of only those most outstanding stars who have brought honor to Oregon throughout their athletic careers.

Each year awards go to the season's outstanding athletes, but it is our understanding that the scroll would be reserved for only exceptional players who have achieved nation-wide attention. Athletic Director Leo Harris endorses the idea and we favor it over number retirement, but there remains one matter to clear up.

Shaw's jersey has been taken from the equipment room and is in a corner of Harris' desk awaiting disposition. The athletic director says he is happy to have removed the jersey from action as suggested, but that it is up to the Senate to provide the place to put it. Harris suggests a place in the Student Union might be the best answer.

Meanwhile other ideas for honoring Shaw have been offered. Backfield Coach Johnny McKay thinks that a picture of George might be placed in a trophy case. "A jersey is just a jersey to people that don't know the meaning and you need 20/20 vision to read the cards they put with them," says McKay.

Shaw Deserves Honor

We favor both the Hall of Fame scroll and the jersey retirement in Shaw's case. The number hang-up plan has been proven not feasible, but the Oregon quarterback deserves the honor of having his jersey in a trophy case.

Shaw did win a national championship in total offense and his selection as the pros' number one draft choice above all the All-Americans has definitely brought honor to this campus. The Baltimore coach who picked him said, "We think he is the best quarterback available in the country."

Scoring Record Neared Again By Furman Club

Furman is on its way to becoming the first "100-points-a-game" team in major college basketball history.

With half the season gone, the South Carolinians are skipping along at a 100.7 point average through the first 15 games, including play through last Saturday.

The National Collegiate Athletic bureau, which keeps close check on such things, pointed up this fact Thursday in announcing that Furman still is far ahead in the basketball scoring race.

Furman actually is shooting at its own record. With Frank Selvy leading the attack, the Dixie institution became the first team to average 90 points a game with a mark of 90.2 in 1952-53. Last season Selvy helped raise this scoring pace to 91.7.

Furman has scored in triple figures seven times this season and reached an all-time record with 154 points against The Citadel. The Paladians have averaged 93 points during the past two and a half seasons, scoring 6,603 points in 71 games.

On the defensive side, San Francisco is still the country's best, holding the opposition to an average of 49.7 points a game. No other major college basketball team has contained foes to a 50-or-under average.

Oregon State is second on defense with 51.4 followed by Hank Iba's Oklahoma A&M slowdown specialists and Tulsa. OSC has piled up 926 points while winning 12 and losing 6.

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Friday

Basketball

3:50 Beta Theta Pi B vs. Phi Delta Theta B, court 40.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon B vs. Phi Kappa Sigma B, court 43.

4:35 Phi Gamma Delta B vs. Chi Psi B, court 40.
Theta Chi B vs. Campbell club B, court 43.

5:15 Sigma Phi Epsilon B vs. Philadelphia house B, court 40.
French hall B vs. Cherney hall, court 43.

Handball

4:00 Theta Chi vs. Phi Delta Theta, courts 42, 44, 46.

Rooks, Frosh Clash on Mat

Coach Vern Sterling's freshmen wrestling team ties into Oregon State's Rook mat squad Saturday at 12:30 p.m. in McArthur court in a preliminary to the Oregon-OSC varsity meet.

Ray Green will open for the Frosh against the Beavers' Yance Brown in the 123 pound class. Jack Cooke of Oregon takes on Bob Kennedy of OSC in the 130 division and Jack McBrien will greet visiting Bruce Schmitz in the 137 pound class.

Either Howard Timmons or Dick Lolcoma of the Frosh is to go against Gordon Gretz in the 147 pound group and the Ducklings' Jay Dearing takes on Kim Worrell of the Rooks at 157 pounds.

In the 167 pound class either Henry Douffling or Scott Henry of Oregon State will face Don Dexter. Sterling will send George Krupicka and Al Denham to battle Ray Fisher and Dave Josme of the Beavers in the 177 and heavyweight classes respectively.

Duck Grapplers To Vie with OSC

Oregon's wrestling team jumps into action tomorrow against Oregon State when the Beavers and Duck matmen square off against each other at 2:30 p.m. in Mac court.

The Beavers are expected to be the toughest competition the Ducks have met thus far. The OSC squad has chalked up wins against Lewis and Clark, Portland State and the Portland YM-CA. They are led by two returning Pacific Coast champions, McLain at 123 pounds and Art Keith at 147 pounds. McLain is a senior and a two year letterman, while Keith is a junior and a one year letterman.

OSC Sophomores Strong

Coach Jim Dixon of the Beavers is pinning the majority of his hopes on five sophomores from last year's Rook squad. He will be using Melvin Lehman in the 130 pound class, Lou Taucher at 157 pound division, Ron Hicks in the 167 pound group, Bud Geinger at 177 and George Meyers in the heavyweight spot.

Coach Bill Hammer of the Duck squad said that the Beavers have a fine team which is well balanced and experienced. He also commented that, although the Ducks are lacking experience, they should not be counted out.

In the first match Roy Schleser of Oregon will grapple with McLain. Against each other in previous contests each has won one while they have drawn once.

Darrell Klampe of the Ducks will wrestle Melvin Lehman, a consistent winner for the Beavers, in the second match.

Bob Williams of Oregon is paired off with Orville Swindler in the 137 pound class. Both are undefeated in wrestling competition to date. In the 147 pound division Hammer will send Dave Newland to the mat to wrestle PCC champ Keith. Newland has only one defeat thus far, a close 2-1 decision.

In other matches Roland Wilson of the Ducks battles Lou Taucher of the Beavers, Oregon's John Woyat faces OSC's Ron Hicks and Webfoot Dick Barker takes on George Meyers in the heavyweight class.

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