

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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From a spectator's point of view, national ski meets aren't very glamorous. At least national cross-country ski meets don't hold much interest for the type of sports fan who likes to watch 73-yard touchdown passes, fast-breaking basketball speed and lightning double plays.

The spectator who drives 70 miles up into cold snow country to watch skiers start out slowly, disappear from sight in a minute, reappear an hour and a half later and finish with about the same lack of sparkle must either be a close relative of one of the racers, or someone who likes to drive 70 miles to see snow.

However, the crowd that drove to Willamette Pass ski area last weekend for the national cross-country championship probably knew of the obstacles in the way of the dozen or more skiers who set out on 11- and 20-mile battles against time, the elements and their own endurance.

Participation Sport

Participation is the real thrill in skiing, as we found out last weekend. It may be very well to watch starts and finishes of cross-country races, and slalom and jump contests must be a great deal more interesting to see, but actual skiing is the most fun.

Skiing includes all the thrills and excitement that the spectator can get only indirectly in watching other athletic events. No matter how limited one's ability is on the slope, the feeling of power as he blazes down the hill, if only to fall flat at the bottom, is enough to draw him back again and again for more. It's easy to see how people develop ski-itis.

Balance? It's not so difficult after all. Our equilibrium isn't the best in the world, but it wasn't until we made several successful runs that disaster (more in the form of embarrassment than injury) struck. We would venture to say that with a little attention to the business at hand, most any fairly well-conditioned student could stand up on skis, even most of the way down a slope.

Not So Expensive

Expense? This is more of a problem than the first. However, it's not the millionaire's sport that false impressions may have made it. Skis, boots and poles may be rented in town or at most ski areas for about \$2.50. Gloves and warm clothes are a necessity, but they probably can be found in the back of a closet. Transportation is another factor, but the day's recreation can be held to about \$7, possibly less.

Soreness? Tight muscles and touchy spots come after a first experience with anything that requires a bit more exercise than usual. After a few weeks we would imagine that this evil is practically eliminated.

Broken bones? We must admit that this one has us stymied a bit. It held us off the slopes for a while after the ski patrol brought in a moaning victim just as we were arriving. However, we're sure that with common sense and no needless chances, a skier is fairly safe. After all, people keep coming back to the slopes, so somebody must make it back in one piece.

After our first taste, we're about ready to nominate it for the world's greatest participant sport. We say about ready because we haven't tried tobogganing or ice skating yet.

French Keglers Hold Lead

French hall continued to dominate the freshman intramural bowling league Monday by narrowly defeating Hunter hall 2141-2066. Nestor hall also triumphed to remain in second place with a 2229-1965 win over Sederstrom hall.

French has now won all but two of its 20 games losing one to Hunter in Monday's final game. Don Jacklin rolled the highest game with 212 and totaled a series of 578, which

helped keep French undefeated in match play. Kerry Livingston led the losers with a 461 series.

Nestor, winning all four points, convincingly downed Sederstrom with a 64 point margin. Christenson led their attack compiling a high game of 226 plus a 594 series. J. D. Griffith topped the Sederstrom rollers with a 528 series.

Sherry Ross gained a forfeit win over French B when the latter failed to appear for its match.

Grapplers Felled By Leg Injuries

Oregon's varsity and freshman wrestling squads were struck a blow Sunday when Roy Schlessler and Jay Dearing received leg injuries that will probably keep them out of action for the remainder of the mat season.

Schlessler, varsity 123-pounder, has a case of water on the knee which crippled him about 24 hours after the Oregon-OSC match in Corvallis Saturday afternoon. He was confined to the infirmary and it was not immediately known if he will return to competition this year. Schlessler won the Pacific Coast championship and the Far West AAU titles in his weight last year but has been beaten three times this year.

Dearing suffered a fractured ankle bone while skiing at Willamette Pass Sunday afternoon and will probably be out of action for the remainder of the season. A Frosh 167-pounder, Dearing won two state titles while in high school at Klamath Falls.

Dons Lead Poll; Wildcats Second

NEW YORK (AP)—The defense-minded San Francisco Dons, who turned down a National Invitation Basketball tournament bid because they're confident of going into the NCAA tournament, Monday established themselves more firmly as the nation's No. 1 college basketball team.

The Dons, who ousted Kentucky from the lead last week, topped the tenth weekly Associated Press ranking poll of sports writers and broadcasters by a margin of nearly 300 points, although they received fewer first-place votes than they did a week ago.

Dons Lead Pack

San Francisco, winning two games last week to bring its season record to 18 victories in 19 games, drew the votes of 61 of the 126 voters and a total of 1164 points. Last week the Dons had 68 firsts and only 1107 points.

Kentucky, back on the winning path after losing its seven-weeks lead in the poll, again registered 867 points, but with only 12 first place ballots as compared to last week's 19. LaSalle, holding third place, increased its point total to 706 while Duquesne, still fourth, dropped to 571.

Utah Falls

While those first four teams got through the week without defeats, the rest of the rankings were thoroughly shaken up as a result of Utah's split of a two-game series with Brigham Young and Minnesota's double-overtime victory over Illinois in their tussle for the Big Ten lead.

Utah, although it beat BYU Saturday to wipe out the Friday defeat, skidded from fifth place to tenth in the rankings. Minnesota, a 78-71 winner, moved up from 12th place to eighth and Illinois fell from tenth to 14th.

The top 10 teams with season's records through Saturday's games in parentheses:

1. San Francisco	(18-1)	1,164
2. Kentucky	(16-2)	847
3. LaSalle	(18-4)	706
4. Duquesne	(15-3)	571
5. George Washington	(18-3)	462
6. Marquette	(18-1)	414
7. North Carolina State	(21-4)	369
8. Minnesota	(12-5)	343
9. UCLA	(17-3)	339
10. Utah	(18-3)	330
The Second Ten:		
11. Maryland	(15-4)	176
12. Cincinnati	(19-3)	169
13. Dayton	(18-3)	153
14. Illinois	(12-4)	98
15. Iowa	(12-4)	92
16. Oregon State	(14-6)	67
17. Alabama	(14-4)	62
18. Tennessee	(13-3)	60
19. Tulsa	(16-5)	58
20. Vanderbilt	(13-4)	57

SAE's, Frosh Take IM Tilts

Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the Straub Frosh survived the opening round playoffs in a basketball competition Monday afternoon. The SAE's ran past Sederstrom hall, 46-21, and the Frosh put on a terrific last quarter rally to edge Hale Kane, 38-36.

Sederstrom Falls

SAE had little trouble defeating Sederstrom, 46-21, in the opening A league playoff game.

Sederstrom trailed only 9-6 midway through the first quarter when they hit a scoring drought, and SAE ran up a 13-6 first quarter lead. They boosted their margin to 21-6 before Sederstrom could score again. Rex Davis pumped in nine points in the first half to pace SAE to their first half margin, 23-8. Sederstrom trailed, 31-12 at the end of the third quarter.

Joyle Dahl led the SAE scoring attack with 16 points, mostly on long set shots in the first half and fast break lay-ins in the last quarter. Davis wound up with 11 and Bill Hardin eight for the winners. Don Steen scored eight for Sederstrom.

SAE (46) (21) Sederstrom
Davis, 11 F..... 3, Steinmetz
Savage, 5 F..... 4, Gummer
Tennyson, 6 C..... 8, Steen
Hardin, 8 G..... 1, Reeves
Dahl, 16 G..... Cosentenni
Subs: Sederstrom — Rennels,
Wilkins 3, and Summerville 2.

Straub Frosh Rally

Walt McCoy pumped in six of his eight points in the final period to pace the Straub Frosh attack as they came from seven points behind to trip Hale Kane, 38-36.

After the Frosh led, 11-8, at the end of the first quarter, Hale Kane blazed home 18 points for a 26-19 lead at the half. Both teams scored eight points in the third quarter, and Straub trailed, 34-27, as the final period began.

McCoy started the rally by sinking two free throws and 6' 8" Dave Shelby added a field goal. McCoy then sank another pair of gift tosses to pull the Frosh within one point. Jerry Campbell scored two points for Hale Kane, their last of the game, as Shelby fouled out.

McCoy drove in for a lay-in and J. C. Wheeler hit two free throws to give the Frosh their first lead since early in the game. Tom Hale iced the game when he dropped in a free throw with 10 seconds remaining.

Shelby led Straub in scoring, gathering 10 points before fouling out. Wheeler and McCoy each had eight. Sam Duncan took game scoring honors with 14 points for Hale Kane.

Frosh (38) (36) Hale Kane
Hale, 4 F..... 8, Meier
Wheeler, 8 F..... 4, McKy
Shelby, 10 C..... 14, Duncan
Blanc, 2 G..... 4, Takano
McCoy, 8 G..... 6, Campbell
Subs: Straub—Withers, Blevins 2, Speer 2, Jarvis 2. Hale Kane—Watanabe.

IM Schedule

Tuesday

Basketball

4:00 Kappa Sigma A vs. Phi Delta Theta A, court 40.
Sigma Chi B vs. Nestor hall B, court 43.
4:45 Hale Kane B vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon B, court 40.

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