

# EMERALD Sports

## Duck Tracks

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The Northern Division basketball race is all over as far as first place is concerned, and Oregon State has successfully defended its championship. The Beavers deserve plenty of respect for their 12 straight wins without a defeat, although they had to put on last-minute rallies to come out on top several times.

The old master, Slats Gill, deserves a lot of credit in bringing a mediocre Oregon State team back from a 4-6 pre-conference record to a championship with still a fourth of the ND season remaining. He has shuffled the OSC bench in and out at just the right times to stop opponents' rallies and win games.

Of course, the return of Wade Halbrook to the OSC lineup didn't hurt the Beaver cause any, although the new champions stopped second-place Oregon two straight the weekend when the Swede was suspended. He is a probable certainty to be named All-Conference for the second year in a row after his great performances within recent weeks, including a new rebound record.

### Beavers Take Ninth

OSC's championship closes 33 years of Northern Division play before the merger in the new PCC schedule next year. It's Oregon State's ninth title since 1923, with Washington having won the most, 14. Oregon has won five pennants, WSC has three and Idaho two to their credit.

So now the coast playoffs will have Oregon State as the northern entry for the second straight year, with UCLA the probable southern representative. Playing at home in Corvallis, the Beavers should be a slight favorite, although Los Angeles writers think not.

Only two questions, three counting the individual scoring title, remain to be answered in the next two weekends of play. The one in everybody's mind is whether the Beavers can extend their unbeaten string through four more games for the first unscathed record in the ND since it adopted its 16-game schedule.

### Cougars Next Opponents

The champions have two games with WSC, at Pullman Friday and Saturday, which shouldn't prove too difficult for the tall and talented warriors from Corvallis.

If Gill's Orange-and-Black squad wins that pair, it will give them 14 straight and tie the all-time winning streak set by Washington in 1953. The Huskies lost to Idaho in their 15th game that season but won the next to become the second team ever to win 15 out of the 16 conference games. They also did it in 1944.

The last weekend finds OSC and Oregon mixing it up in the final series of the year for the Ducks. And this gets into the other important question. Can Oregon hang onto their present second spot in the league? It will depend somewhat on what they do against Washington this weekend.

### Washington Series Important

Two wins by the Huskies will put Washington and Oregon into a tie for second with two games to go. Oregon would probably have to beat OSC at least once to keep from falling into third since Washington plays cellar-dwelling Idaho in its last series. A split between the Huskies and Ducks will assure Oregon of at least a second-place tie, while two wins this weekend will give the Webfoots second place before facing Oregon State. Most likely the final Oregon-OSC series will still mean a lot to both clubs, even though the ND race is already finished.

A note from the University of Washington reveals that Dean Parsons, the Huskies' great center from Eugene, is the fourth player in the school's history to score 1000 points in his career. The 6'-8" star dropped in 47 points against WSC last weekend to run his total to 1009 for less than four years, 974 since his freshman season.

The three Huskies who have crashed the magic mark in the past include Bob Houbregs, 1951-3, 1374; Frank Guisness, 1950-52, 1070; and Jack Nichols, 1944, 1947-8, 1067. The Husky captain also seems certain to become Washington's second-best all-time scorer in the conference behind Houbregs, who set an all-time record in 1953 with 406 points for the season and 855 for three years.

# SAE, Phi Delt Fives Advance to IM Final

Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Delta Theta swept past their semi-final opponents Wednesday and will square off to meet each other next Monday afternoon at 4 on intramural court 40 for the championship in the A bracket.

The SAE's hit consistently from the free throw line to down the Straub Frosh, 29-22, and the Phi Delt's took over in the second half to drub Alpha Tau Omega, 41-24.

### SAE's Roll

SAE's triumph was a tale of fouls and free throws. Straub was whistled down 15 times against only three on SAE, and the winners took full advantage of the situation by dropping in 15 of 29 attempts, to only 2 by

Dave Shelby of the Frosh. By contrast, Straub sank 10 field goals to only seven for SAE.

SAE led at every quarter-stop, 9-8, 14-12 at halftime, and 24-20 going into the final period. Rex Davis sank a pair of free throws for a 26-20 SAE lead, but Shelby pulled Straub back within four points with his two gift tosses. SAE went into a stall with about 3 minutes remaining, and continued building their margin from the charity stripe until the game was over.

Rex Davis sank a field goal and 8 out of 15 free throws for 10 points to lead the SAE scoring. Tom Hale's accurate jump shots brought in four field goals and eight points for high honors for the Frosh.

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| <b>SAE (29)</b>                                     | <b>(22) Frosh</b> |
| Davis 10 ..... F..... 6                             | Wheeler           |
| Savage 6 ..... F..... 4                             | Jarvis            |
| Tennyson 2 ..... C..... 8                           | Hale              |
| Hardin 7 ..... G.....                               | Blanc             |
| Dahl 4 ..... G.....                                 | McCoy             |
| Subs: Frosh — Bigelow 2, Speers, Blevins, Shelby 2. |                   |

### ATO's Crushed

Phi Delta Theta's defending champions again reached the final round of the intramural playoffs, by powering their way to a 41-24 win over Alpha Tau Omega.

The ATO's caught the Phi

## IM Schedule

Thursday

Basketball

4:00 Sigma Chi B vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon B, court 40.

4:45 Sigma Phi Epsilon B vs. Phi Delta Theta B, court 40.

Delt's off guard, and jumped to a 9-4 lead in the first minutes of the game, but Bob Wagner and Dick Schlosstein hit baskets to close out the first quarter with the score 9-8, in favor of ATO.

The Phi Delt's settled down in the second quarter and led by halftime, 20-17. In the second half ATO turned ice cold, and failed to score a field goal. They dropped in three free throws to trail 26-20, at the end of the third period, and could muster only four more free throws in the last quarter.

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| <b>ATO (24)</b>  | <b>(41) Phi Delt's</b> |
| Shaw 4 ..... F..... 10                                     | Wagner                 |
| Blodgett 2 ..... F..... 10                                 | Powers                 |
| Bick 3 ..... C..... 5                                      | Johnson                |
| Keller 6 ..... G..... 5                                    | Garrett                |
| Basham 5 ..... G..... 1                                    | Hastings               |
| Subs: Phi Delt's—Schlosstein 4, Williams 6. ATO—Huggins 4. |                        |

## Beta's Win Handball

Beta Theta Pi won its second straight intramural handball title Monday afternoon with a 2-1 victory over the Dorm Counselors.

Beta Jim Barlow topped Bill Johnson of the Counselors, 21-19, 15-21, 21-18, and Ken Reiser clinched the crown with his victory over Jack Morris in the second singles match. Scores were 21-19, 18-21, 21-18.

The Counselors got their only win the doubles, where Ted Schopf and Doug Whittle won 21-19 and 21-17 over Bruce Purvine and Russ Mannex.

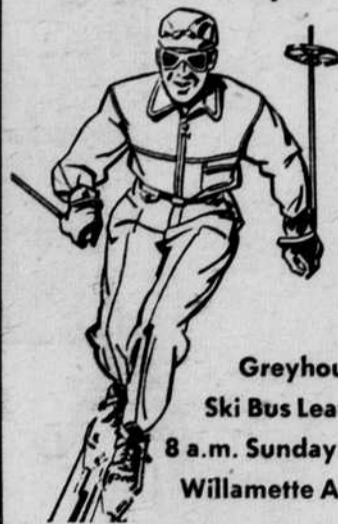
## Welsh, Bragg Near Mark

A spectacular shooting battle between Southern California's Dick Welsh and Don Bragg of UCLA threatens to shatter the all-time Southern Division record for accuracy, it was disclosed Thursday by figures from the Pacific Coast Conference commissioner's office.

Welsh, who ranks third in total scoring, and Bragg, 13th, are only one percentage point apart, 60.6% to 59.6%, on their field goal shooting as they head into their final four games of the regular season. Their pace is far ahead of the Division record of 48.9% set by John Rickson of California in 1953. Welsh has scored 43 field goals in 71 attempts and Bragg 31 in 52 tries.

Ron Tomsic of Stanford holds a 10 point lead in total scoring with 168 points and a 21.0 game average to 158 and a 19.8 average for Bob McKeen of California. Welsh has a 16.9 average; John Moore, UCLA, 16.4, and Willie Naulls, UCLA, 14.3. Tomsic needs 70 points in his four remaining games to equal the Division season record of 238 set in 1950 by Bill Sharman of Southern California.

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