

Duck Tracks

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Winter sports have nearly passed from us, so before the lull during which spring activities get ready to come out of hiding, it falls to us to tie up a few loose ends.

Everything has just about been covered in the way of basketball for the final Northern Division year and the wire services, magazines and general experts-at-large are in the midst of their annual flood of all-stars, but there remain a few items worth perhaps passing comment.

Oregon seniors Jim Loscutoff and Howard Page provided the highlights that kept 1954-55 Webfoot basketball from being just another routine season. Loscutoff pleased crowds with his antics and Duck fans with his scoring and rebounding, as well as maintaining a steady influence on the team.

It was Page who led the little men with his hustle and guided operations out front for Bill Borchers' crew. Although criticized throughout his hoop career, he finished it with many praiseworthy performances and played the role of Duck co-captain well.

As Borchers remarked, "Lefty just played too many of his best games away from home."

Loscutoff Honored

Lusky received a bit more honor this week when he was named honorable mention on the NCAA district 8 all-star team in Collier's annual All-American article. Collier's top squads, picked by 234 members of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, manage to include most of the nation's top stars, but the players look somewhat strange in the surroundings given them by the NABC.

First team honors went to Dick Ricketts and Si Green of Duquesne, Robin Freeman of Ohio State, Don Schlundt of Indiana and of course Tom Gola of La Salle. San Francisco's pride, Bill Russell, was relegated to the second five and Furman's Darrell Floyd, a usual top-mention pick, was stuck on the third team.

Washington's Dean Parsons was the only northwest player on the star squad for district 8, which includes California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Nevada. Russell and Cal's Bob McKeen were two other picks, along with high-scoring Ron Tomasic of Stanford, Ken Sears, the Santa Clara smoothie who nearly bounced Oregon single-handedly, tied for the fifth spot with USC's Dick Welsh.

Halbrook Ignored

Honorable mentions for ND men in addition to Loscutoff went to WSC's Ron Bennink and Tony Vlastelica and Jay Dean of Oregon State. Swede Halbrook missed recognition. Incidentally, district 8 representative on the selection board was Tippy Dye of Washington.

In district 7, the Rocky Mountain area, familiar names receiving honorable mention were Brigham Young's Terry Tebbs and Utah's Morris Buckwalter. Buckwalter was an all-state selection while at La Grande high school.

Coach Vern Sterling's freshman wrestlers provided the most success in Oregon's second year of intercollegiate wrestling. The Frosh lost only to Lebanon high school and finished in the middle of a three-way match with Klamath Falls and Grants Pass.

Matmen Good on Road

The varsity matmen had their best success on their recent road trip to California, where they topped San Jose State, Stanford and California. They'll try for some individual wins next Friday and Saturday at the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate meet in San Luis Obispo.

University students will be allowed to view games during the coming state high school basketball tournament for student prices except on Friday and Saturday nights, according to the ticket office. Adult prices will be charged on these playoff nights. Season tickets will be good only for high school students.

The athletic department moves into Leo Harris' pride and joy, its new offices, this Saturday. The change will make room for the new varsity lettermen's room and give the ticket windows a frontage outside Mac Court so fans won't have to dodge athletes who take laps in the main hall of the gym.

Engineers Award Building Contracts

SEATTLE (AP)—The Seattle district of the U.S. Army Engineers announced the award of nine military construction contracts totaling \$419,600 Monday.

Washington and Oregon contracts awarded by the engineers included:

A post exchange and recreation building with a security fence at the Condon Air Force station,

awarded to Walt M. Young, of Hermiston, for \$50,700.

A post exchange and recreation building at the Curlew Air Force station, Wash., awarded to Schoenberg and Kaiser of Chewelah for \$41,810.

A gunnery range at Boardman, Ore., awarded to the Columbia Builders Supply of Hermiston, for \$99,160.

Oklahoma City, Bradley Teams In NCAA Field

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK—Bradley and Oklahoma City university were added to the National Collegiate Basketball Championship field Thursday and immediately joined a half dozen other teams in looking around for an used Cinderella outfit to wear in the tournament.

The two "independents" from the midlands area, whose composite record this season shows 16 victories and 35 defeats, were chosen for "at large" berths by Reaves Peters, chairman of the western selection committee, who pointed out that they're not as bad as they look.

Oklahoma City (9-16) and Bradley (7-19) probably have as good a chance to don the Cinderella garb Bradley wore last year as Williams, Villanova, Miami, Ohio, Penn State, Memphis State or Idaho State, all of whom are in the NCAA tournament.

Bradley's Braves carried a mediocre 15-12 record into last year's tournament, but they went clear to the final before losing to La Salle 92-76. The only other time they were in the NCAA tournament, in 1950, they were runners-up to CCNY. Oklahoma City has been selected for the past three years but never got past the first two rounds.

These teams split a pair of games this season and Bradley eliminated Oklahoma City in the first round of last year's tournament.

The Bradley-OCU winner will meet Southern Methodist in the regional tournament at Manhattan, Kan., March 11-12. The other pairing there is Colorado, the Big Seven champion, against the still undetermined Missouri Valley Conference champion. Tulsa and St. Louis are tied in that league.

The other district playoffs March 8 line up this way:

At New York—LaSalle, defending champion, vs. Southern Conference champion; Williams vs. Canisius and Villanova vs. Atlantic Coast Conference champion or runner-up if ineligible North Carolina State wins. The three winners will join the Ivy League champion in the Philadelphia regional.

At Lexington, Ky.—Miami O. vs. Marquette and Penn State vs. Memphis State, winners to meet the Southeastern Conference and Big Ten champions at Evanston, Ill.

At San Francisco — Idaho State vs. Seattle and San Francisco vs. Border Conference champion Texas Tech or West Texas, winners to meet winner of UCLA-Oregon State Pacific Coast playoff and Utah, Skyline champion, at Corvallis, Ore.

All four regional tournaments are scheduled for March 11-12 with the semi-finals at Kansas City March 18-19.

ND Swim Meet Ends Saturday

Washington was favored to come out on top, despite the balance of the five teams, as the Northern Division swimming meet opened this morning at the Oregon pool.

This is the first time the Duck tank squad has hosted the meet since 1949 but the Webfoot team is expected to end up fourth in the standings of the two-day contest. Washington is defending champion

and are favored to repeat with Oregon State and Washington State fighting it out for second.

Events began at 9:15 this morning with the 1500-meter free style which was to be followed by preliminaries in diving. The 60-yard free style prelims will begin with the 200-yard backstroke, the 220-yard free style, the 200-yard breast stroke and the one-meter diving events following.

Finals in all the afternoon events will be held tonight as well as the 400-yard free style relay. The meet continues Saturday morning beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the three-meter fancy diving contest. More preliminaries in swimming events will come in the afternoon with the finals and the 300-yard medley relay slated for Saturday night starting at 8:30.

Oregon's best chances for points will come from Howard Hedinger in the 50-yard free style, Bob Hays in the back stroke, Harry Fuller in the 440-yard freestyle and the 400-yard free style relay, in which the Duck quartet is undefeated this season.

Frosh Track Meet Ready

Championship action in the Frosh dormitory track tournament will be today at 3:45 p.m. between Omega and Sederstrom halls, due to a postponement of the meet originally scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

The meet will definitely be held today in the unfinished area of the men's gymnasium "in spite of rain, snow, sun or all at the same time," according to Bob McCollum, assistant track coach and meet director.

Should Sederstrom, consolation winner of the tournament, defeat Omega today, a final meet will be held Monday afternoon to determine the champion. Omega is undefeated in competition thus far.

UO Billiard Team 7th Nationally

Led by Frank Tilley's score of 86, good for tenth place in the individual high division, the University pocket billiard team took seventh place in the national intercollegiate meet conducted this week by mail. Bob Boyle and Stan Williams completed the team.

The straight rail billiard team, composed of Bob Boyle, Pete Tyerman and John Wilson, did their shooting this week also, and are waiting for the results. Wilson's score of 61 is expected to place high nationally.

And the three-cushion and co-ed shooters will try their luck in the national running next week when they do their shooting at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

IM Keglers Slate Four-Club Playoff

The winners of last night's Delta Tau Delta-Local Yokels intramural bowling match will join Nestor hall, Pi Kappa Alpha and Alpha Tau Omega in the final roll-off Tuesday evening at 6 p.m.

Nestor won the freshman league, the PIKA's took the Tuesday title and the ATO's captured the Wednesday crown. The Delta-Local winner represents the Thursday league.

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