

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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It may be spring, when a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of baseball, but the weatherman hasn't been too consistent in cooperating, so a final look—or preview—of basketball is in order.

Oregon's Bill Borchert recently attended a meeting of national hoop coaches held in conjunction with the NCAA championship at Kansas City in which the basketball bosses considered rule change suggestions from sources varying from AAU officials to high school mentors.

"As Johnny McKay says," Borchert commented, "the game is getting to the point where it can be dominated by one big man, something which can't happen in football or other team sports." Borchert said the new rules suggested by the coaches might do something to eliminate this domination, but that the game will still probably revolve around the big men.

Key Lane Widened

Probably the most discussed of the revisions is the switch in the foul lane to the 12 foot alley now used by the professional hoopers. The change will make the present keyhole-shaped lane a block U.

"The new rule will definitely be a help to teams against big men," Borchert said. "With the three-second rule and the old lane we had to try to keep the big man from getting the ball, putting our big man between him and the outside men, but giving him an excellent shot once he got it. Now we'll be able to put our defensive boy between the big man and the basket and the tall fellow will be about three feet farther from the basket than he is now."

The Duck coach said he doesn't think the revision will hurt Oregon State's giant, Wade Halbrook. "If the change were put in two years ago it would have crippled him," Borchert commented, "but he's a lot more improved now, and the only thing that it will stop are those high pass and dunk shots and the bat-ins of his teammates' tries. It will make him work on his shooting, though."

Tip-in Chances Reduced

The lane widening probably will cut down on the missed free throw tip-ins, too, which Oregon's Jim Loscutoff capitalized on this year. "But if the officials don't watch the lines closely, the fellows will start sneaking across," Borchert said.

As for a recent remark by Coach Phil Woolpert of the University of San Francisco Dons, NCAA champions, that a repaint job on the free throw lines would help his big man, All-American Bill Russell. Borchert said that he couldn't see that. The USF mentor told reporters that Russell had been bottled up in the lane this year and that the revision will give him some working room. "He's still got the three-minute rule to contend with," the Webfoot coach said.

As for effects on Oregon's 1955-56 edition by the new ruling, Borchert felt that there would be no strain involved in the switch-over. "We played 12-14 games on our road trip to the Orient with the 12-foot lane last summer," he said, "and we had no trouble. We used our post men and cut and drove all we wanted."

Stalling Rule Changed

One change which might hamper the Ducks, however, is the rule regarding dribbling to stall. The revision states that a jump ball may be called when an offensive man is dribbling, as well as holding the ball, if challenged by a defensive man for 30 seconds. Previously the rule applied only in holding the ball. This may eliminate some of the fancy dribbling displays that have characterized last-minute stalls.

The coaches watched the NCAA playoffs, but Borchert wouldn't compare Russell and Tom Gola, the big La Salle All-American who has been characterized by many as the greatest the game has ever had.

"I classify basketball players into three groups," said Borchert. "Little men are up to about 6'2". From 6'3" to 6'8" are medium players and big men start at 6'9" and go on up. It's foolish to expect a little man to do a good job checking a medium man, so why should you try to compare a medium man against a big man? (Russell is 6'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; Gola stands 6'7".) They're both great; Russell just has the height."

Six Teams Triumph In Intramural Opener

Spring intramural sports kicked off the lid Monday with six teams winning first round softball games and getting a head start on the rest of the field.

Phi Delta Theta edged Beta Theta Pi 4-3, Sigma Nu walloped Delta Upsilon 22-4, Sigma Chi smothered Delta Tau Delta 11-0, Tau Kappa Epsilon bounced Phi

Gamma Delta 9-3, Phi Kappa Psi closed off Sigma Phi Epsilon 3-2, and Chi Psi crushed Sigma Alpha Mu 9-2.

Phi Delts Roll

Ted Larsen hurled the win for the Phi Delts and Phil McHugh socked a two-run single in the second for the big blow. The Phi Delts added two more in the fourth for the winning margin.

The Betas tied the game briefly in the fourth as Del Lewellyn and Dick Van Allen scored. Boyd Harris homered as first up in the fifth, but the Betas couldn't push in another run.

Sigma Nu scored 16 runs in the third inning as they rolled over Delta Upsilon. Nick Markulis pitched the distance for Sigma Nu and blasted four-for-four, including a homer and two triples.

Rich Butler tossed a masterful one-hit shutout as Sigma Chi blanked Delta Tau Delta. Butler gave up the single hit in the first inning. His Sig mates gave him good support, scoring six times in the first frame.

Tekes Triumph

Tau Kappa Epsilon bounced Phi Gamma Delta behind the hurling of Jerry Madden. The Tekes

scored four times in the first and added three more in the fifth. Yoji Matsushima hit a triple and Burt Olson a double for the victors.

Phi Kappa Psi squeezed past Sigma Phi Epsilon on the strength of a two-run triple by Bob Kubes. Larry Anderson of Phi Psi hooked up in a mound duel with Mike O'Hara of the Sig Eps.

Chi Psi was sparked by the bases loaded double of Walt Lovell. Dick Bates added a two-on triple to fatten the score.

Mishaps Dog Star Players

NEW YORK (AP)—There have been no sports-shaking accidents this spring but baseball's training season has not been devoid of injuries, ailments and other mishaps to major league players.

Milt Bolling's fractured left elbow, Vic Raschi's damaged back, Curt Simmons' pulled left shoulder muscle, Don Larsen's bursitis in the right shoulder, Duane Pillette's spurred elbow, Solly Drake's broken leg and Dick Murphy's fractured left forearm are the most serious of more than two dozen assorted injuries in training camp drills and exhibitions.

Broken Bones

Other injuries and accidents include Bobby Young's broken toe, Eddie Fitzgerald's broken index finger, Bobby Shantz' beaming on top of arm soreness, Cass Michael's collapse from overwork, Herb Score's bursitis of the knee and Marv Blaylock's shin splints.

In addition, several athletes sustained pulled muscles while numerous pitchers, including Brooklyn's Karl Spooner and Billy Loes, Boston's Bill Henry, Baltimore's Harry Byrd and Ray Moore, Milwaukee's Ray Crone and Joey Jay and the New York Giants' Joe Margoneri, suffered sore arms or lame elbows.

Bolling's elbow fracture in a collision with the Cardinals' Dick Rand March 23 was a cruel blow to the Red Sox hopes of finishing in the first division. The young shortstop will be out for about eight weeks.

Raschi Improving

He had shown Manager Frank Higgins enough in the first dozen exhibition games to be regarded as the regular shortstop.

Raschi, suffering from a lame back and misery in the lumbar region, has not pitched an inning in the exhibitions. The veteran Cardinal pitches, however, is showing signs of coming around and may be able to pitch by the time the season gets under way.

Turner Whips Gene Fullmer

BROOKLYN (AP)—Comebacking Gil Turner of Philadelphia unleashed a blistering body assault Monday night to hand Gene "Cyclone" Fullmer the first defeat of the Utah scrapper's pro career at Eastern Parkway arena.

Turner floored Fullmer in the sixth round en route to a unanimous 10-round decision. Fullmer weighed 154, Turner 151.

The 23-year-old Fullmer had won 29 straight and was a 13-10 favorite Monday night. Turner, in the greatest shape he has been in close to a year, chalked up his fifth straight triumph since he was kayoed by Al Andrews last September.

The 24-year-old Philadelphian wore down the strong Westerner with a terrific body barrage and then dumped the Cyclone for a nine-count in the sixth round. It was the first time Fullmer ever had been floored.

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Tuesday Softball

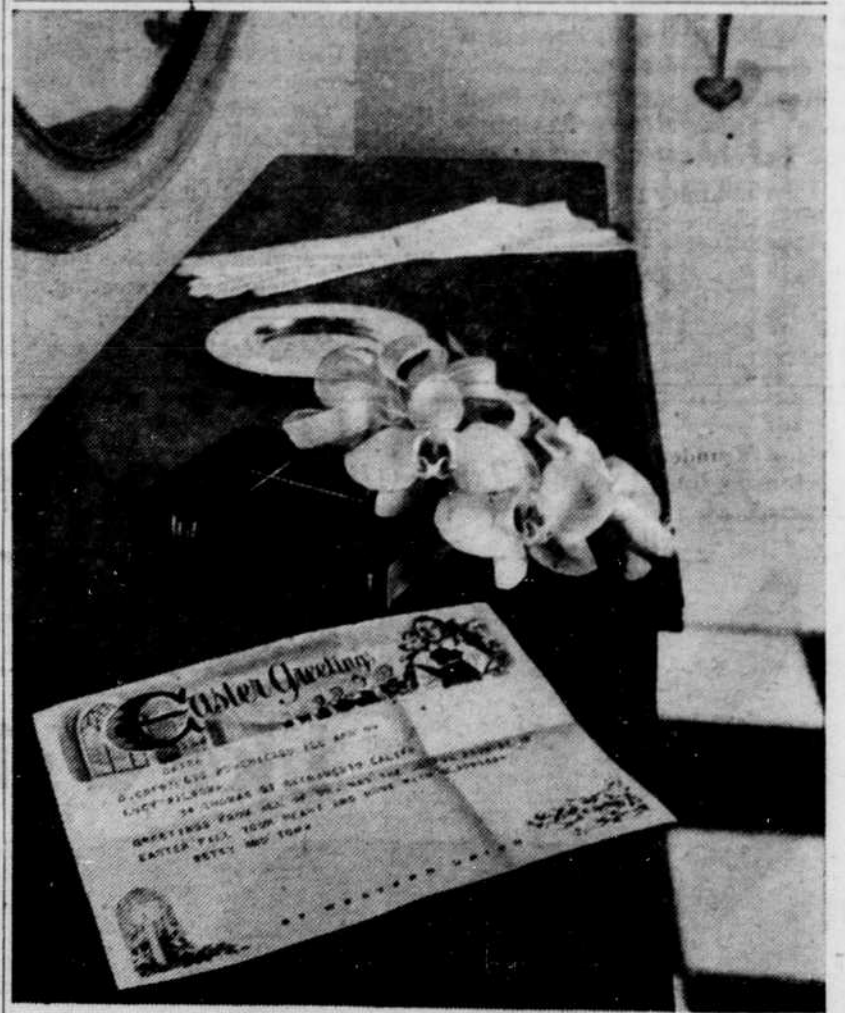
3:50 Phi Kappa Sigma vs. Kappa Sigma, north field;
Lambda Chi Alpha vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, south field;
Nestor hall vs. Cherney hall, upper field.
4:55 French hall vs. Straub Frosh, north field;
Sederstrom hall vs. Gamma hall, south field;
Barrister Inn vs. Alpha hall, upper field.

Tennis

4:00 Sigma Alpha Mu vs. Sederstrom hall, courts 4, 5, 6.

Golf

Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Straub Frosh.



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