

Aggie Hoopsters Rebuilding Team

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Lettermen and experience will be the scarcest they have been in four years on the Oregon State basketball team which comes to Eugene to battle with Oregon in the season's hoop opener Friday. As Beaver Coach A. T. (Slats) Gill put it, "We're rebuilding."

Beaver Is no Terror

OSC figures to be far from the terror it has been during the past two years in the 1955-56 campaign. With the new nine-team conference, the Beavers will probably have more teams ahead of them in the standings than ever before.

Gill is starting his 28th year as boss of the hoop horses from Corvallis, a record which makes him co-holder of the longevity record in the West along with Jack Friel of Washington State. Seldom in 27 years has the Beaver mentor lost more and had less.

Gone from the fabulous Gill coliseum this year are Wade Halbrook, Jay Dean, Tony Vlastelica, Tex Whiteman, Ron Robins, Bill Toole, Reggie Halligan, Johnny Jarboe and Ron Fundingsland, nine of the 12-man squad which last year swept over Northern Division hoop foes like a hurricane and came within a point of beating the eventual national champions, San Francisco.

Halbrook, Dean Elsewhere

Only seven of the nine graduated. Halbrook, the fabulous Swede whose 7'3" helped him rewrite OSC scoring records, lost the battle of the books last spring and his departure for AAU ball cut a deep hole in Gill's 1956 ranks. Dean, another starter, transferred to Northwest Nazarene college in Nampa, Idaho, to continue his dentistry studies in peace.

Five of the seven graduates are still attending OSC, although their eligibility is used

up. Vlastelica, Whiteman, Robins, Toole and Halligan have formed a team which has soundly whipped this year's Beaver varsity two out of three times. Gill is wishing he had even one or two of his old stars back after those performances.

Three players who saw varsity action in the Beavers' big 1955 season are on the team which will face the Ducks Friday. Most experienced is Larry Paulus, an infrequent starter during his two years on the OSC varsity and a one-year letterman. Paulus is a rugged 6'3" forward who specializes on defense. He is a certain starter Friday.

One other returnee is also fairly certain to be in opening lineup. Phil Shadoin, 7' center from Corvallis, has improved tremendously since his sophomore season as an understudy to Halbrook. He should be ready to go despite injuries suffered in a car accident last month. Bob Allord, star of the Rook team two years ago and a reserve last year, has looked good but will not start.

Dave Gambee, the sensational 6'6" Corvallis sophomore who averaged 20 points per game on the undefeated Rook squad last season, will be a definite starter at forward. He might also spell Shadoin at center.

Vieing for opening guard spot in the opener have been Jerry Crimmins, Gary Haynes and Ken Nanson. Crimmins was a varsity reserve two years ago and has won an starting spot on his experience and floor play. Both Haynes and Nanson were starting guards for last year's Rook team and have displayed a lot of hustle. Nanson, a rugged 6-footer, will open on the strength of surprising board work.

Lots of Height

The other top three squad members are big and rugged, but also inexperienced. Wayne Moss, 6'8" sophomore who was a starter for the Rooks last season, plus Ralph Carroll, also 6'8" and a varsity reserve for two years, have been backing up Shadoin. Dick Wilson, a rugged 6'4" junior forward who saw a little action last year, has been a top contender for the team on his rebounding strength.

Thus, as usual, the Beavers have height. Gill could field a club averaging almost 6'8" but the starting lineup for the Oregon encounter will average a better-balanced 6'4". Except for Shadoin, the Beavers have a smaller club than Oregon and will face a tough battle on the boards.

Stress Defense

Gill has been stressing defense all week in preparation for the opener. This has also been emphasized by Oregon Coach Bill Borchert and a defensive battle may be in prospect.

The Beavers will be in the un-

derdog role against Oregon for the first time in four years. Gill holds a 10-3 edge over Borchert since 1952 in the annual rivalry with last year's champions capturing four straight from the Ducks.

Following the Oregon game, OSC will return home Saturday night to meet Colorado in that team's first 1955-56 game. The Buffs, third-place finishers in the NCAA last year, are also rebuilding. They face Oregon here Monday night.

The rest of the OSC schedule books top competition. The Beavers and Oregon will play a pair of doubleheaders with Michigan and Northwestern Dec. 20-21, then OSC treks to Raleigh, N.C., to compete in the famous Dixie Classic after Christmas. Stanford, Washington, UCLA and Idaho are on the home conference schedule.

Cassady; Schaefer Selected by East

The cream of the East's football ranks was announced by Bill Coffman, managing director of the annual East-West Shrine benefit game, as members of the team to oppose the West's all-stars.

All-Americans Howard (Hop-along) Cassady of Ohio State and Don Schaefer of Notre Dame headed the 24-man squad which consists of players from fourteen eastern and southern colleges. Notre Dame, Ohio State, Penn State, and Purdue all placed three men on the team. The roster:

Fullbacks: Don Schaefer, Notre Dame, and Charlie Sticka, Trinity.
Halfbacks: Howard Cassady, Ohio State; Len Moore, Penn State; Bob Pascal, Duke; Bill Murakowski, Purdue, and Tony Brannoff, Michigan.
Quarterbacks: Gary Reichow, Iowa, and Em Lindbeck, Illinois.
Centers: Ken Vargo, Ohio State; Jim Mense, Notre Dame, and Frank Reich, Penn State.
Guards: Tom Powell, Colgate; Dick Murley, Purdue; Cal Jones, Iowa; Jim Buonopane, Holy Cross.
Tackles: Ray Lemek, Notre Dame; Francis Machinsky, Ohio State; Joe Krupa, Purdue; Otto Kneidinger, Penn State.
Ends: Will Frye, North Carolina; Sonny Sorrell, Duke; John Bredice, Boston U., and Jim Katcavage, Dayton.

Grid Varsity to Meet

There will be a Varsity Football Squad meeting Monday, Dec. 5, at 4:00 p.m.

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Martinez to Battle Again This Week

SPOKANE (AP) — Busy Vince Martinez of Paterson, N.J., the No. 4 welterweight, goes into action for the second time in eight days Thursday night against Ernie Greer of Oakland, Calif.

Martinez figures to get only a mild test from Greer in the match scheduled for 10 rounds in the Spokane Coliseum. Greer, however, has looked impressive in workouts here.

Martinez currently on an 18-fight winning streak and has hopes of landing an early shot at the welterweight title.

Promoters offered \$80,000 Tuesday to the winner of Wednesday night's Carmen Basilio-Tony DeMarco match to meet Martinez here for the championship in March.

Bill Daly, Martinez's manager, spent most of Wednesday trying to get Eastern reaction to the offer. He said he thinks it would be a good idea to stage the show here.

Martinez won a unanimous decision only a week ago over Chris Christenson of Denmark in a 10-round at St. Louis. Martinez has won 45 of 48 and will be

making his sixth start of the year.

Frank Buford, the veteran Oakland heavyweight, will meet Amos Lincoln of Portland, Ore., in a companion 10-round.

Miler Again Officially An Amateur

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Wes Santee, this country's fastest miler, kept his amateur standing Wednesday as deadline passed for protesting his return to the good graces of the Amateur Athletic Union.

Unless complicated parliamentary procedure revives the case later, the rapid Kansan will be eligible to run for the United States in the 1956 Olympics as well as participate in other amateur events.

The Olympic Track and Field Committee of the AAU was in session Wednesday as the time elapsed on the period in which a protest could be filed by the registration committee that suspended him. He had been accused of accepting expense money in excess of the AAU limit of \$12 a day. The suspension was rescinded 10 days ago by the Missouri Valley Assn. of the AAU.

Effigy Has Two Conflicting Sides

SEATTLE (AP) — There are two sides even to an effigy and the proof was hanging from the flagpole outside the University of Washington library Wednesday.

The dangling mannikin represented Coach "Cowboy" Johnny Cherberg, who has been faced with a revolt among his football players.

A sign on one side of the effigy read: "Hang John."

And on the other side was a sign saying "Hang Tough, Cowboy."

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Ducks Work On Offense; JV's Slate Olympic

By Wes Ruble
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A handful of spectators saw a lot of snappy basketball Wednesday evening as Coach Bill Borchert put his Duck cagers through a rigorous practice.

In preparation for Friday's encounter with Oregon State at McArthur court, Borchert put special emphasis on jump ball situations and possession of the ball out-of-bounds. Aside from fundamental drills, the Webfoot casabamen went through a lengthy ball-handling scrimmage against the varsity reserves, who will play in their opening JV game Thursday evening.

Borchert's junior varsity squad of nine players will tangle with the Olympic Junior college Rangers of Bremerton, Washington at McArthur court. The roster of the Webfoot junior varsity includes William Barnes, Don Delbon, Roger Diddock, Quincy Powers, Bill Service, Martin Swan, Paul Tuchardt, Nick Utt and Casanova's first string end just off the football squad, George Slender.

Olympic Junior college, always a strong contender for the Washington State JC conference basketball title, is expected to give the Duck reserves a good battle.

Sugar Ray Ready For Title Match

GREENWOOD LAKE, N.Y. (AP) — Sugar Ray Robinson boxed four rounds Tuesday and was pronounced in excellent condition for his Dec. 9 title bout with middleweight champion Bobo Olson in Chicago.

Robinson sparred two rounds each with Joe Williams and Ricardo King, and plans to wind up his camp with four more rounds Wednesday. He leaves Thursday for Chicago and will finish training there.

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