

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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Regular season basketball is just getting under way in the college ranks, but most of the talent-laden clubs of the National Basketball association already have thirty games under their belts and are nearing the halfway mark in their rugged schedules. Currently tops in the pro ranks are the powerhouse Philadelphia Warriors, who own a 20-10 mark to lead both divisions of the NBA. While the Philly five paces the East, Fort Wayne's Pistons head up the Western division with a less-impressive 17-14 margin.

Philadelphia kept roaring along last Saturday with a 104-97 victory over the New York Knickerbockers. The game was televised throughout most of the civilized United States, but Eugene saw only college basketball with foggy fringe area reception.

The Warriors were sparked, as usual, by Neil Johnston, their lanky center who led the NBA in scoring last year with a 22.7 points-per-game average. Johnston also led the league in rebounding last year, and fired at an amazing .440 average. Forming the nucleus of the well-balanced Warrior squad with Johnston is Paul Arizin, former Villanova great who was second to his teammate with a 21-point average last year. Veteran Jack George is a potent scoring guard for the Warriors, and they picked up a possible rookie-of-the-year forward in LaSalle's All-American Tom Gola.

Knicks Lack Big Man

The Knicks have apparently not yet found the big man to fit into their fast-breaking, razzle-dazzle style of offense, although they have one of the tallest men in NBA history in 6' 11" Ray Felix. Big Ray doesn't move fast enough to keep up with the plays engineered by "Tricky Dick" McGuire. If the Knicks can bring Kenny Sears, their 6' 9" draft choice from Santa Clara along fast enough, they could move up from their present third spot in the Eastern division.

Over on the other side of the league, Fort Wayne took the measure of the St. Louis (formerly Milwaukee) Hawks, 108-97. Last year the Pistons finished first in the Western division, losing to the Syracuse Nats in the playoff, and Fort Wayne looks as if they're headed for another division crown. Big gun for Charlie Eckman's Cinderella club last year was Larry Foust, who set a new NBA record by firing at a .487 clip. This year the Pistons also have John Horan from Dayton and Wichita's Cleq Littleton to help out.

Rookies Spark Hawks

St. Louis currently rests in third place in the Western division. They were paced last year by a pair of talented rookies, Furman's Frank Selvy and LSU's Bobby Pettit, who both finished high in the scoring race. This year the Hawks added 6' 7" Dick Ricketts, the Duquesne All-American, but are still rather shallow and are not expected to show much this year.

Back in the Eastern division, the Boston Celtics edged past Syracuse, 105-99. The Celtics have long been troubled by lack of rebounding strength, and may have solved the problem with the acquisition of Oregon's hefty (237) Jim Loscutoff. The Celts have two of the NBA's finest scorers and play-makers in Bob Cousy and Bill Sharman, while "Easy Ed" Macauley stands 6' 8" but weighs only 185—not enough to hold his own on the boards.

Nats Last Despite .500 Mark

The Syracuse Nationals are last in the strong Eastern division with a .500 percentage, better than three of the teams in the West can manage. Paced by Paul Seymour and Dolph Schayes, the Nats also have former Oregon State All-American Red Rocha in their lineup. Schayes, 27-year-old forward, led Syracuse scoring last season with an 18.5 average.

In the other Western game, Rochester's Royals smacked the hapless Minneapolis Lakers, 103-98, to send them deeper into the quagmire of the NBA cellar. Rochester is the only team with any kind of a chance to catch the hurrying Pistons and has a fine group of veterans plus rookies Ed Fleming and Maurice Stokes to do the job.

Minneapolis, everybody's doormat with an 11-21 record, could yet come to life with the shooting ability of tall men Clyde Lovellette and Vern Mikkelsen and draft choices Dick Garmaker and Chuck Mencil.

Wrestlers Open Varsity Season

Portland's David Douglas high school will be the scene of Oregon's wrestling season opening against Portland State. The Frosh squad also inaugurates its season in the same gym against Vancouver high school.

Portland State is the Ducks' first opponent on a schedule somewhat more strenuous than 1955. Local mat fans will have a good opportunity to see Coach Bill Hammer's crew this year, as eight of the 12 Webfoot matches will be held in Mac court.

Last year's team, only the second to represent Oregon in intercollegiate competition, ended last year's season with a record of six wins, five losses and a tie.

Despite the stiff schedule, a pre-season analysis indicates a stronger squad. The Webfoots, surprise fourth place finishers in last year's Pacific Coast intercollegiate meet, have a nucleus of returning lettermen in addition to a group of promising recruits from last year's Frosh team.

Lettermen include Dave Newland, PCL champion in the 147-pound weight division; team cap-

tain Roy Schlessler, 115-pound runnerup, and Ken Kesey, third in the 177-pound class.

The Ducklings, who will provide preliminary action for many of the varsity matches, have nine schedule matches of their own. Seven will be against high school teams and the remaining two are against traditional rival Oregon State in a home and home series.

IM Schedule

Tuesday, January 10

Basketball

- 3:50 Court 40, Theta Chi A vs. Sigma Chi A
- 3:50 Court 43, Kappa Sigma A vs. Sigma Nu A
- 4:35 Court 40, Sigma Alpha Epsilon A vs. Chi Psi A
- 4:35 Court 43, Phi Kappa Sigma A vs. Lambda Chi Alpha A
- 5:15 Court 40, Sigma Alpha Mu A vs. Delta Upsilon A
- 5:15 Court 43, Hunter A vs. Bar-rister Inn A

Handball

- 4:00 Courts 42, 44, 46, Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Alpha Tau Omega

Mangrum Victor in Los Angeles Open

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lloyd Mangrum captured the \$30,000 Los Angeles Open Monday, scoring a par 71 for a record 72-hole score of 272 to become the second golfer in the 30 editions of the event to win the tournament four times.

The colorful Mangrum was more the scrambler than the gambler on this fine final day of the tournament, but his performance was good enough to turn back the threat first of Tommy Bolt and then little Jerry Barber.

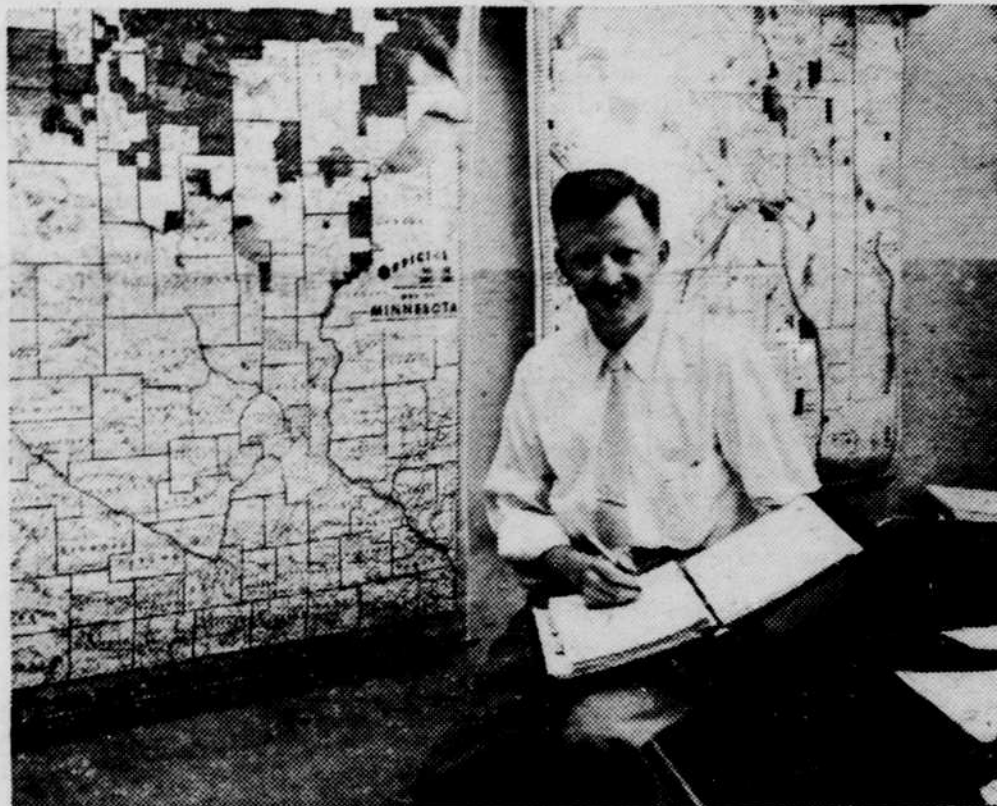
Only the late MacDonald Smith, back in 1928-29-32-34, was able to win this event four times, and prior to Monday, only Mangrum and Ben Hogan had achieved the feat three times.

The 41-year-old Mangrum, who came off the shelf after a rib injury and a layoff from golf since last spring, hit the \$6,000 first prize jackpot three strokes ahead of his nearest rival at the finish, Barber, with Bolt third.

Mangrum broke the tournament record for the 72-hole distance, the 273 registered in 1938 by Jimmy Thomson at Griffith Park Municipal course.

Barber pulled ahead of Bolt on the final nine holes in the struggle for \$3,200 second place money, with Bolt settling for \$2,200.

A Campus-to-Career Case History



"One open door after another"

"That's how I feel about the telephone company," says Walter D. Walker, B.E.E., University of Minnesota, '51. "When I joined the company I felt that I could go in any direction. And that's the way it's been."

"For the first six months I was given on-the-job training in the fundamentals of the telephone business—how lines are put up and equipment installed. Learning those fundamentals has really paid off for me."

"Then I had the opportunity to go to the Bell Laboratories in New Jersey. I worked on memory crystals—ferro-electric crystals—for use in digital computers. I learned how important research is to the telephone business."

"After two years I came back to Minnesota, to St. Cloud, to work in the

District Plant Engineer's Office. There I made field studies of proposed construction projects and drew up plans to guide the construction crews. This combination of inside and outside work gave me invaluable experience."

"In July, 1955, I came to Minneapolis as an Engineer in the Exchange Plant Extension Engineer's Office. We do forecasting—not of the weather, but of future service needs. Using estimates of growth and economic studies, we make our plans for the years ahead. We figure out where and when new facilities will be needed to meet future growth."

"All this has been preparing me for a real future. You see, the telephone company is expanding by leaps and bounds. That's why it offers a young man so many open doors."

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