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Duck Tracks

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Oregon basketball coach Bill Borchert recently said that the home team has a decided 60 percent advantage over visiting forces. He went on to point out that the hosts had copped 24 of 34 contests in play on the coast this season.

Apparently this home team advantage wasn't enough to suit the California rooters section. When the Bear hoopsters were far behind in Saturday's TV contest, they decided to take it out on the referee.



Al Lightner, one of the officials and frequently a controversial figure in Northwest basketball circles, was subsequently pelted with pennies. The coins flew and the wind blew and Lightner forfeited the game to USC with 3:15 remaining and the Trojans out in front by 77-64.

Lightner Hit in Eye

The black-haired foul-caller said he was struck in the right eye early in the second half and had the public address announcer inform the jeering fans that the game would be forfeited if the performance was repeated.

In spite of this warning he was hit again and carried out his threat. If the game had been close or if California had been

RIGHT THERE!
Referee Al Lightner shows where he was hit by coin-throwing Cal rooters in Jan. 7 UC-USC basketball game.

in the lead Lightner would probably have been done bodily harm. He estimated that he kicked more than 20 coins off the court in the two game series. California had won Friday night 52-51.

Plenty of school spirit is a fine thing but when carried to the extremes the Berkeley Chauvinists sank to the sport of basketball it bears a resemblance to professional wrestling. Their immature actions were a blight on the Bear basketball squad and coach Pete Newell. That the game was carried on regional TV did nothing to help Cal public relations either.

Effigy Next Step

Besides the fact that Lightner was struck in the eye with a coin, there was a real danger that a player might step on a coin and slip, causing injury to himself. The UC intellectuals at the game obviously failed to think of this. They added to their brainy actions by hanging Lightner in effigy Sunday.

Forrest Twogood, USC basketball coach, told the Basketball Writers association Monday that: "I'd like to go on record now in saying there was no animosity between the players and I'd like to exonerate Pete Newell, California coach, from any blame in the incident."

"If all the rooting sections, including Southern California's, conduct themselves in the same manner as the boys out there playing the game, there'll never be any trouble." Twogood said he agreed with referee Lightner's decision, "from the injury standpoint."

Troy Players Rattled

Not only did the Cal rooting section try to play long-distance pitch-penny but they also did their best to rattle USC players at the free-throw line. Whenever a Trojan was at the charity mark, someone in the Cal straw hat band used a slide whistle and a cow-bell to get this effect: Whooooooping. Like grandpappy and the spittoon.

The fans, not to be outdone, joined in with shrill whistles and hoots also. If a Cal player was trying for a gratis toss you could (pardon the expression) have heard a nickle drop. Here's hoping that the Bear rooters do not repeat this performance and restrain their coin-tossing to visits to the Del Rey Theater in nearby Oakland. It is to the credit of Cal officials and student leaders that they are trying to prevent a recurrence of such actions.

IM Contests Feature Wins By Sigs, SAE, Sigma Nu

Two close games and four relatively one-sided affairs marked the second day of intramural basketball action, as Sigma Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Nu, Phi Kappa Sigma and Hunter hall all recorded A league victories.

Sigs Victors

A fiery Sigma Chi team battled to a 28-25 win over a strong Theta Chi squad in Tuesday's intramurals.

Both teams got off to a flying start and at the half Theta Chi led 14-13. The second half proved to be a nip-and-tuck race with the lead changing back and forth, but as the whistle ended the game, Sigma Chi held a three-point margin.

Spike Hillstrom was high point man for the winners with 12, while Jim Davis of Theta Chi was the game's high scorer with 16.

Theta Chi (25) (28) Sigma Chi
Ott F (2) Ayre
Weatherford (4) F (5) Williams
Olsen (5) C (7) Dorwin
Leland G (12) Hillstrom
Davis (16) G (2) Sherman

Subs: Theta Chi, Bruce Brenn. Sigma Chi: Speer, Bond, Bigelow and Bill Sherman.

SAE Tops Chi Psi

Sigma Alpha Epsilon romped to an easy 25-10 victory over Chi

Psi in their intramural basketball opener Tuesday.

SAE took the lead right from the opening whistle and were never threatened. At the half they led 13-1. Bob Boehm led the winning team with 12 points.

SAE (25) (10) Chi Psi
Rapp (4) F Harris
Hedford F (4) Reeves
Harding (2) C (1) Spady
Boehm (12) G Neideigh
Talbot (7) G (3) Porter

Subs: Chi Psi, Walker, Evans, Lawson 2.

DU Triumphant

Delta Upsilon fought for a well-deserved victory over Sigma Alpha Mu in Tuesday's intramurals. The game ended with the DU team out in front 26-10.

Both teams showed sloppy ball handling and the shooting averages would prove to be a nightmare if they were figured. After a slow start though the DU's came through.

Delta Upsilon (26) (10) Sigma Alpha Mu
Ross (9) F (2) Rogers
Seidenverg (1) F (5) Jacklin
Gevertz C (4) Cocker
Asch G (6) Beck
Mesher G (9) McCain

Subs: DU, Landskroner. Sigma Alpha Mu, Enman, Ticknor.

Hunter Easy Winner

Control of the backboards led Hunter hall to a 37-7 win over Barrister Inn as Rolie Heath paced the winners with 13 tallies. Jim Johnson followed with 12 and Glen Small had eight.

With a safe 15-3 halftime margin, the Hunter five increased its margin to 21-3 in the third quarter and won going away. Willis Teater's three points led Barrister.

Hunter (37) (7) Barrister Inn
Johnson (12) F Thompson
Heath (12) F Koffin
Small (8) C Rehfus
Shumway G Hodges
Ramsey (2) G (2) Forbes

Subs: Hunter, Davis 2, Barrister, Gossar 2, Boyer, Westfall, Teater 3.

Sigma Nu Tops Kappa Sigma

A speedy and well-balanced Sigma Nu five combined sharp passing and accurate shooting to defeat Kappa Sigma, 31-12. Vinton Sommerville had 12 points to pace his club to the win.

After holding the losers scoreless until the second period, Sigma Nu maintained its lead all the way. Larry Blanc had 10 from his guard spot and 6-3 Jack Murray led Kappa Sigma with eight counters.

Kappa Sigma (12) (31) Sigma Nu
Galleon F (4) Gillespie
Halliman F Nagler
Murray (8) C (1) Taylor
Hall G (10) Blanc
Kershner (4) G (12) Sommerville

Subs: Sigma Nu, Kimsey 4.

Lambda Chi Edged

In a see-saw battle that was tied 10-10 at the half, Phi Kappa Sigma pulled away toward the end to get a hard-earned 18-11 win over Lambda Chi Alpha.

Four players with four tallies each led the winners. Gordon Nobriga, Elton Engstrom, Clarence Sorenson and Gary Peterson did the bulk of the scoring. Stan Rasmussen's seven led the Lambda Chis.

Phi Kappa Sigma (18) (11) Lambda Chi Alpha
Sorenson (4) F (2) Wilson
Engstrom (4) F Croakes
Beck (4) C (6) Rasmussen
Peterson (2) G Peak
Nobriga (4) G (3) Marsh

Subs: Phi Kappa Sigma, Ebert, King, Lambda Chi Alpha, McKinney and Tonole.

Ortiz Beats Portilla; Ups Unbeaten Record

NEW YORK (AP)—Carlos Ortiz, 19-year-old unbeaten Puerto Rican lightweight, won his 13th straight Monday night by a unanimous decision over Ray Portilla of New York in an eight-round match at St. Nicholas Arena.

Ortiz weighed 135, Portilla 141 pounds.

IM Schedule

Wednesday Basketball

3:50 Dorm Counselors A vs. Gamma hall A, court 40.
4:35 Alpha hall A vs. Omega hall A, court 40.
5:15 Sherry Ross hall A vs. Sederstrom hall A, court 40.

Handball

4:00 Legal Eagles vs. McClure hall, courts 42, 44, 46.

Webfoots basketball coach Bill Borchert has a record of 58 wins and 53 defeats in his four years at Oregon. In conference play his record is 33-31 and non-conference 25-22. Plus 18 wins in 20 games on a 1954 Far East tour.

Oregon Frosh Beaten By Pacific Jayvees

By Jerry Ramsey
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Oregon's Ducklings held the edge in field goals, but Pacific university JV's grabbed a 58-52 triumph in Mac Court action last night. The JV's capitalized on 22 free throws and controlled rebounding, while the Ducklings were whistled at to the tune of 23 fouls.

In scoring, big Tom Bourgeois hooked in 26 points and was a rebounding lion for Pacific, while Oregon speedster Bud Kuykendall saw limited action but hit 22 to lead his comrades. Gangling P U center Jerry Kalapus added 14 markers in a winning cause.

The first half was a lack-luster affair, with Pacific grabbing 13 points via the gift route, and Oregon hitting 10 goals but no charity tosses. Neither team seemed able to move the ball with regularity, and the Ducklings were behind 20-18 with five minutes left. Then Bourgeois and Kalapus rang the bell and the half ended with PU in command, 27-20. As the second period got under way, Oregon showed spirit and accuracy as they sliced the JV's lead to 27-25.

Richie Curtis became the hero of this uprising when he

dropped in three free throws to stake Oregon to a short-lived lead at 28-27. But Bourgeois unlimbered three quick hooks and the Ducklings bogged down, until a series of fast breaks by Kuykendall set them off again. Bourgeois and Co. kept pace, although ten points (54-44) was their widest margin.

With three minutes left, the Ducklings gave their last try, but the heady JV's repelled the attack with a stiff defense. Frosh Jim McCabe dropped in a crumple and missed one as the game ended.

Summary:
Oregon (52) (58) Pacific JV
Sturgis (6) F (3) Adams
Shelley (3) F (26) Bourgeois
D'Olivo (8) C (14) Kalapus
Curtis (9) G (6) Thorpe
Kuykendall (22) G (6) Smith

Subs: Oregon Frosh—McCabe 4. JV's—Neibhur 2.

Miami Possibility For Mitt Rematch

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Bobo Olson's middleweight title return match with champion Sugar Ray Robinson may be held in Miami, Fla., Olson's manager announced Tuesday.

Manager Sid Flaherty said Jim Norris, head of the International Boxin club, had made an offer for a miami fight which was so attractive it merited strong consideration. What the offer was he did not say.

No date has been set for the Robinson-Olson rematch but, under terms of their contract, it must be held within 90 days after the Dec. 9 Chicago fight in which Robinson kayoed Bobo in the second round.

Olson's attempt to regain the middle crown had been tentatively set for Feb. 24 in San Francisco, but was recently postponed.

Flaherty said Truman Gibson, secretary of the IBC, had flown to San Francisco from Chicago to make the Miami offer.

Yankee Shortstop Inks Another Pact

NEW YORK (AP)—Little Phil Rizzuto, the oldest New York Yankee in point of service, became the first member of the American League champions to sign his 1956 contract when he agreed to terms Tuesday.

No terms were announced but it was believed that the 37-year-old shortstop, now reduced to part-time duty, accepted a sizeable cut that reduced his salary to \$25,000.

Rizzuto, in his 12th active season with the Yankees in 1955, appeared in 81 games, but completed hardly half of them. He went to bat a mere 143 times and wound up with a .259 batting average, 14 points below his lifetime mark of .273.