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Duck Tracks

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A recent article in the Oregonian tells about Don Kirsch and six of his Frosh basketball players appearing before the Oregon Club and giving a few why's and how's on the success of the Frosh Club this year. In the interest of those



DON KIRSCH
Teamwork does it . . .

who might not have seen it and are wondering about the sudden advent of a winning team, here are a few of the observations made by Kirsch and his charges.

Kirsch applauded the squad by saying that it was "one of the best working units we have had here in years." He went on to say that the team has done a remarkable job of working together and has developed a wonderful team spirit.

Kirsch admitted that there have been more outstanding players down here in former years but said that very few have been able to integrate into a team like this year's squad has.

The six Frosh ballplayers who went along with Kirsch to the luncheon were the ones who have seen the bulk of the action thus far this year. The first five, Chuck Rask and Jerry Anderson of Portland, Stu Robertson and Doug Lundstrom of Eugene, and Dale Jones of Salem, along with first-line substitute Hugh Springer of Portland, sat as a panel and answered questions which were put to them by the booster club.

Three Big Differences

The players rated three things as those which they noted as being evident in the differences between high school and college ball.

To them, the biggest things in the transition were the "increased emphasis on defense," the "need for extra speed, and the importance of team play," were especially evident. The boys have done a rather good job of adjusting to them, judging by their six-game winning streak.

Kirsch gave full credit to the team for their outstanding performance thus far this year, but a few observations are in order, considering the wonderful job Kirsch has done himself in bringing about this "team spirit."

Another Feather for Kirsch

Coupled with his yearly successes with the baseball squad, Kirsch has stuck another feather in his cap by helping to bring the Frosh along their road to success so far this season.

He, of course, didn't do it all, but the co-operation evident in Frosh play was certainly not achieved by the players themselves. A big hand for Don Kirsch for the job he has done this far, and best wishes to him and the Frosh team in their future contests.

As to future contests, the Ducklings have two big ones coming up this weekend. The first game, on Friday night, will be a prelude to the varsity game with Stanford, and the Frosh will be taking on their country cousins from up north for the first time this season. Then on Saturday night, the squad will meet Clark JC, whom they have already downed once this season.

The OSC contest looks like a pretty sure thing for our boys, since the Rooks have yet to win a game this season, and won't quite be able to match the backboard height of the Frosh, although they do have a center who towers 6-7.

At the luncheon with the Oregon Club, Kirsch commented that he thought that a number of this year's Frosh, if they continued to improve at the rate they had so far, would prove valuable assets to the varsity team in the future. If this year is any indication of their abilities, everyone will sure be looking for them next year.

Theta Chi Stays Unbeaten In IM Basketball Action

Theta Chi clinched at least a tie for first place in its league by defeating Alpha Tau Omega in a 22-19 thriller to highlight class A intramural basketball action Tuesday.

Another heart-stopper was Pi Kappa Alpha's double overtime 24-21 triumph over Kappa Sigma. Other games saw Sigma Chi defeat Beta Theta Pi; Phi Kappa Psi top Tau Kappa Epsilon; and Phi Epsilon Kappa down Lambda Chi Alpha.

One of the six scheduled games was Sigma Alpha Mu's forfeit victory over the Yeomen.

Pi-KA Outlasts K-Sig's

In a low scoring but exciting game, Pi Kappa Alpha edged Kappa Sigma 24-21 after the score was tied at the end of regular play and a first overtime.

The defensive minded Kappa Sigs led most of the way, 8-5 at halftime and 13-9 at the end of three quarters, but PiKA fought with eight points in the final five minutes to tie the score 17-17 at the end of regulation time.

Each club scored two points in the first two minutes overtime period, but P. E. Jeub clinched the game for PiKA in the second added session with two jump shots which Kappa Sigma couldn't overcome.

Franklin Gains Tie for Sixth In PCC Scoring

Charlie Franklin, Oregon's spring-legged forward, moved into a tie with Washington's Bruno Boin and Stanford's Bill Bond for sixth place in scoring, according to figures released today by the commissioner's office.

Franklin hit for 56 points against Washington State to bring his average up to an even 18.0 in his six conference games. The Cougars' Larry Beck got 54 points in the same series to extend his scoring lead. His average is 22.9, to 19.5 for second-place Danny Rogers of USC.

Oregon Center Hal Duffy moved up to 13th in the conference with a 12.2 average and stood third in rebounding with 75 out of 501 opportunities for a .150 mark. Franklin was sixth in rebounding on 63 grabs and a .125 average.

Top field goal marksman in the conference is Washington's Doug Smart, who has an 18.6 average and has hit on 52.3% of his shots. Others above the .500 mark are Dick Haga, Stanford, and Conrad Burke, UCLA.

In team averages, Oregon ranks high only in field goal defense. The Ducks have allowed only 120 baskets in 342 attempts by their opponents and stand third in the conference in that department.

The Webfoots are holding their own in rebounding, taking 252 off the boards to 249 for their foes, but they stand fifth in that area.

UCLA, which this weekend seeks to equal the all-time Pacific Coast Conference record for constructive victories, leads the PCC in three of the six team statistical departments.

The Bruins are first in total scoring, free throws and rebounding, while Stanford leads in field goals, California in total defense, and Washington in field goal defense.

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Jeub led the scorers with eight points, while high man for the losers was Skip Hall with seven.

Box score:

PIKA (24) (21) Kappa Sig
Jeub (8) F (6) Hallman
Larimore (5) F (7) Hall
Hayne (6) C (4) Kerschner
Masterson (2) G Hawkins
Ripke (3) G (4) Galleon
Halftime score: Kappa Sigs 8, PIKA 5.

Scoring subs, PIKA — None; Kappa Sigs—None.

Lambda Chi Falls

Phi Epsilon Kappa jumped out to an early 8-0 lead and went on to defeat Lambda Chi Alpha 26-16.

With big Bob Cook working the pivot, the PE majors were never in much trouble and led 8-2 at the first quarter, 16-6 at halftime and 20-8 at the end of the third quarter.

Cook, scoring mostly on lay-ins and free throws, tallied 13 points for high point honors.

Box score:

Lambda Chi (16) (26) PEK
Cropsey (4) F (4) George
Lenhart (4) F (2) Blair
Falkner C (13) Cook
Marsh (2) G (7) Duran
Stokes G Hayman

Halftime score: Phi Epsilon 16, Lambda Chi 6.

Scoring subs: Lambda Chi — Casey (1), McClain (4); Phi Epsilon Kappa—None.

Sigma Chi Romps

Sigma Chi was the only one point behind the season's highest game score when they walked off the floor with a 52-28 triumph over Beta Theta Pi.

It was a wild game with plenty of thrills with the superior speed of the Sigs winning out in the end. The Sigma Chi five led most of the way, holding a 26-13 advantage at halftime.

Don Delbon led the Sig attack with 16 points.

Box score:

Sigma Chi (52) (28) Beta
Delbon (16) F (2) Bashor
Williams (5) F (6) Grant
L. Lewis (11) C (2) Adams
S. Lewis (10) G (6) Tidwell
Hilstrom (8) G (8) Parker

Halftime score: Sigma Chi 26, Beta 13.

Scoring subs: Sigma Chi — Richlew (2); Beta— Shields (4).

ATO Rally Fails

Theta Chi held a slim 10-7 lead at halftime, but connected on four quick baskets to build an 18-9 advantage. The ATO's struck back with eight consecutive points of their own to close the margin to one point with less than a minute remaining.

Center Dave Wanaka led the

rally with two field goals and a pair of free throws, but it turned out not to be enough as Roger Diddock sank a pair of free throws in the last 30 seconds to ice the victory for Theta Chi.

The victory assured Theta Chi of no less than a tie for the league championship as they have yet to lose while second place Phi Delta Theta has one loss. The Phi Deltas won the basketball championship last year.

Box score:

ATO (19) (22) Theta Chi
McClain (2) F (2) Diddock
Peterson (6) F (2) Leland
Wanaka (11) C (4) Fitzsim's
Curtis G (10) Davis
Huggins G Maule

Halftime score: Theta Chi 10, ATO 7.

Scoring subs: Theta Chi, Spitznass (4); ATO—None.

Phi Psi Wins

Tau Kappa Epsilon provided stiff competition until midway in the second period when the Phi Psi's took control and went on to win 28-19.

Phi Psi led by only 13-12 when their team began clicking and by halftime led 18-12. The victors employed a tight defense in the second half to preserve their lead and win easily.

Don Milnes paced all TKE scorers with nine points. No box score was available.

Phi Psi also won the day's intramural handball match by defeating Campbell Club 3-0 in the quarter-final round.

IM Schedule

Wednesday, Jan. 30

Basketball

3:50 Morton A vs. Stafford A, Court 40.

4:25 Young A vs. Sheldon A, Court 40.

5:15 Sigma Nu A vs. Delta Upsilon A, Court 40.

Handball

4:00 Phi Epsilon Kappa vs. Chi Psi, Courts 42, 44, 46.

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