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Duck Tracks

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Last November, a group of freshmen joined together for the first time to play basketball. Many of them had not seen each other before that first day of practice. There were players from all over Oregon — Portland, Salem, Eugene and elsewhere — assembling for the first time, but all there for a similar purpose. Thus, began the 1956-57 season for Coach Don Kirsch and his Oregon Duckling hoopers.

Today, this squad is near the end of their first season at Oregon and with only one game to play are undefeated in 14 games. This squad, unlike most freshman teams, has worked well together. They have used their one common interest, love of basketball, and have developed into a well-organized group.

To be sure the Ducklings have talent. They have all-stars, all-leaguers, and players from championship high school teams, but without that teamwork they could not have won 14 straight. This team is not just a good team; it is a great one for a freshman squad and the players on it bring unlimited possibilities for great varsity teams in the future.

Rask, Lundstrom Pace Scorers

Six players, in particular, have stood out in this season's play. Guards Chuck Rask and Doug Lundstrom are two of the brightest prospects to play for an Oregon frosh team in several years and certainly their presence on the squad made their record possible. Rask and Lundstrom lead the team in scoring with 14.0 and 12.5 averages respectively. At center is Dale Jones, who has shown tremendous ability under the basket. Three forwards, Jerry Anderson, Stu Robertson and Hugh Springer have shown excellent shooting ability with all three possessing excellent jump shots.

Statistics will bear out how even the Duckling players are. Five players are averaging better than ten points per game. In every one of the Frosh games, at least three players have scored in the double figures. Totally, the Duckling players individually have scored ten or more points 49 times in 14 games. Rask leads the way, scoring in twin digits in 12 games. Lundstrom is second, scoring ten or more in 11.

Five of the six starters have scored 20 points or more in at least one game. High point totals for each of these six in a single game are: Jones 25, Robertson 24, Rask 24, Springer 22, Anderson 20, Lundstrom 18. On the average, the Frosh have outscored their opponents 69-55.

Subs Furnish Needed Relief

The rest of the squad has not been able to play much this season, but have surely been valuable when needed to spell the hard-working starters. Reserve forwards have been Dave Grosz, Jerry Pflug and Jim Allen; center, Berkeley Holman; guards, Scott Russell, Marlin Marsh, Jim Meagher, Tom Creager, Ed Syring and Ed Blakeley.

One game still remains on the Frosh schedule against Oregon State's Rooks Saturday night at OSC's Gill Coliseum. Only this game, the fourth of their four game 1957 series, stands between the Frosh and their first undefeated season since 1938. Oregon won the previous games this year from the Rooks 77-68, 40-29, and 57-43, giving the Ducklings their first Rooks series victory since 1951.

The true talents of the players on this team, of course, cannot be determined until next year and years after. But if 1938 Frosh results are any indication, the outlook is bright indeed, for the 1939 varsity team went on to win the first NCAA championship. All we can do is sit back and wait for their results against Pacific Coast competition. Until then — nice job Coach Kirsch and best of luck to you future varsity hoopers!

INJURIES STILL PRESENT PROBLEM

UO Wrestlers Ready for California Weekend Trip

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Oregon's injury-riddled wrestling team will embark on their final mat action of the dual meet season this weekend as they swing south through California to take on three squads in two days.

Teams slated for action against the Webfoots are San Jose State, Stanford, and California. The Ducks will take on both San Jose State and Stanford on Friday, and will then go on to Berkeley, where they will tangle with the Bears on Saturday afternoon.

The big gap left by the injury of four-year man Ken Kesey will be filled by sophomore Dave Fish, who had an outstanding record in his first year of competition.

Joining Fish on the trip will be another tough sophomore, Bob McCullough, who will go along as a 191 pounder in order to get some match experience for the upcoming PCI tournament.

Kesey Assistant Coach

The 191 class is not a regular dual meet weight, but it will probably be wrestled in most of the southern matches in order to prepare the squads for the tourney.

Also going along for added depth will be Howard Timmons and Bill Sharkey, neither of which have seen too much action so far this year. Timmons, however, made his letter last year, and is number two man behind

sophomore standout Jim Beaton. The rest of the squad will be the same as in the usual matches, except that Kesey will be traveling as an assistant coach, a capacity in which he has been serving for the past week since the partial recovery of his shoulder.

Bob Stevens, who was hindered by a shoulder injury last week is now in better condition, and will go at his regular 123 weight, followed by Olympic competitor Lee Allen at 130.

Junior J. D. Griffith will be holding down his regular 137 weight, and will be followed by veteran and team captain Dave Newland in the 147 class.

Jim Beaton at 157, George Krupicka at 167, Dave Fish at 177, Bob McCullough at 191, and J.C. Wheeler at heavyweight round out the traveling squad.

San Jose State Tough

The Ducks' opponents should be able to give them a good workout, with the toughest competition expected to be coming from San Jose State.

The Spartans have lost only one match so far this year, that to Oregon State, and have always placed high in the tournament. California and Stanford are not expected to press the Ducks too much, although Cal has some experienced men on the squad.

The team will leave today in

order to get to San Jose in plenty of time to rest up and be ready to go at 2 p.m. against the Spartans. Then on the same night, the Ducks will take on Stanford at Palo Alto and will journey to Berkeley the next day to tangle with Cal.

The Ducks will be seeking the start of another winning streak to replace the one of 21 consecutive victories, which was broken by Oregon State last weekend.

Three Pin Teams Get IM Victories

Hale Kane's Fred PinJuv didn't come close to equaling his record 289 performance of last week but nevertheless paced his Kane teammates to a win over Sigma Phi Epsilon in intra-mural bowling action Wednesday evening.

PinJuv's 205, 177, 205 netted 587 which was the highest series of the evening. Hale Kane triumphed 3-1, scoring 2728 to the Sig Eps 2570.

In the other games on the night's schedule, Nestor Hall defeated Phi Delta Theta, 4-0 and Delta Tau Delta downed Phi Gamma Delta.

Total pins were 2565 for Nestor and 2308 for the Phi Deltas while the Deltas registered 2635 to the Fij's 2595.

The final league standings will not be decided until today when incomplete games involving Pi Kappa Alpha and the Philadelphia House are due to be made up.

Seattle Notches 18th Win in Row

EVERETT, Wash. (AP)—Seattle U came to life in the second half Wednesday night for a basketball victory over Portland U, 95-81, as Elgin Baylor tallied 28 points.

Portland's Pilots, 105-95 victims of the Chieftains last night, took early command tonight and were in front, 50-44, at halftime, after leading at one point by 12.

Gene Kutsch, counting 25 points in the first half, led the Portland surge. He got fewer shots in the second half but wound up with a total of 29 to lead all scorers, even though he fouled out 3½ minutes from the finish.

It took Seattle only two minutes in the second half to chop up the Portland advantage and take a 54-52 lead. Wally Panel paced

a brief Pilot rally that gave the Portlanders a 57-56 advantage but Seattle bounced right back and scored 13 points while Portland was tallying only three.

Usually hounding the backboards, Baylor was playing more of a roving game tonight as the Chiefs wound up their "home" season on the Everett high school court. Big Elgin, who is hot in the scramble for national scoring honors with an average of 30 points per tilt, had just 19 at the half tonight and added only nine more in the second period.

Dick Stricklin was second for Seattle, scoring 22 points. It was the Chieftains' 18th victory in a row.

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