Favorites Gain Victories In Opening IM Action

Sigma Phi Epsilon, defending Class A intramural basketball champions, lost its first game of the season Monday to highlight the opening day's IM action—but the loss can't be classed as an upset.

Beta Theta Pi was the winner 22-19 and that squad bosts a top lineup of basketball stars.

In other opening-day action, Phi Delta Theta topped Alpha Tau Omega, 30-11, and Phi Kappa Psi defeated Delta Tau Delta, 22-8.

Betas Triumph

Sigma Phi Epsilon was just up against a little too much Monday as it dropped a 22-19 decision to star-studded Beta Theta Pi.

Just look at this Beta lineup of stars: Hugh Springer, Berkeley Holman and Dave Grosz, three sophomores from last year's undefeated Oregon freshman squad, and Jay Bashor, a second-string all-city product when he attended high school in Portland.

The Sig Eps put up a good fight trailing only 6-2, 12-8 and 18-15 at the end of each quarter but the superior talent of the Betas held out in the fourth quarter for the victory.

Box Score:

Betas (22)		**(19) Sig Eps**
Springer (4)	**F**	**(2) Wheeler**
Bashor (2)	**F**	**(5) Sfeen**
Holman	**C**	**(4) Dorman**
Grosz (8)	**G**	**(6) McCoy**
Herman (4)	**G**	**(2) Syring**

Scoring subs: Betas — Dodge (4); Sig Eps—none.

Phi Delts Win

Phi Delta Theta opened its 1958 hoop season with a 30-11 triumph over Alpha Tau Omega Monday.

The Phi Delts, leaders in the all-IM standings thus far, started slowly but their superior shooting ability and speed began to pay off shortly after the second quarter began.

ATO grabbed a 4-2 in the slow-moving first quarter but couldn't hold it. Phi Delta Theta led at halftime, 12-5, and at the end of the game, 30-11.

Larry Laing of the Phi Delts, led all scorers with six points.

Box Score:

Phi Delts (30)		**(11) ATO**
Scearce (4)	**F**	**(4) Berg**
Welch	**F**	**(2) McKay**
England (5)	**C**	**(1) Nelson**
Pifher (6)	**G**	**Titus**
King (5)	**G**	**(1) Notos**

Scoring subs: Phi Delts—Urness (1), Laing (10); ATO—none.

Phi Psi Rolls

Phi Kappa Psi rolled easily to a season-opening victory over Delta Tau Delta, 22-8, Monday.

The Phi Psi five rolled to a 4-0 lead at the end of the first quarter; built it to 8-2 at halftime; then ran away with the contest in the second half.

Superior height and accuracy paid off for Phi Psi as the Delts fell behind 14-7 at the third quarter mark. Mike Zimmerman, Phi Psi, led the scoring with eight points.

Box Score:

Phi Psi (22)		**(8) Delts**
Zimmerman (8)	**F**	**Meyers**
Bumford (2)	**F**	**Stragnola**
Johnson	**C**	**Jensen**
Collins (2)	**G**	**(3) Lansing**
Hoffman	**G**	**McCormick**

Scoring subs: Phi Psi—Ererhardt (2), McCormick (6); Delts—Weilind (5).

Handball

Phi Delta Theta defeated Sheldon Hall 3-0 Monday in the first match of the 1958 IM handball tournament.

Webfoot Cagers Drill for Huskies

"We shot poorly in both games," coach Steve Belko said of his Oregon Webfoot basketball fortunes last weekend in Los Angeles.

The Ducks lost their second and third games of the season, dropping the Friday night clash to UCLA 73-64 and the Saturday night contest to Southern California 73-52.

The two losses dropped Oregon into the cellar of the Pacific Coast Conference with an 0-3 record, but Belko still has high hopes for his hoopers.

STEVE BELKO
His Ducks face Huskies

"We played our worst two games of the season against tough competition," he said. "I hope this was a letdown.

"We had good shots—we've taken more shots than our opponents this year—but when your opponent hits 52 per cent of its shots (USC did just that in the first half against Oregon) and you only hit 26 per cent (that's what Oregon hit in the same first half), it hurts."

Belko was impressed with Oregon's second half play against the Trojans. "We played an entire sophomore team for 10 minutes against USC and cut the margin from 17 points to 10 points. We're particularly interested in those sophs."

The Webfoot hoop coach also liked the play of guard Chuck Rask in the second half against UCLA.

In Belko's estimation, the Bruins and the Trojans are two of the best teams in the PCC. "(Walt) Torrence, UCLA, played good ball and so did Denny Crum. USC had a well-balanced team—sophomore Jim White especially stood out."

Oregon will drill this week for its upcoming Pacific Coast Conference battle against the University of Washington Saturday night at McArthur Court.

The Huskies are only a half game ahead of the Webfoots in loop play with a 1-3 record after being one of the pre-season picks for the crown.

The Webfoots will drill this week at defensing Washington and especially the Huskies' ace scoring threat, center Doug Smart. The Ducks will also work on getting more offensive punch.

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Globetrotters Win Before Howling Crowd

Harlem's gift to the basketball world, the fabulous globetrotters joked their way to an 83-72 victory over the Washington Generals before a near-capacity crowd at McArthur Court Monday night.

The Trotters played seriously just long enough to hold 22-21, 50-43 and 67-64 leads at the end of each period but the big show came from the clowning antics of the world renown five.

Coach Abe Sapperstein's hoopers employed such tricks as hiding the ball up their jerseys, the rubberband free throw, the throwing of confetti at the crowd, which thought it was water, and many other stunts which kept the huge audience in stitches and almost drove the referees crazy.

Aside from the joking, the Harlem five displayed an amazing skill with the basketball and scored almost at will; in fact, once in a while they'd help the opposing Generals by passing them the ball.

Before the game and during halftime a fine vaudeville act was presented including acrobatic acts, and a hoop magician.

Winning is not an unusual position for the Trotters. In 30 seasons, they've won over 5000 games while losing only 307.

Wrestling Squad Adds Gridders

Oregon's varsity wrestling squad was greeted by good news at practice Monday as veteran J. C. Wheeler changed his mind and turned out for practice, and Joel Schaffeld, rugged football guard, decided to turn out also.

These two new faces brightened the wrestling outlook considerably although neither is likely to go in Wednesday's meet with Lewis and Clark.

Wheeler was runner-up in the heavyweight division of the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate tournament last winter. Schaffeld has never wrestled before but is learning fast and will add depth to the team.

However, all news was not good news at Monday's drill. Coach Bill Hammer has had to return to the hospital for two weeks for treatment of the leg which he broke last year. In his absence Captain George Krupicka and Hammer's assistant Bill Sharkey will handle the team.

The addition of Wheeler brings the '58 mat squad to full strength. The team which thumped Washington 33-3 last week end had only three experienced wrestlers in the line-up, but since that time 147-pound Jim Beaton and 137-pound Ken Karnes have become eligible and the Ducks figure to be very tough in Coast competition.

Monday the team ran through a half hour of calisthentics and warm up drills, then worked on fundamentals, had a sequence scrimmage, worked at a competitive take-down drill, had a demonstration by Captain Krupicka, had an action drill, and Krupicka finally called off practice about 6 o'clock.

Oregon Mentor Leaves Hospital

Oregon's football coach, Len Casanova returned home Saturday from a Eugene hospital after having been hospitalized Thursday. He had been suffering from fatigue and chest congestion. Casanova now appears fully rested for a week's vacation in Ferndale, Cal.

The Webfoot coach, who hadn't had a full night's sleep since Oregon's fine performance in the 1958 Rose Bowl game against Ohio State, left the hospital after viewing the Senior Bowl game on television.

Cas' physician said the recovery was hastened by the stellar performance of star Oregon halfback Jim Shanley.

Shanley, who gained 75 yards in 11 carries, led rushing averages of all game backs with a 6.8 average gain per carry.

The physician said "He was cured by the time the game ended, so we told him to go on home." Cas' physician also added that "The congestion in his chest has been cleared and he appeared well rested."

The popular Duck mentor's brief illness cancelled some of the meetings he was scheduled to attend and address.

IM Schedule

Tuesday, Jan. 14
Basketball

3:50 Theta Chi A vs. Phi Gamma Delta A, Court 40; Sigma Alpha Epsilon A vs. Sigma Nu A, Court 43.

4:35 Kappa Sigma A vs. Chi Psi A, Court 40; Phi Kappa Sigma A vs. Lambda Chi Alpha A, Court 43.

5:15 Sigma Alpha Mu A vs. Canard Club A, Court 40; Fizzeds A vs. Yeoman A.

Handball

Canard Club vs. Sigma Nu

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