

Duck Tracks

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The midpoint of the 1958 Pacific Coast Conference basketball season is approaching with no clear-cut leader established as yet and no expectation of a runaway in the future. UCLA and California currently are tied for the top position in the PCC with 5-1 records followed closely by Oregon State with 3-1 and Idaho with 4-2. It may be a little early but first glances at the outstanding PCC hoop stars shows that this year's all-Conference team will not be an easy one to pick.

For one thing, there is a tremendous amount of outstanding guards on the coast this year. Pick two out of this imposing list of PCC ball hawks and playmakers: Al Buch and Earl Robinson, California; Walt Torrence, UCLA; Whaylon Coleman and Gary Simmons, Idaho; Chuck Rask, Oregon; Monte Gonzales, Southern California; Paul Neumann, Stanford; and Jim Ross, Washington State.

Torrence and Simmons probably have the inside track at this early stage of the season. The springy UCLA sophomore has averaged 12 points a game and is one of the PCC's leading rebounders as a guard! Idaho's high scoring outside man is currently the leading scorer in the loop with a 22.7 average in six games.

Rask One of PCC's Best

Other guards could easily break into the All-Star squad. Oregon's playmaker Rask, though a sophomore, has come along fast—he's averaged 10.3 points per game and is one of the PCC's leading free throw percentage shooters. The California Duo of Buch and Robinson have averaged 11.8 and 10 points. Idaho guard opposite Simmons, Coleman, has poured 11.8 points through the hoop. Gonzales is USC's top guard with an 11.9 average. Neumann of Stanford averages 11, while WSC's Ross has the same average.

All-Coast possibilities at the forward position include Conrad Burke and Jim Halsten from UCLA, Charlie Franklin from Oregon, Dave Gambie and Ken Nanson from Oregon State and John Arrillaga from Stanford.

Franklin, the cat-like 6-3 senior, is probably Oregon's most-likely candidate for All-PCC honors. He is due to set a new University scoring record against PCC competition and has been the main offensive weapon for the Ducks in his three years on the varsity.

Gambie Almost A Sure Bet

The Burke-Halsten duo are part of the well-rounded Bruin club and both have averaged better than 10 points per game during the season. Oregon State's 6-7 Gambie seems like the best bet for all-star honors. He, like the Webfoots' Franklin, should set a school scoring record this season. Nanson has been the Beavers' big surprise this season highlighted by a 31-point scoring night in an earlier game. Stanford's John Arrillaga is one of the conference's top clutch players and boasts an 11.8 average in his first six PCC games.

Even at this early date there appears to be one clear-cut all-conference choice at center—Doug Smart, Washington's 6-7 scoring and rebounding demon. The Husky junior has scored better than 20 points per game in PCC competition and leads the conference in shooting accuracy with 40 hits on 88 tries for a .455 average. He's second in rebounding too. Other centers, who probably won't top Smart but should receive mention in the season-ending polls, include Hal Duffy of Oregon, Ben Rogers of UCLA, and Jim Hanna of Stanford.

Talent in the PCC is better than it has been in years—and its more evenly distributed. Each club can boast at least one player who has a good chance to make all-Coast choice at the season's end.

Ducklings Meet Beaver Rooks

The first of four "Little Civil War" battles is on tap for Oregon's Frosh cagers tonight. Coach Don Kirsch and his 12-man squad will depart from Eugene at 4 this afternoon by chartered Greyhound bus and storm Corvallis for a 6:30 p.m. encounter with the Oregon State College Rooks at Gill Coliseum.

The initial 1958 meeting of the two arch-rivals will bring together a pair of evenly-matched fives. The Rooks have the edge in height, with center Karl Anderson stretching 6'9" above the floor, and dominating OSC scoring with a 16 points-per-game average in three contests.

Oregon has held the scoring edge in six of their seven games this season, but tonight's contest will be the first time the Ducklings have run into any height superiority in their opposition. Kirsch doesn't plan to take any special defensive measures against Anderson unless the rangy pivot-man causes too much trouble under the bucket.

Oregon's last outing resulted in a convincing 71-61 win Saturday over Clark JC. Kirsch was pleased with the Ducklings' good team game and the fact that everyone played hard. He was also happy with the steady improvement of the Frosh's offense and defense.

Kirsch named a tentative starting five for tonight's contest which included Denny Strickland and Murray Newton at forwards, Pudgy Hunt at center, and Leon Hayes and Butch Kimpton at guards.

Vandal Gridders Announce Slate

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP)—The University of Idaho announced a nine-game 1958 football schedule Thursday including a Sept. 27 engagement with the Missouri Tigers of the Big Seven Conference at Columbia, Mo.

It will be the Vandals' first football contact with Missouri, now coached by Dan Devine who handled the unbeaten Arizona State Sun Devils last season.

The remainder of the schedule: Sept. 20, at Oregon; Oct. 4, Utah at Salt Lake City; Oct. 11, Washington State at Moscow; Oct. 18, Oregon State at Moscow; Oct. 25, University of Arizona at Tucson; Nov. 1, San Jose, Calif. State College at Boise; Nov. 8, Montana at Missoula, and Nov. 15, Utah State at Moscow.

Local End Picked For Prep All-Star

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Two hundred five pound Greg Willener of Eugene, Ore., was named an end on the fourth team in the eleventh annual Prep All-America football selection by the Wigwam Wisemen of America today.

Ten other Oregon high school football players received honorable mention.

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Tight Contests Dot IM Action

Hale Kane and Sigma Alpha Mu were extended to the fullest in gaining Class B intramural basketball victories Thursday, but Campbell Club rolled easily to its triumph.

Kane came from a seven-point deficit going into the final quarter to win 27-23 over the Legal Eagles; SAM displayed a tight defense in grabbing a close 15-13 victory over Tau Kappa Epsilon; but Campbell Club had no difficulty in defeating the Philadelphia House 42-17.

Kane Triumphs

Hale Kane fought the Legal Eagles to the wire in yesterday's IM thriller, but could not land the decisive blow as the Eagles posted a 27-23 victory.

Hale Kane drew first blood when center Harris sank a field goal, but the Eagles fought back to gain the lead. Legal Eagles led nine-seven at the first quarter whistle. In the second period the action was so furious that only five points were scored; two by Hale Kane and three by the Eagles. Again it was the Eagles who held the advantage as the half ended.

In the second half Jones and Hornecker sparked the Eagle attack and at the end of the stanza they led 21-14, the widest margin of the game. Hale Kane could not overtake their foes in the final stanza and therefore lost 27-13. Harris supported a losing cause with nine points while Jones netted eight for the winners.

Box Score:
Kane (23) (27) Eagles
Granning (3) F (1) Hallinan
Slate F (5) Berg
Harris (9) C (7) Hornecker
Furukido (5) G (3) Alkins
Asari (2) G (8) Jones
Scoring Subs: Hale Kane—
Harada (4); Legal Eagles—
Mulder (1), Schmidt (2).

Sammies Win

Sigma Alpha Mu edged Tau Kappa Epsilon 15-13 in IM action yesterday on court 40.

Neither team could get their offensive units on the move, as the first half score shows. Both teams left the playing court at half-time on even terms. The score was four to four.

The Sammies gathered their forces for what seemed to be a third quarter surge. After many minutes of football the Sammies managed to grab a eight to seven lead at the end of the third stanza.

With two and a half minutes left in the game Teke knotted the score at ten all, but the Sammies took advantage of the Teke's inability to hit the mark and

iced the contest by sinking two field goals and a charity toss.

Box Score:
SAM (15) (13) Teke
Miller (1) F (3) Tulasoso.
Mandler (2) F Lester
Blau (4) C (2) Kincade
Landskrn. (4) G (3) Yamanak.
Rubenstein (2) G (3) Getty
Scoring Subs: SAM — R.
Landskroner (2); TEKE—
Coosan (2).

Phillies Lose

Earnest Moss scored 15 points to lead Campbell Club in a 42-17 victory over Philadelphia House in a class "B" game.

Both teams started slowly at the opening toss, but Campbell jumped to an eight-two first quarter lead, as Philadelphia came to life, but the clock ran out thus ending the rally. Campbell led 11-6 at the half.

In the final half, Campbell's artillery shook the net for 31 points. The victors held the Phils to 11 tallies and at the final buzzer Campbell boasted a 25 point margin.

Box score:
Campbell (42) (17) Philadel.
Moss (15) F Mitchelmore
Oakes (3) F (2) McCall
Olson (1) C (2) Williams
Scholz G (4) Cure
Tiger (7) G (7) Mark
Scoring subs: Campbell—Ar-
necklev (8), Harris (8);
Philadelphia—Olson (2).

IM Schedule

Friday, Jan. 24
Basketball

3:53 Sigma Phi Epsilon A vs. Phi Delta Theta A, Court 40. Alpha Tau Omega A vs. Sigma Chi A, Court 40.
4:35 Delta Tau Delta A vs. Theta Chi A, Court 40. Phi Gamma Delta A vs. Delta Upsilon A, Court 43.
5:15 Sigma Nu A vs. Kappa Sigma A, Court 40. Chi Psi A vs. Tau Kappa Epsilon A, Court 43.

Handball

4:00 Kappa Sigma vs. Philadelphia House, Court 42, 44 and 46.

Bulletin

PORTLAND (AP)—The University of Oregon rallied to defeat Portland State 17-15 in a wrestling match here Thursday.

J. C. Wheeler, an end on the Oregon football team, won a decision over Don Kemp in the deciding match.

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