

EMERALD SPORTS

Hopeful Gym Team Sets 3-Way Battle

By DAVE BARONTI
Sports Writer

The clowning's over. So are the exhibitions and intra-squad meets. The competition's for real now . . . and the Duck gymnasts are hopeful.

Their first meet—a tri-dual affair with Washington State and Chico State—gets underway this Saturday at 1 p.m.

The meet, if nothing else, will be some sort of revelation for head coach Dick Smith . . . because right now he frankly doesn't know what to think of his crew.

The team held an intra-squad meet last weekend; the lettermen going against the novices. Ordinarily the results of such an encounter would be lopsided, but the youngsters came within one point of doing to the varsity what the UCLA frosh basketballers did to their teammates awhile back—beating them.

"Good Performance"

And Oregon's beginners had no Lou Alcindors to lead them. "It was just a surprisingly good performance on the part of all of them," said head coach Dick Smith.

In contrast, the Duck veterans looked somewhat ragged . . . "definitely below par."

So Smith has mixed emotions. If the veterans improve on last year's form, he can count on a winning season—perhaps a second in the Pacific Northwest. If not, he will be hard put to match last year's fourth place finish.

But as far as this week is concerned, the only thing Smith knows less about than his team is the Washington State bunch. Last year's Cougar squad, third in the northwest, was hit hard by graduation.

The Oregon mentor does know something about the Cougars—but it isn't any cause for joy. "Their Jack Shaw will take first in the side horse. He's great, and we haven't anyone to challenge him," indicates Smith. "As for Chico State, they're not very strong. We should beat them."

UBC Next

The next meet after this week will be February 18 in Vancouver where the Ducks will meet the University of British Columbia. But that get together might be anti-climactic — in view of the team Oregon will go against the following day in Seattle.

The University of Washington is a perennial powerhouse—not only in the Northwest, but everywhere.

Last year, the Huskies were second in the country, first on the coast, and—surprise!—northwest champions!

All indicators are that they will stay champs. With a man of national caliber in the all-around event—junior Mike Lovell—and several transfers who look even better, the Washington team

doesn't figure to be beaten by anyone around.

When questioned about the Huskies, Smith doesn't say that he expects to win. But he doesn't expect to lose, either. He just hopes. . . .

Ducks Host Meet

The Huskies are human—like Michigan State, Arkansas and Nebraska. And Oregon has human aspirations—just as the New York Knickerbockers do when they plot to beat the Celtics.

Anyone interested in watching that Washington squad will be able to see them Feb. 26 at Mac
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Sort of an Anniversary

STAB Eyes Plan For Hoop Change

By LYNN MUGHEN
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With all the attention being focused on such organizations as CORE, YAF, and SWINE, the Emerald sports staff has thought it only fair to present the views of a lesser-known group. The opinions of this body, STAB, are stated by its self-appointed president, Horatio (Hang) N. Effigy.

Emerald: Just what do STAB's initials stand for, Mr. Effigy?

Effigy: Students Totally Against Belko, of course.

Emerald: What are STAB's objectives?

Effigy: We intend to get Belko fired, and a good coach hired, as soon as possible.

Emerald: That seems rather hasty, in view of the fact that the season has just begun. Supposing the team has a winning season?

Effigy: Is the Pope a Protestant? Is Charlie Brown a winner? Will 14 of the scheduled teams not show up?

Emerald: Very well put, Mr. Effigy.

Effigy: However, we intend to give Belko a chance to show

what he can do.

Emerald: That's good of you. Going to give him 'til the end of the season, huh?

Effigy: Not exactly.

Emerald: What exactly?

Effigy: If the University of Washington scores first on Friday, the show is on.

Emerald: Isn't that rather impetuous.

Effigy: Not really, I was considering beginning the campaign if we lost the opening tip-off, but I decided that might be interpreted as unfair.

Emerald: Very considerate.

Effigy: Now of course, if by some remote chance that not even the Wizard of Id could foresee, the team wins a few games, we might have to re-organize our plans a bit.

Emerald: In what manner?

Effigy: We think a pair of 20 point-victories over Oregon State would be a fair measure of any improvement on the part of Belko. Nineteen points and its all over.

Emerald: You expect not one, but two, 20 point victories over Oregon State, the guys who won the tournament we finished last in?

Effigy: Of course, quite fair I believe. After all, the Ducks have Jim Barnett back now.

Emerald: Yes. Enough about the objectives of STAB, how large an organization is it?

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IM Schedule

Basketball

3:50—Court 40, Clark A vs. Douglas A
Court 43, DeCou A vs. Dymont A

4:35—Court 40, Boynton A vs. Burgess A
Court 43, Chargers A vs. Bean East A

5:15—Court 40, Phi Kappa Psi A vs. Delta Upsilon A
Court 43, Phi Delta Theta A vs. Alpha Tau Omega A

Handball

4:00—Adams vs. Parsons
4:45—Phi Kappa Alpha vs. Thornton

Swim Team 'Thin' in '66

By PAUL POLSKY
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The 1966 edition of the Oregon swimming team presents a study in concentration by their head coach, Don Van Rossen, and the possibility of many close meets which could produce unwanted ulcers.

The Oregon finmen lost many fine swimmers from last year's varsity, including Dick Boyd and Charles Staples who held nine records between them, but a fine group of sophomores, including some boys who have come from the unknown ranks will bolster the squad.

Coach Van Rossen named four men as outstanding on this year's "sort of thin" varsity.

Jay Greening is a sophomore from Cotton Wood, California. The lean sprinter has come out of nowhere to lead the Ducks in their quest to repeat or go higher in PAC competition this year. The Ducks finished second to powerful USC last year.

Beats Cal, Stanford

"Greening has held up real well with two firsts in the 50 yd. freestyle," related Van Rossen. With times of 22.5 and 22.9 Greening was able to beat Stanford and California's bests last weekend.

Before Christmas Greening turned in one of the best times on the coast with a 22.1 effort against BYU. Van Rossen was very pleased and was amazed at the progress Greening has made.

Another virtually unknown sophomore, Bruce Hess, is stroking up a storm in the 100 yd. freestyle and the 200 yd. individual medley. The Duck mentor reported that Hess had done nothing in college competition before, but he was pleased to find such a fine performer.

"Hess has turned in one of the fastest times anywhere in the 100 free with an effort of 49.8 against Stanford," said Van Rossen. Hess also anchored the Ducks to a win in the 400 yd. freestyle relay that won the meet for Oregon against Cal.

Holding in Fly

Monty Holding, a junior from Victoria, B.C., has been doing a fine job in the butterfly for the Duck finmen.

With a recent time of 2:04.8, a very impressive time for this early in the year, he bettered his own best time by eight seconds. He finished first against Stanford over the weekend.

The last of Van Rossen's "big four" is Dale Wood, one of the three seniors on the squad, an Australian with a lot of experience.

"Wood is starting to get into good shape and will help us a lot in the distance events," related Van Rossen. Wood is the best Oregon swimmer in the 200 and 500 yd. freestyle events.

One of Van Rossen's biggest problems this year is the lack of numbers. "This is one of our smallest squads in recent years," bemoaned the coach.

There are only 17 swimmers and two divers out right now. The

swimming team has also been hampered by some eligibility problems and a couple swimmers who dropped out of school.

Shutts Brothers

Backing up for the "big four" are Pete and Judd Shutts, a couple of very capable swimmers. Pete is the better in the IM as he has turned in the most consistent times in that event this year. His brother has been a sort of clean-up man and swims almost anything the coach has asked him and has done real well in his efforts.

As an outlook for the PAC season Van Rossen feels that USC is still the class of the league with UCLA a strong challenger this year. Stanford should finish third with the Ducks and Washington battling for fourth.

The PAC finals will be held at the City of Commerce in southern California this spring, with SC the host team.

Coach Van Rossen foresees a very spectacular year for the Ducks in that "we will have a lot of close meets. Many will probably be determined in the last race."

"Due to our lack of depth we will have to scramble for points which could produce a lot of ulcers. However, it will be an exciting year and will produce good shows for the spectators," he concluded.

Ski Quacks Set For 3 Big Meets

The University Ski Quacks will hold a meeting today at 9:30 p.m. in the SU. The room number will be posted.

All old and any interested new skiers are asked to attend by coach Tore Steen.

The Oregon Ski Quacks opened the season with lots of snow but poor skiing conditions and had to cancel their first meet.

Coach Tore Steen hopes to reschedule last week's race, which was to be held at the Sugar Bowl, near Squaw Valley in California, this weekend if snow conditions improve.

Steen outlined the team's schedule for the first part of winter term and indicated that the Quacks will travel to the Washington Invitational January 22 and 23 at Crystal Mountain. The University of Washington will host the event.

The Washington Invitational will be a four-way meet with competition in the downhill, slalom, cross-country, and jumping.

Steen announced that the Ducks will likely encounter some of their toughest competition in this first big meet from teams as Idaho, Montana St., and possibly the University of British Columbia. "The competition will be very strong," Steen said.

Only the men's team will make the trip to Washington.

On the weekend of January 29 and 30 the Ski Quacks will host the second annual University of Oregon Invitational Alpine and Nordic Championships. The competition will be held at Mt. Bachelor near Bend, Ore.

Steen stressed a need for special personnel, especially people with ski patrol experience, to help out with the running of the events. There will also be gatekeepers jobs available.

During the month of February the Ducks will travel to Reno, Nevada for one of their biggest events of the season. The Ski Quacks will enter the University of Nevada Winter Carnival.

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