

It's Not the Same

Freshmen Slate Contests

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Remember the freshman basketball team? The one that upset Oregon Medical-Dental School last weekend?

Well, it's no more . . . Or at least not the same.

Jim Hannon, the team's top scorer and rebounder, has been declared ineligible by the Pacific Athletic Conference because of some academic technicality not yet clear to coach Jerry Anderson.

Without him, the Ducklings

must face what is in Anderson's words "the best" Oregon State frosh squad ever assembled at 6 p.m. Friday evening and again at 2:30 Saturday afternoon.

The Beavers have three all-state players (two from Oregon, one from Washington), one all-city performer from Los Angeles, and another all-stater, this one from the A-2 ranks, who played for Riddle.

Enough said? There's more . . . One of those all-staters—Vince Fritz from Portland's Central Catholic—was the most sought-after prepster in Oregon last year.

"He's far and away the best freshman in the state," says Anderson. "And outside of UCLA, he is probably the best on the coast."

So the Ducklings have their work cut out for them.

Ball Control

Anderson had planned on running with OSU; "but now that Hannon's gone, we'll have to play ball-control . . . I doubt that we'll get more than just one shot at a time at the basket."

The frosh, however, definitely have plans on winning . . . and there's reason to suspect that they might pull it off.

The Oregon Medical-Dental School that the Ducklings beat last weekend beat the Rooks earlier in the year.

"But, says Anderson, "to beat the Beavers—especially without Hannon—we're going to have to play our best game this year. I think we can. Everybody seems to think that our season ends after this week."

Hannon, incidentally, will be eligible for varsity competition next year; and will continue to work with the freshman.

"He definitely has a future. Even now, he's probably a better rebounder than anyone on the varsity," said Anderson.

Wrestlers Ready

Wrestling coach Art Keith, who handles both the varsity and frosh, is also preparing his freshman for action this weekend.

The matmen meet Portland State at approximately 6:30 Saturday afternoon—or, immediately following the freshman basketball game.

"I don't know much about Portland State's frosh," said Keith. "Except that they're always good. They'll give us plenty of competition."

And whereas hoop coach Jerry Anderson has lost a performer, Keith seems to have "found" one.

"John Fralick, our 160 pounder, has been looking exceptionally well in practice lately," said Keith. "He's been trying the new moves, and, more important—has been making them work."

"Basically, though, our team has balance."

Freshman swimmers will compete in the Dick Strite Memorial championships this weekend at the YMCA pool . . . a meet that annually draws upward from 400 athletes, and from places as far away as Montana and Colorado.

According to coach Don Van Rossen, the prime concern of the Ducklings will be to better individual marks "a team trophy, though, would be nice."

Principal attention will be focused to one Stephen Bond who wasn't even listed on the freshman swim roster when the year started.

But that's only because he was at his home in New Zealand at the time. Since he arrived in Eugene, however, he has broken two freshman records: both at a meet last week in Portland.

Bond, a cousin of Oregon rugby coach Bruce Howe (guess who "sold" him on Oregon?), swam the 1650 yard and 500-yard freestyle events in 19:02 and 5:21 respectively.

Other performers to watch, according to Van Rossen, include Stephen Cowden from Santa Cruz, Calif., Mike Dowling, South Eugene, and Wayne Schwandt, a diver from North Eugene who, according to Van Rossen, is "getting good enough to be in the middle of the PAC championships next year."

Chess, Billiards Set Competition

All-campus chess and billiards tournaments will get under way next week to determine Oregon's entries into the Region 14 Games tourney, which the school will host Feb. 10-12.

Billiards competition will begin Wednesday, while the chess tournament will be held Jan. 29-30 (Saturday and Sunday). Both events are sponsored by the SU games committee.

Monday has been set for the billiards sign-up deadline. Competition is open for both men's and women's pocket billiards as well as men's carom billiards. Interested students should sign up at the Recreation Desk or phone ext. 1815.

Registration for the chess tourney will be held from 9-10 a.m. Jan. 29, with the first round starting at 10. Players should bring their own sets.

IM Schedule

Handball

4:00—Phi Kappa Psi vs. Pi Kappa Alpha
4:45—Theta Chi vs. Young

Basketball

3:50—Court 40, Robbins B vs. Gamma B
Court 43, Watson B vs. Chargers B
4:35—Court 40, Delta Chi B vs. Delta Tau Delta B
Court 43, Boynton A vs. Parsons A
5:15—Court 40, Burgess A vs. Bean East A
Court 43, Deady A vs. Sociology A

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