

EMERALD SPORTS

WEBFOOT-PRINTS . . .

Soccer Champs

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Although the Oregon basketball squad is still in the thick of things in the AAWU hoop race, one Duck team has already nabbed a championship this winter. And it still has a third of a season to go.

Jan Broekhoff's soccer team, third-place finishers in the Oregon Intercollegiate Soccer Association last year, flew to six straight wins this fall and winter over conference opponents and wrapped up the league title. No. 6 came Saturday in Corvallis on a come-from-behind 3-2 victory over Oregon State.

And even though the Duck team, and the OISA's other squads, have three contests remaining, the tension of a title race is all over. The reason? Compare second place Oregon State and Lewis and Clark's 2-3-1 records—good for five points—with Oregon's 6-0 mark—worth 12 points in the standings—and you have it. All other contenders were mathematically eliminated.

"It's a relief," said Broekhoff Wednesday. "It's always nice to wrap it up. The rest of the games will just be sort of frosting on the cake."

One of Broekhoff's trademarks this year was strong optimism towards his team's weekly contests—and it looks like this attitude has been fairly effective after the six victories. One of the reasons for the apparent optimistic outlook has been a rejuvenated team.

"Personnel Better, Competition Easier . . ."

"The competition for us has been quite a lot easier this year in the conference," he said. "It's mainly because we've added some new players." Along with the Oregon additions, according to Broekhoff, Lewis and Clark suffered a loss in personnel and Oregon State "stayed about the same as last year."

Performance-wise, Broekhoff said, "We have improved much more than the other teams while Lewis and Clark is definitely weaker."

A look at the association's standings a week before the final competition last year will show the different type of championship battle in 1965 as compared to '66. Oregon, with a 4-2-1 record, still had a chance to tie league-leading Lewis and Clark and force a play off with a win in the final game of the season. But a loss to OSU upset this idea of the Oregon team. "That shows how tight it was last year," remarked Broekhoff.

One of the three contests remaining for the Ducks will be played in Eugene. Feb. 26 Oregon will meet Portland—the fourth member of the conference, and resting solidly in last place—on the University campus. The other two conference tilts will be held in Portland against Lewis and Clark, the next one being this Saturday.

Along with this trio of matches, Broekhoff is trying to arrange an all-star game in Eugene with Oregon playing against members of the other three teams. Included in the affair would be the transferring of the Walter Kyllmann Cup from Lewis and Clark possession to Oregon. "It's still tentative," Broekhoff said, "but I'll try to get something done on it."

Sonnenschein's Back . . . and Winning

An interesting sidelight to the Oregon soccer story is a first-team reserve forward, Werner Sonnenschein. Sonnenschein competed for Bill Bowerman's track squad last spring—setting the school record in the triple jump at 49-5 $\frac{3}{4}$ and many times winning the admiration of the crowd with a warm smile and a few gestures toward the fans.

Sonnenschein tallied two goals Saturday while competing for the Oregon second team, adding to the points he scored in first team competition earlier this year. The second team beat OSU, 2-0.

"It's good conditioning," said Broekhoff. "You use your leg muscles quite a lot. He's a good soccer player, a good man. He made two nice goals Saturday."

The conflict between the German student's two sports doesn't seem to upset Bowerman. "Bill Bowerman said to go ahead and play soccer. It doesn't bother Bowerman and it doesn't bother me," added Broekhoff.

Notes . . .

Friday's wrestling win by Oregon over California saw a former placer in the NCAA championships fall to a Duck grappler. Cal's Alan Seigel, a fifth-place finisher in 1965 at 130 pounds, was soundly defeated by Oregon's Craig Caster, 21-8. But the fact that Seigel was wrestling up a couple of weights might have had something to do with the result. Seigel, who had only lost one out of nine matches before the meet in McArthur Court, will more than likely enter tournament competition in a few weeks at 137 pounds, quite a bit lower than Caster's 152-pound weight division. . . .

Jim Barnett continues climbing the Oregon career basketball scoring ladder. The Duck senior now has 1,185 points—303 this year in 17 games—and trails second place Dick Wilkins by one point. Wilkins gained his total in a four-year period, from 1945-48. . . .

When Southern California meets Oregon in Mac Court Friday night, the Trojans will also have a competitor aiming for scoring records. All-conference center John Block has scored at almost a 33-point average in his last five games—164 points—and is nearing the Troy single season mark of 645 points set in 1961 by John Rudometkin. Block now has 485 counters. . . .

Block set the AAWU consecutive free throw record over again by running his charity string to 37 straight last weeked. . . .

Oregon hoop scoring after 20 games . . .

	G	FGA	FG	Pct.	FTA	FT	Pct.	Reb.	PF	TP	Avg.	Avg.
Barnett, f-g	17	257	109	.424	111	85	.766	96	51	303	17.8	19.0
N. Jones, g	20	237	97	.409	66	43	.652	68	51	237	11.9	11.4
Pinkstaff, c	20	196	81	.413	82	65	.793	168	49	227	11.4	10.7
Craven, f	19	148	62	.419	33	19	.576	110	22	143	7.5	5.4
Kafoury, g	18	113	45	.398	13	11	.846	34	30	101	5.6	9.1
Jennings, f	17	90	32	.356	28	22	.786	62	29	86	5.1	5.3
Thomas, f	18	82	34	.415	31	16	.516	77	37	84	4.6	2.9
Smith, f	13	52	22	.423	27	19	.704	38	17	63	4.8	2.0
Franz, c	19	64	24	.375	12	6	.500	52	29	54	2.8	2.9
DuShane, g	12	37	12	.324	15	13	.867	19	25	37	3.1	2.0
J. Jones, g	6	21	9	.429	1	1	1.000	12	6	19	3.2	0.0
Nicksic, g	9	4	3	.750	2	1	.500	4	5	7	0.8	0.0
Romppanen, f	3	7	2	.286	3	2	.667	12	3	6	2.0	
Totals	20	1308	532	.407	424	303	.714	885	354	1367	68.3	66.4
Opponents	20	1283	505	.394	480	342	.712	930	356	1352	67.6	70.1

Swim Finals Draw Near

By GORDON ROSENBERG
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The Pacific Athletic Conference swimming finals are drawing near, and this weekend is the last chance for Oregon swimmers to qualify for the championships, which will be held in Los Angeles, March 3-5.

"We must turn in our entries next week," stated coach Don Van Rossen. "This weekend's performances will decide our line-up for the finals."

The Ducks follow their victory over Washington State by hosting the University of Pacific at Leighton Pool Friday at 7:30 p.m. The swimmers conclude their part in Dads' Weekend with the annual Frosh-Varsity meet at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The University of Pacific dumped San Jose State earlier in the season, in what was their best performance of the year. In case you've forgotten, SJS tied Oregon, 47-47, two weeks ago in Leighton Pool.

"UOP Like Arden Hills"

"They (UOP) are quite a bit like Arden Hills in that we don't know much about them," stated Van Rossen.

This should serve as a warning to the Ducks, since Arden Hills surprised Oregon earlier in the season with a 52-42 victory.

Van Rossen has had his boys working all week on speed in an effort to qualify as many as possible for the championships.

"Our times have been very good this week," he said. "We could have some top performances this weekend."

The Frosh-Varsity meet will actually be an intrasquad meet with several swimmers who have been out of action this year participating for the teams.

Greening Leads PAC

"This should make the meet a little more exciting," said Van Rossen.

Going into the last two weeks

of the regular season, sophomore sprinter Jay Greening still holds the faster conference time in the 50-yard freestyle.

Greening cut one-tenth of a second off his own mark against WSU by lowering his league-leading time from 22.3 to 22.2. He leads USC's sensational all-American Roy Saari by two-tenths of a second.

Besides Greening, senior captain Dale Wood and junior Monty Holding will be important to the Duck cause this weekend and in the finals.

Practice Times Good

"Woodie," as the Duck captain is known to his teammates, has been improving his 200- and 500-yard freestyle times of late, and should be about ready for the finals.

"Dale has turned in some fine times in practice this week," praised Van Rossen.

Holding has been a key to the Ducks all season long. He has earned some top times in both the 200-yard butterfly and in the freestyle events, including a very strong 5:09.8 in the 500 against Arden Hills.

An interesting sidelight to Friday's meet—Duck sprinter Dave MacKenzie may oppose his younger brother Jim, who is one of UOP's top sprinters. It's a good bet that the two will turn up in the same event.

PL-3 Program

THURSDAY

6:30—HUNTLEY BRINKLEY REPORT
7:00—CHILDREN'S LITERATURE: Children's Book Awards
8:00—PHYSICAL EDUCATION FILM: "Rescue Breathing." (Repeat)
8:30—ARTS USA: The life and work of photographer Dorothea Lange
9:00—ARTS AND ARTISTS: The career of romantic painter John Piper
9:30—PERFORMING ARTS: "Documentary 66." (Repeat)

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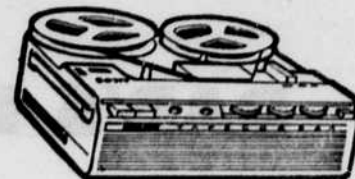
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