

At Oregon Club

Coaches Optimistic

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Optimism highlighted Monday's weekly Oregon Club luncheon, when Oregon coaches Dick Smith, Don Van Rossen, Art Keith, and Steve Belko addressed the Eugene Hotel gathering.

● Dick Smith, varsity gymnastics coach: "This was the best intersquad meet we've had. We will do well this year, and have a fine frosh team coming up to add depth next year."

● Van Rossen, varsity swimmin coach: "We'll have an outstanding group. The freshmen are so good they could upset the varsity."

● Keith, varsity wrestling coach: "We won't be anything special this year but we are looking ahead to some real fine prospects. The kids are eager and hard workers."

● Belko, varsity basketball coach: "We've worked like hell on defense. Although our shooting is not up to par it will come along and we'll be a pretty solid ball club. We're not discouraged over our opening performances."

And so it went, with the winter sports spotlight centering the 1966-67 season.

Smith Pleased

Smith was very pleased with his gymnasts. His frosh and varsity had a "tremendous" meet Saturday; he termed it the "best intersquad meet ever held at Oregon."

"We're much better than we were last year and next year looks very good with a lot of help coming from the freshmen," he said.

Van Rossen buggled over with enthusiasm about Monday night's frosh-varsity encounter. "The freshmen are that outstanding; they could upset the varsity."

Van Rossen is also looking forward to hosting the PAC championships here for the second time in three years. He rates the Oregon facilities of the "best on the coast."

Oregon Popular

"We did such a good job last time, many people are actually looking forward to coming back again," he said. "A lot of the kids from other schools and their coaches want to come to Oregon."

Van Rossen has also lined up a topnotch schedule which includes home meets with Oklahoma, Stanford, New Mexico, Utah, and Washington, some of the best teams in the nation.

Keith was the least optimistic of the coaches for the present, but feels that after this year, "a

building year," the grapplers will be able to hold their own.

"We have two seniors, two juniors, and the rest are sophomores," said Keith. "We'll have a real rough year, and will be lucky to break even."

However, he looks to the future. "In a couple of years you'll see the results," Keith added.

The frosh went to Gray's Harbor for a tournament and came away with four champions.

Turning to basketball the varsity went to the midwest, the heart of basketball country, to tangle with the Nebraska Cornhuskers and the Kansas State Wildcats.

Although the Ducks lost 79-56 and 52-47, Belko said, "We were not happy about losing, just disappointed, but not discouraged."

Nebraska Praised

"Nebraska was one of the best teams we've encountered this early in the year. They have great speed, and are faster than the UCLA team, speed-wise, that won the NCAA championship," said Belko.

"Our defense was good, a little tense against Nebraska. We hurt them on their vaunted press which was supposed to be so impressive," he added. "We hurt them twice, bad, and got some cheap baskets on them."

Belko was very pleased with the board play Saturday evening against K-State, a faze of the game the Ducks have worked hard on during practice.

The Ducks open their 1966-67 home slate against the Idaho Vandals Wednesday night and then meet the touring Australian national team in an exhibition, Friday evening.

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Varsity Swimmers Win

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A relay team of Oregon varsity swimmers came through with a victory in the 400 freestyle Monday—the last event of the night—to give their mates a 120-109 win over the frosh.

Nine records were established during the annual meet—six by the frosh and three by the varsity.

The score was close all the way, with less than five points usually separating the two teams.

As the final event approached, the varsity maintained a 113-109 lead. Bob Boyer, Bruce Hess, Jay Greening, and Don Smith then combined efforts to produce the final relay win.

Even though the frosh quartet finished second, it still set a new mark of 3:22.8.

Competition was heavy in both diving events. In the three-meter, Dennis Hartman, a freshman, became the first Oregon diver ever to score over 300 points in a dual meet.

He built up 300.95 points, while Wayne Schwandt, another frosh, took second with 271.55. Schwandt's effort also broke the school mark.

Hartman came in second to senior Larry Folinsbee in the one-meter. A one-half point margin gave Folinsbee the win as he racked up 293.30. Both men beat the old record by over 60 points.

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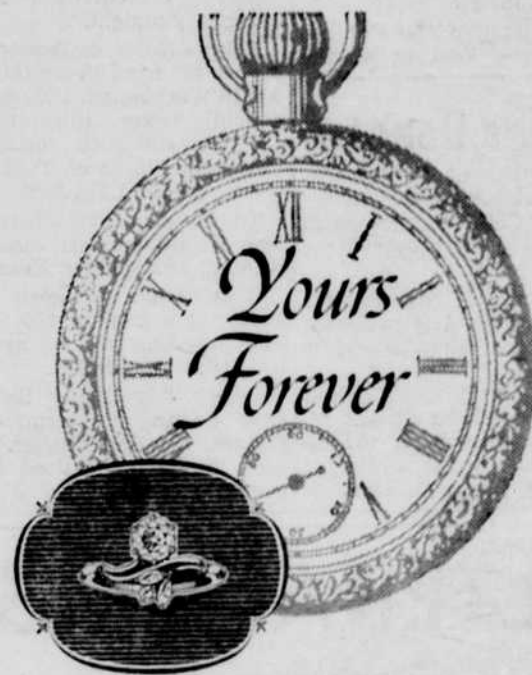
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