

For Basketball

Ducks Fly South

By **PAUL POLSKY**
Of the Emerald

The road-weary and victory-starved Oregon basketball Ducks will once again fly south this weekend to meet Bay Area PAC member schools California and Stanford.

Still winless in league play, the Ducks invade Harmon gymnasium Friday evening at 8 p.m. before transversing the Bay Bridge to attend an Indian war party in Stanford's tiny cracker-box gym Saturday also at 8 p.m.

The Ducks will be without Rick Abrahamson for the third week in a row.

Abrahamson, whose foot was injured in practice 17 days ago, has been ordered on crutches for "100 per cent rest" by doctors' orders.

Injury Like OJ's

His condition is something like the injury suffered by O. J. Simpson of Southern California where a ligament or muscle tear on the top of the foot has crippled the athlete.

Without Abrahamson, who hit for 16 points against Cal here, and 16 against Stanford at Portland, Belko will have to juggle his line-up.

"We'll make some changes," Belko conceded.

His mid-week plans call for guards Billy Gaskins and Mike Nicksic or Bob Rodgers. Center John Pinkstaff will open against Cal. The forwards will likely be Jim Henry and Kenny Smith or Bob Craven.

Bears Pose Problem

The Bears, 12-7, pose a real problem to Oregon as they have two excellent outside shooters in Russ Critchfield and Trent Gaines, plus the big man inside in the person of 6-10½ Bob Presley.

In the first game played between the Bears and Ducks, Oregon took a 96-81 defeat. Critchfield hit for 36, mostly from way outside, and Presley managed 29, mainly lay-ups and short jump shots.

"We'll have our hands full stopping Presley and Critchfield, Belko said. "And that California gym is no easy place to play."



RICK ABRAHAMSON
Gone for third week

However, the Webfoot boss would not commit himself on defensive plans, other than the week has been devoted to some man-to-man work and all other types of defenses.

Belko noted that the Golden Bears have lost only two home games this year and those were the front-running teams from UCLA and USC.

In Palo Alto, Big Red fans are still talking about Art Harris and the new school scoring record he set against Washington in a losing effort Monday night.

"Harris is our biggest problem with Stanford," Belko acknowledged. "However, over all we are pretty evenly matched up with a team for once."

The Ducks and the Indians have met twice previously, once in the Far West Classic and again at McArthur Court.

In both encounters, the Ducks came out on the short end, losing 68-64 and 79-73 respectively.

In the PAC counting game here, Harris poured in 37 points and led the Indians to an easy 79-73 romp.

Belko also added Don Griffin and Gary Petersmeyer to the list of defensive problems the Ducks will face against the Big Red.

Griffin in a great complement to the scoring of Harris and Petersmeyer at 5-11 is a good playmaker and hustler.

This will probably be the last year any team will have to face the Indians in their band-box Stanford Pavilion. A ultra-modernistic new gymnasium is currently under construction and is being fitted for 9,000 spectators compared to the measly 2,700 in the current arena.

Skiers in Idaho For Qualifying

By **STAN HORTON**
Of the Emerald

The culmination of months of hard work all go down to two days as Oregon sends its ski team to Brundage Mountain, Idaho for the Pacific Northwest NCAA qualifying meet.

Saturday and Sunday the eight Duck skiers will compete in four events: the ten-mile cross-country, slalom, downhill and a 40-meter jump. The first three teams and the top five individuals will get a chance to go to the NCAA championship meet the following weekend.

Chris Karp, advisor for the squad, mentioned that Oregon's three jumpers, Pol Walstad, Don McLain and Tom Bowerman, have only jumped "six times in their lives." He went on to add that although the team may be inexperienced in jumping it has fine all-around ability. Oregon currently leads the 14-member Oregon Collegiate Ski Conference and will be competing for the first time in an NCAA qualifying meet.

Karp also stated that the Ducks will be "the only team in the Brundage meet which is not a Varsity ski team." Oregon's ski squad is sponsored by Erb Memorial Union.

IM Schedule

BASKETBALL
3:50—Court 40—Carson A vs. Philadelphia A
Court 43—Collier A vs. Campbell A
4:35—Court 40—Counselors A vs. Five Aces A
Court 43—Soul Brothers A vs. Brown Helmets A
5:15—Court 40—Sigma Pi A vs. College Inn A
Court 43—Deady A vs. History A
HANDBALL
No games scheduled.

Mallards Face OSU Beavers

Several important games are on tap for this weekend for local soccer squads.

The undefeated Mallards take on second-place Oregon State to highlight the action. Oregon State lost a close 2-1 decision to the Mallards in an October match. The match will take place at Oregon at 2 p.m. with the field uncertain.

Sunday the Oregon Ducks were scheduled to tangle with the Portland Americans but the appearance of the Portland squad seems doubtful. Depending on the outcome of the match, the Ducks will finish first or be tied for first as this is the final round of play in the Portland Soccer League.

St. Patrick's must tie or beat Germania at Delta Park to keep Germania from tying Oregon with 3-0-1 records.

Weekend Sports

FRIDAY

Basketball—Varsity at California, Berkeley, 8 p.m.

Basketball—Frosh at Portland State, 6 p.m.

Wrestling—Varsity vs. Portland at McArthur Court, 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Basketball—Varsity at Stanford, 8 p.m.

Basketball—Frosh at Portland Community College, 8 p.m.

Swimming—Oregon vs. Oregon State at Leighton Pool, 2 p.m.

Skiing — NCAA qualifying, Brundage Mt., Idaho

Soccer—Oregon vs. Oregon State, here, 2 p.m.

Rugby—Oregon at Oregon State.

SUNDAY

Soccer—Oregon vs. Portland Americans, here, 2 p.m.

Ruggers Face Oregon State; Smith Injured

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Everything will be at stake when the Oregon Duck ruggers take on Oregon State Saturday in Corvallis.

The Divine Cup and the Northwest Intercollegiate Conference Championship are up for grabs when the two teams meet. Oregon has taken the Cup the last two years and hold the edge over OSU this year with an earlier 8-3 victory.

According to Joe Raven, coach-player for the team, "They gave us a tough go last time but we'll be up for them on Saturday." An injury problem could hurt the Ducks. Roger Smith, who has been scoring a lot of points for Oregon lately, has been plagued with bruises and may not see any action.

Oregon stands at 3-1-0 in conference action and 4-1-1 in season play. Their only loss was to University of Washington 8-3 in Seattle.

The Webfoot ruggers face Oak Bay on March 2 and enter the Monterey Tournament the following weekend.

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