

For king's-Xer

Ducks take hike up the 'pike

The Oregon Ducks will invade Gill Coliseum tonight for an 8 p.m. King's-X game with the Oregon State Beavers.

Starting for the ferocious fowls from Eugene will be the fearsome frontcourt of Al Carlson, center and Rusty Blair and Billy Ingram, forwards. Bounceball boss Dick Harter will go with Paul Halupa and Ken Strand at guards. This is Strand's first start since the Far West Classic and Halupa's fourth consecutive starting assignment.

Harter's hoopsters will have to face a net nicking herd of Orangemen. Sam Whitehead, 6-6, and Steve Ericksen, 6-11, will go at forwards. Six-nine Neal Jurgenson is at center and 6-4 Ron Jones and 6-2 Freddie Boyd at guards. Boyd, the Korvallis Kid's dribble master, is the Pacific-8's leading scorer, averaging better than 20 points a game.

The Lemon and Green gladiators take the hike up the 'pike with a 4-10 record, having lost their last eight contests. The



Phil Halupa...starting again

Quackers 0-4 Pac-8 record make them the cellar dwellers.

The Staters, under cage commander Ralph Miller, have a 10-6 record, 1-3 in the

Harter's attitude going into the contest is one of apprehensive optimism. He knows, or at least hopes, the Ducks won't stay mired in their groove of mediocrity forever. But he also knows that to avoid getting kicked in the tailfeathers and absorbing loss number 11—ninth in a row—some Webfoot wizardry is going to have to take place. In the Eugenians current condition, shooting 40 per cent for the game constitutes wizardry.

Against the Washington State Cougars, Oregon hit a sizzling 32 per cent. Contributing to that 32 per cent was an 8:18 stretch at the start of the second half when the Mac Court tenants couldn't beg, borrow, steal or hit a field goal. Nine free throws was all they managed.

That performance, coupled with the Ducks' being stranded in Spokane because of blizzard conditions, led to such disparaging remarks as, "The only way Oregon won't lose against Oregon State is

if they get snowed in 'til Saturday."

They made it back and now Harter, Mac Court's master mentor, has to face Miller's Marauders with little more than a prayer and a backboard-bound cast-off. Said Harter, "There's really no answer to our shooting. We're taking better shots than the teams we're playing against." But he added, "The way to solve our shooting problem is to recruit."

Statistics show that the current crop of Ducks are scoring at an even, if not spectacular, rate. Blair is pacing the squad with 172 points for a 12.3 average. Ingram is one point behind at 172, 12.2. Strand has netted 161 points and forward-guard-center Doug Little has 160. Carlson is leading the team with a 14.4 average. He has tossed in 92 points in five games.

Blair and Ingram lead the team in rebounds, having hauled in 127 and 118 respectively if not always respectfully.

Oregon meets Oregon State next Friday in McArthur Court for their second king's-X encounter. The two teams meet March 10 and 11 in the home-away series that counts in Pac-8 standings.

Pre, Ryun to duel in two mile

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Whether you are a bonafide track nut or just a casual spectator of the sport, you might slip on the long-johns and head to Portland Saturday night.

Events get underway at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Coliseum for the 12th annual Oregon Indoor Invitational Track and Field Meet.

If you do brave the cold, you will be treated to one of the best fields assembled in recent history. With 1972 being an Olympic year the competition becomes much keener and stars of past years even find their way back into action.

Heading the list of events will be the two mile with defending champ, Oregon's Steve Prefontaine going against world mile king Jim Ryun, among others. Those others include AAU six-mile titlist Frank Shorter, former two-mile indoor record holder Kerry Pearce of Australia; Gerry Lindgren; Oregon Stater Keith Munson; the Ducks' Randy James, Mike Manley and Steve Savage of the Oregon Track Club; and late entry Rex Maddaford of New Zealand.

While Prefontaine, a two-time winner of this event, has to be considered a favorite, his best indoor time of 8:31.6 is fifth on the list of entrants. Pearce leads the way with a clocking of 8:20.6, followed by Ryun (8:25.2), Shorter (8:26.2) and Maddaford (8:26.6).

Although the two-mile is certainly the top event, meet director Bob Newland has stocked the other events with plenty of Olympic contenders.

Eddie Hart and Don Quarrie head the 60-yard dash field that could be the fastest in the history of the meet. Hart placed second and third in the NCAA 100 and 200 dashes, while Quarrie picked up first and third in the AAU 220 and 100 last year. Quarrie is also the world indoor record holder for the 100 yard dash.

Rounding out the sprint field will be Southern Cal speedster Willie Deckard, former OSU ace Willie Turner, Oregon's Al Hearvey, John Swainson and Beavers Bob Glaze and Luther Goin. Either John Mays or Ivory Harris of the Ducks may also compete.

Lee Evans, the 1968 Olympic gold medalist and world record holder at 400 meters, is the man to beat in the 500. Evans' competition probably will come from San Diego States' Wes Williams, who recorded the second fastest time in the world last year in the intermediate hurdles.

The mile will see Dave Wilborn, Oregon's school record holder at 3:56.2; battle John Mason (3:57.9); Rick Riley (3:57.2); the Oregon duo of

Rick Ritchie and Bob Rhen; and two-time NAIA king Bob Maplestone.

In the women's mile, defending champion Doris Brown of Seattle is odds on favorite to defend her crown. Ms. Brown has recorded a world indoor best of 4:40.4 in the mile, and holds the American record outdoors in both the mile and 1500 meters.

Southern Cal's Henry Hines will be looking for his third straight Portland victory in the long jump. Two weeks ago Hines sailed to a 26-7 mark to lead the world this year. Oregon's Bouncy Moore and AAU champ Arnie Robinson are the top challengers.

The pole vault will feature Sweden's Kjell Isaksson, world indoor record holder at 17-9. Other competitors include Sam Caruthers (17-4), Washington's Kirk McBryde (17-4) and former Oregon State star Dennis Phillips (17-1).

World indoor shot put record holder Al Feuerbach (68-11) is the overwhelming favorite in his event. Battling for other spots will be Rich Marks (66-10), Bruce Wilhelm (65-4), Doug Lane (64-4), and Webfoot Pete Schmock (63 feet).

Former Olympic gold medalist Dick Fosbury will try to flop his way to an upset over Reynaldo Brown. Two weeks ago Brown high jumped 7-4 and is definitely favored over ex-Beaver Fosbury who is trying to make a comeback for the Olympics. Oregon's Marty Hill and Phil Singleton have also entered the highjump.

Fun and games over for Ducklings

For the Oregon Frosh, the fun and games are at an end.

So far this season, the Frosh have run up a 10-0 record against such "unlikely" powerhouses as the Pacific JV's and Clark College. But this weekend the party's over as the Ducklings tangle the Oregon State Rooks tonight in Corvallis.

Not only will the Frosh have to prove their mettle against what Coach Dick Stewart calls "a good, very quick team," but they may have to do it without their leading scorer.

Forward Ken Stringer, averaging 16 points a game, was labeled very doubtful by Stewart, as Stringer is hampered by an achilles pull.

Mudra applies

Still another voice has been heard from. This time it's from Darrell Mudra, the fifth coach to apply for the vacant Oregon head football coach position.

Mudra, 43, is currently the head coach at Western Illinois. He has coached at Arizona, North Dakota State, Adams State in Colorado and in the Canadian Football League with the Montreal Alouettes.

He will be interviewed by the University's screening committee this morning.

Meet OSU here

Matmen try again

The Beavers of Oregon State just may be praying for more ice and snow today. Their wrestling team is scheduled to visit Oregon's Ducks tonight in a 7:30 match at Mac Court.

But the Ducks are coming off a 43-0 bombing of Fresno State Wednesday night, despite being hampered with the flu this week. The margin of victory broke the school record.

Saturday the Beavers could manage only a close 20-15 win over the Ducks, with two key one-point Beaver wins providing the winning margin.

"We know we can beat them," said Coach Ron Finley after his Ducks fell short in their first meeting.

Dave Luke, who against Fresno State collected his 15th career pin, is now tied for second on Oregon's all-time career pinning list. The junior from Salem is just two short of first place and could easily reach it this year. Luke is undefeated in dual meets at 4-0 and owns a 15-2 record on the season.

Mike Oilar at 142 and Don Evans at 150 may again compete in the deciding matches of the dual with Oregon State.

Oilar lost a controversial 7-6 battle, that was protested by Finley when the referee missed a two-point predicament, which would have given Oilar the win and Oregon enough points to overcome the Beavers.

Evans was nipped 3-2 in another close bout, but missed the Fresno State match sitting out with the flu. It is still undecided if he will wrestle in the match tonight.

Pete Purkey will also be involved in a key match. The freshman, lose in only one dual meet—to the national champion, will take on the NCAA runner-up last year, Mike Jones. In the bout Saturday the two tied at 2-2. Purkey is now 5-1-2.

Freshman Wes Hines may again drop to 177 pounds where he beat OSU's Ken Thomas, 7-5, in the earlier meet. His win put the Ducks in front with two matches to go before the Beavers rallied. Hines has a 6-2 dual

match record.

In the Saturday match with Washington, the Ducks will be hosting a team that beat Iowa State, 18-17. The Huskies are defending Pacific-8 champions and are undefeated this season.

Tankers host Huskies

Oregon's swim team faces its toughest dual meet challenge of the year tonight when the nation's fifth ranked swim team, the University of Washington invades Leighton Pool at 7:30. The Huskies have no less than six world and nationally ranked swimmers and are considered a contender for the Pacific-8 title, battling against perennial powers USC and UCLA.

Oregon will have several top freshmen along with some seasoned competitors leading their assault. Tony Ciochetti, a freshman who is already destined to be one of the greatest swimmers in Oregon history, is among the Duck hopefuls. Other freshmen include Gary Hidle, a tough butterflyer from Los Angeles who is rapidly closing on the school record in that event; and Jon Ramey and Rick Basford, now the two fastest backstrokers ever at Oregon.

Rich Ross leads the Duck veterans in the sprints, hoping to run his string to three consecutive victories over the Huskies in the 50 freestyle. Co-Captains Pat O'Malley and Mike Dirksen are both off to great starts this season and should give Washington something to worry about. Dirksen is given a good shot at outdueling Collella in the breaststroke which promises to be one of the meet's outstanding events. O'Malley meanwhile will probably do all-around work for Coach Don Van Rossen.