

Ducks take hike up the pike once again

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It's that time again. Time to take that hike up the 'pike. Time to watch the Lemon and Green Gladiators face the Korvallis Kids. Time for the Oregon-Oregon State game.

At this time last year the Ducks were 4-10, hardly the Ferocious Fowls some people facetiously called them. Facing a 10-6 OSU team, Oregon was given about as much chance of beating the Beavers as Nixon has of being named "Mr. Peacemaker, 20th Century."

So what happened? Naturally, the Webfoots beat Oregon State. Not once, but twice on successive nights.

The jokes aren't there this year. At 10-5, same as OSU, the Ducks are playing good ball and possibly are better than most people think.

True, Oregon has yet to beat a top-ranked team and, true, they looked poor against Cal Poly last time out, but the Ducks are improving, execution becoming more consistent, players perfecting coach Dick Harter's half-gainer basketball to an art.

It will take superb execution and a few flying leaps to beat Oregon State. But it can be done. The place the game will be won or lost, according to Harter, is on the boards. "No question, rebounding will be the vital factor. It'll be a problem for us."

Look at the man-to-man match up and rebounding doesn't seem to be that big an obstacle. At forward Doug Little, 6-3½, and Bruce Coldren, 6-8, go against Sam Whitehead, 6-6, and Paul Miller, 6-7. At center, a couple of former Churchill High players go at it. Sophomore Gerald Willett, 6-8, faces senior Neil Jurgenson, 6-9. The guards are evenly matched, Ron Lee and Mark Barwig, both 6-4, against 6-4 Ron Jones and 6-2 Charles Neal.

But it's OSU's bench that gives Harter so many worries. Waiting in the wings is 6-11 Steve Ericksen, 6-10 Doug Oxsen and 6-9 Rick Reed.

Though the Ducks' bench isn't nearly as tall,

Harter isn't despairing. "Judging strength on paper, Oregon State is great. But our guys will do the job. I really believe it."

Those most likely to be called on to fulfill Mac Court master mentor's belief will be Billy Ingram, a 6-4 forward whose leaping ability allows him to go head-to-head with opponents 6-9, and George Martin, a burly 6-4 forward.

Getting the rebounds doesn't necessarily mean Oregon will win this Pac-8 clash. The Ducks have to do something with the ball, namely put it through the basket.

While no Minnesota, Oregon State is tall and will give the Ducks trouble when they try to get inside. Says Harter of the plight, "We'll just have to execute better."

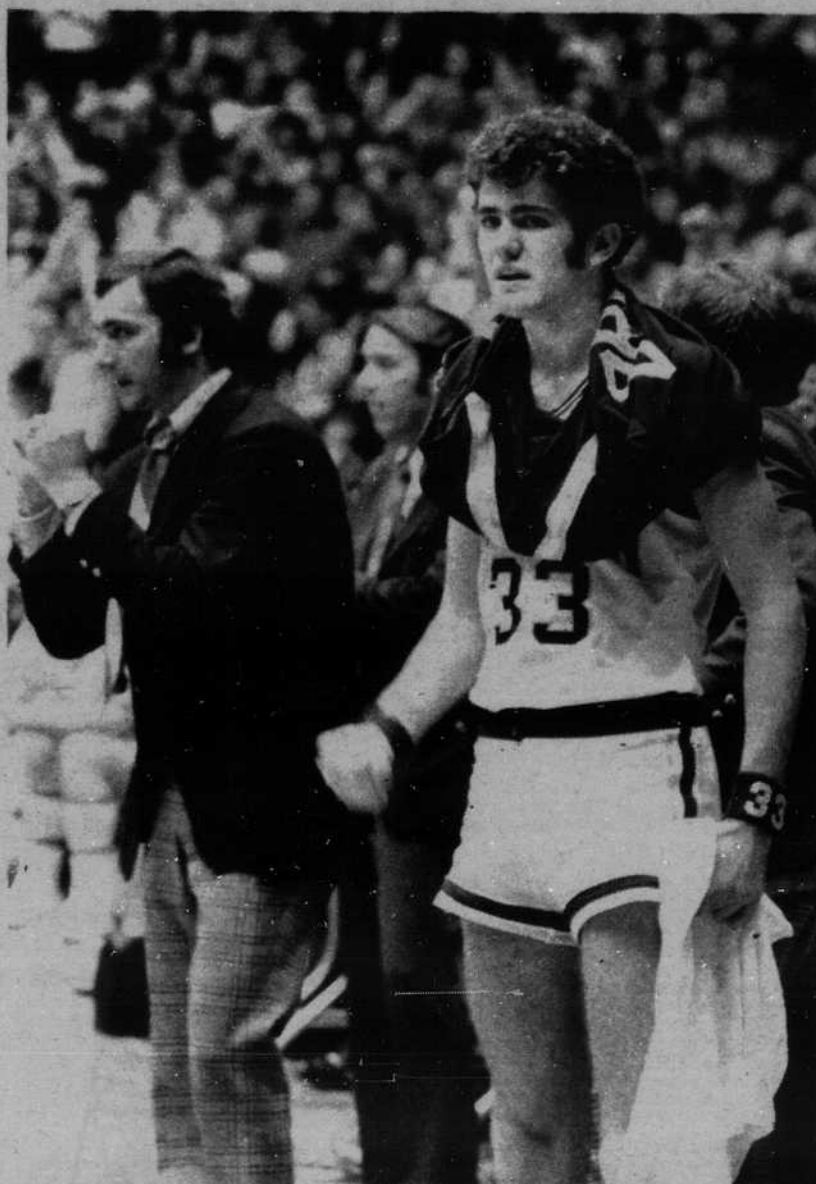
And does it look like they'll be able to accomplish that, something they most certainly didn't do against Cal Poly? Practice sessions are no indication, according to Harter they've been "up and down."

The Beavers height advantage will also show up on offense. With Miller and Neal good outside shots the Ducks won't be able to jam up inside. To counteract Oregon State's tough game underneath Harter will stay with the defense that has worked well all season, a man-to-man with a zone and half-court press thrown in.

If cage commander Ralph Miller's Beavers don't give Harter enough with which to be bothered, then the crowd does. "It's not just the game up there I'm thinking of," says Harter, "I'm concerned about both games, here and there."

"This whole rivalry has been blown out of proportion. I don't like it when people throw things on the court. Like two years ago at the football game in Corvallis. Students from both schools threw bottles on the field. There's no need for that. We respect their players and coaches."

Call it what you want. Orangemen vs. Quackers. Net Nickers vs. Kamikaze Kids. It's Oregon vs. Oregon State and the feathers and fur are sure to fly.



BRUCE COLDREN Photo by James Link

Women's sports

Basketball game today

The men's team plays out of town, but the University campus won't be completely devoid of intercollegiate basketball competition this weekend. The Oregon women's basketball team hosts Oregon College of Education tonight for their first league games of the season.

Both the A and B games will be in Gerlinger Hall. The B teams from the two schools play at 6:30 p.m. and the A game begins at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

The Oregon women lost a practice game last week to a Portland AAU team 49 to 45.

Gymnasts testing PSU

The women's gymnastics team—with a satisfying victory over OSU to its credit—competes tonight against Portland State University. The 7 p.m. meet is in Portland.

Freshman Ann Olson won three events in last week's meet against OSU and led the team with 27.45 points. In team scores Oregon won 80.05 to 60.85.

Oregon's next home gymnastics meet is not until Feb. 14 against PSU. The squad goes against Oregon College of Education, OSU, Eastern Washington State and Central Washington State colleges in weekly meets until then.

2 teams tied in IMs

The independent "No Stars" and the Legal Eagles II are tied for first place in co-ed basketball intramurals sponsored by the Women's Recreation Association. Both teams have two wins.

Two independent teams are leading the women's division in basketball. Matsen's independent team has won two games; Pearson's independent team also has two wins, but one is by default.

Women's and co-ed basketball intramurals are played Wednesday nights in Gerlinger Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m.

It beats track in Albuquerque

Big names in Portland

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PORTLAND — They were worried that meet director Bob Newland wouldn't get enough world-class talent to Portland to pack an elevator — let alone Portland's Memorial Coliseum.

But the guy who scheduled the Oregon Invitational track meet for tomorrow night at 7:30 knew what he was doing.

The next-best bet for indoor track aficionados is in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It's called the Albuquerque Junior College meet and if you pass up Steve Prefontaine and Pat Matzdorf to see that, you're crazy.

It's not just an Oregon intra-squad meet that annually packs the Coliseum. There's enough big-name drawing power to dwarf just about any off-season program short of the L.A. Times Indoor or the Sunkist. Names like Matzdorf, Steve Smith, Randy Williams, Don Quarrie, Fred Newhouse, and Al Feuerbach.

The meet begins with heats in the 60-yard high hurdles, and that could be one of the night's best races.

Oklahoma State's Jim Bolding, who narrowly missed making the Olympic team last summer in the intermediates, will battle UCLA's Charles Rich and USC's Jerry Wilson — a pair of high hurdles specialists who figure to dominate the Pac-8 this spring.

The pole vault and long jump prelims begin at 7:30, and the competition there is world-class.

Steve Smith, the man from Long Beach who came right off a painful thigh injury to make the Olympic team last summer, appears ready for an 18-foot indoor vault.

That alone is worth paying for. Smith broke the indoor record last week at 17-11 and right now is red hot.

Equally hot is Al Feuerbach, the diminutive, but explosive, shotputter who throws his best stuff indoors. He got the world indoor mark last week in the Sunkist Invitational with a 69-foot heave and Al's one of three 70-footers in the world.

If you're thinking provincial, there's always Steve Prefontaine — favored to win the two-mile

and maybe get a record — and Pete Shmock, the 65-foot shotputter.

Shmock has a chance to knock off the Olympic gold medalist. When Wladyslaw Komar threw 69-6 to nip George Woods at Munich, he bettered his previous personal best by nearly eight inches.

Since then he's settled down to sub-Olympic throws and if Shmock gets off a 66-footer, he'll beat the Pole.

Shmock of course graduated and doesn't mean much in Bill Bowerman's NCAA plans this spring.

The people who do, Craig Brigham, Al Hearvey, and John Mays, for instance, will get an early indication of how tough the outdoor season will be.

Brigham, the national prep record-holder in the decathlon, will be pole vaulting alongside Smith and two other 17-footers. His best is 16-4 but he'll push that farther as the season wears on.

Hearvey came into his own as a top sprinter during the Olympic Trials and Mays ran a 9.2 100-yard dash last summer. Their development is one of the most pivotal questions the Ducks must answer later on.

Now who's going to Albuquerque?

The favorites:

60-yard high hurdles—Jerry Wilson, USC; Charles Rich, UCLA; Jim Bolding, Oklahoma St.
Pole Vault—Steve Smith, Pacific Coast Club; Ed Lipscomb and Dennis Phillips, Oregon Staters Track Club.
Long Jump—Arnie Robinson, Army; Randy Williams, USC; Jim McAllister, UCLA.
60-yard dash—Don Quarrie, USC; John Mays, Oregon; Al Hearvey, Oregon.
Triple Jump—Dave Smith, Bay Area Striders; Sigurd Langland, BYU; John Delamare, WSU.
Shot Put—Al Feuerbach, Pacific Coast Club; Pete Shmock, Oregon Track Club; Wladyslaw Komar, Poland.
High Jump—Rick Fletcher, UCLA; Tom Woods, Oregon State; Pat Matzdorf, Club West.
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1,000-yard run—Mark Winzenreid, Club West; Steve Bence, Oregon; Art Sandison, Club Northwest.
Mile—Knut and Arne Kvalheim, Oregon; Jini Johnson, Club Northwest; Bob Mapstone, E. Washington.
500-yard run—Fred Newhouse, Club Northwest; Jim Bolding, Oklahoma State; Onia Bates, Oregon State.
Two-Mile—Steve Prefontaine, Oregon; Steve Savage, Oregon track Club; Pat Tyson, Oregon; Leonard Hill, Oregon State.
Mile relay—Oregon (Vince Buford, Crag Blackman, Doug Chapman, Paul Wilkinson); Club Northwest, Oregon State.