

trotters



Photo by Nick Dawson

The Harlem Globetrotters showed their own special kind of basketball ability to about 10,000 people, Monday night in Mac Court. Some of the Trotter greats were there, with Geese Ausby showing he's still the class clown of the court, and Marques Haynes exhibiting a little bit of that old dribbling magic.

Playing basketball another way in Mac

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Dick Harter wouldn't have liked the defense, but he would have loved the show.

Monday night, the world renowned Harlem Globetrotters made an appearance in McArthur Court, and about 10,000 fans turned out to see the basketball clowns do their thing.

The final score was Trotters 106, California Chiefs 85. But if you were to ask the audience the final score, it's a good bet not many would remember what it was. The score, obviously, wasn't what it was all about.

An example of what the Globetrotters give their audiences besides an enjoyable time happened last night.

'Geese' Ausby, perhaps the funniest man ever to wear the Trotters' red, white and blue, stopped the action late in the game by bringing onto the court a young girl confined to a wheelchair. Ausby proceeded to take the girl to every Trotter player and had them sign her program.

As it turned out, the girl, named Gail, was celebrating her fourteenth birthday. Ausby then had the public address announcer tell everyone to stand, and 'Geese' led the crowd in singing 'Happy Birthday' to Gail.

The Globetrotters did it all; the weave, the dribbling, the water bucket and ball tricks.

And of course, they made a lot of people laugh.

Flynt

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year a complete Nautilus exercise system consisting of 12 separate machines has been installed in the weight training room at Autzen Stadium.

"Our facility here is going to be as good as any in the United States. It's similar to what we had at Nebraska, but we didn't have a Nautilus system there," he said.

Flynt points out that there is much more to strength conditioning than merely pumping iron.

"Our system will be sort of a tripod system. It's based on running and stretching as well as lifting. They are all equally important. I compare our system to one of these old three-legged milking stools. If you remove one of those legs it's not going to work."

Since his arrival in Eugene, the bulk of Flynt's time has been occupied with rearranging the set-up in the weight room and getting the football team started on its program. He currently has the linemen and linebackers working out six

days a week and the backs and receivers doing circuit training three days a week. He said he will soon be in contact with coaches in other sports to set up programs for each team.

Flynt advocates that strength conditioning will give Oregon athletes a mental as well as physical edge.

"Strength is confidence. If all other things are equal, the stronger athlete is going to win," Flynt said. "If a guy can take 350 or 400 pounds and push it off his chest it builds up a tremendous confidence reserve."

Can we expect to see the Muscular Ducks manhandling the likes of Washington and USC next year?

"I think that some improvement will be definitely apparent next year," Flynt predicts. "It will take about two years before maximum results can be attained. A lot will depend on the individual athletes. You have to work hard at it to make it pay off."

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