

BUCK QUACKS

By BUCK BUCHWACH

Once upon a time—as all good stories are supposed to start—Honest John Warren, the terror of the gridiron, ruler of the basketball diamond, and chief of the maple court, was elucidating at great length on the subject of basketball. His audience consisted of one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five, thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine, forty, forty-one, forty-two, forty-three, forty-four, forty-five, forty-six, forty-seven, forty-eight, forty-nine, fifty, fifty-one, fifty-two, fifty-three, fifty-four, fifty-five, fifty-six, fifty-seven, fifty-eight, fifty-nine, sixty, sixty-one, sixty-two, sixty-three, sixty-four, sixty-five, sixty-six, sixty-seven, sixty-eight, sixty-nine, seventy, seventy-one, seventy-two, seventy-three, seventy-four, seventy-five, seventy-six, seventy-seven, seventy-eight, seventy-nine, eighty, eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three, eighty-four, eighty-five, eighty-six, eighty-seven, eighty-eight, eighty-nine, ninety, ninety-one, ninety-two, ninety-three, ninety-four, ninety-five, ninety-six, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine, one hundred.

Said John, with a twinkle in his large brown eyes, for are they blue?

"Whenever you have a pair of kids on the basketball court who work together with precision and finesse, whenever you have a pair of kids who can play basketball as if the game was invented solely for their sakes, you've got something."

"You've got the makings of a great team no matter who the other three players are. That combination should never be broken up."

And Freshman Coach John Warren should know, for under his tutelage performed two of the greatest such combinations ever to appear on the Pacific coast. The first was the Wally Paines-Bergstrom combination, a duo which played for John three years at Astoria high and brought him the state championship, then continued the winning ways at Oregon State, bringing the division championship to Corvallis.

The other pair completed their collegiate career last season, the two most important cogs in a machine that brought the national basketball championship to the University of Oregon—Robert Aniel and Wally Johansen.

But glories of the past are soon forgotten, and John Warren or no one else can build basketball teams out of memories. That's why this was written.

Today Mr. John Warren had the opportunity of watching another one of these teams. The Cardinals and whites of Lincoln high school of Portland is the team in question—a team that played the Ducks Monday afternoon.

Len and Al Popick, the two coming stars are cousins, and of Jewish descent. Both, although just over 18 years old, have been playing as a combination since their arms were large enough to encircle a basketball. Len is the sharpshooter of the two, a fast-shooting deadly who puts them from all angles. Al drops in more than his share of points, but excels mainly in ball handling, feeding, and defensive work under the basket.

This same Lincoln team, coached by Dave Wright, one of the best high school coaches in the business, as his record will attest, boasts of eight Jewish players out of a traveling squad of 11. All have played together for the past seven or eight years, although not a one is over 16. They were brought up in a neighborhood where telephone poles are not for stringing wires but for hanging home-made hoops, and streets serve merely as substitute basketball courts.

The Jewish youngsters who inhabit south Portland first learn to walk, then to handle a basketball.

And that's why John Warren had better keep his eye on 8 Jewish youngsters, all nephews—and their three teammates.

As for the Popick cousins, John had better devote a fair share of his time to them. In a couple of years they will be helping some college squad win a coast championship, and Len and Al will be the stars.

John himself expounded the virtues of having a smooth-working combination with finesse and precision, and these two kids fit the description perfectly.

Oregon's cross country basketballers finally settle down to the main business at hand, that of retaining their conference titles, tonight at McArthur court. Although a huge crowd is practically assured, we feel obligated to do our small bit in enticing prospective customers.

Long, long ago, which means about nine months in our language, an English professor spent the whole term in teaching you to write one thing.

"Poetry can speak into the furthest corners of a man's heart, can penetrate regions where prose would be fruitless," unquote.

So while Keats, Byron, and Shelley slowly turn over in their respective reading places in bloody old England, this figure of speech is rather good, uh what? We hereby apply for a poet's license.

POETRY
Helen, you're a
And Oregon's love
Co. That's right
Will bring it to you

The Best from Eugene
"Oh, Eugene, the Ducks
Oh to be in it."

And you know and Matt
That's right and Wally
Will bring it to you
The Ducks, which means

Good and John Dick
That's right and Wally
Will bring it to you
The Ducks, which means

Paul Anderson and Red
Will bring it to you
The Ducks, which means

So tonight at 8 o'clock
The Ducks, which means

University of Oregon Opens Defense of Hoop Title Tonight

Vandals Furnish Initial Test

Monday, Tuesday Tilts At Igloo—8 o'Clock

NORTHERN DIVISION	W	L	Pts.	Opp.	Pct.
Oregon State	2	0	90	74	1.000
Washington	1	1	74	80	.500
W. S. C.	1	1	40	74	.500
Oregon	0	2	0	0	.000
Idaho	0	2	74	80	.000

Games Monday & Tuesday—Idaho at Oregon.
Games Friday—Oregon State at Oregon.
Games Friday—Idaho at Washington State.

The University of Oregon's basketball team will open its defense of four championships here tonight when the Ducks meet the University of Idaho quintet in the first of a two-game series.

The game starts promptly at 8 p. m.

The Webfoot-Vandal game will send the last of the northern division teams into league action—Oregon State college holding the top position after a clean sweep of its Idaho series at Corvallis last weekend. Washington and Washington State split their opening battles at Seattle.

Howard Hobson's hoopers, an aggregation of the youthful coach believes capable of defending at least its northern crown, have won only nine of 15 pre-season games. But five of these defeats were suffered at the hands of top-flight collegiate opponents during the 7,500-mile holiday barnstorming tour of the nation's hoop capitals.

The other defeat was registered by Hubenstein's Oregonians, a team composed of ex-teammates that had been beaten on two previous occasions.

Dick Only Veteran

The Webfoots, who must first annex the northern division crown before attempting a defense of their other pennants—the Pacific coast, western regional and national collegiate titles—have been selected by many experts on the coast and throughout the nation to repeat in this season.

Hobson will have but one starting member of the 1939 team in his lineup tonight—John Dick, six-foot-four forward who has been shifted to center to fill the gap left by the graduation of "Bill" Wintermute. At the forward position will be Ted Sappola, Laddie Gale's understudy last year, and "Red" McNeely, a reserve on the four-player championship squad. The guard posts will be taken care of by Matt Pavlatinas, Bobby Aniel's first-line reserve for two seasons, and Vic Townsend, a transfer from Compton junior college who will fill the vacancy left by the graduation of Wally Johansen.

Vandals Badly Battered

Forrest Twoogood and his Vandals arrived in Eugene Sunday after dropping two straight decisions to Oregon State college in blistering battles at Corvallis. Although battered badly, the Vandals are expected to be in shape for Monday's test.

The Idaho mentor is confident his Moscow hoopers will make a better showing against Oregon than they did in losing to the Beavers. Friday night OSC won by a 48-36 count after the Vandals had taken an early 8-1 lead. Saturday night, with four players ousted on fouls, the Idaho quintet held Oregon State to a 42-35 verdict.

Last year the Webfoots won four straight from Idaho, decisive victories here but closely-contested battles in Moscow.

Probable starters for Idaho will be Roy Hamey, two-year veteran, and Ronald Harris, 8-foot-4 left-center, at the forward post; Otis Hilton, 8-foot-8 junior, at center; Chuck Atkinson, 8-foot-2 junior, and Bill English, 8-foot reserve from last year, at the guard positions.

REDSPOUT QUINT WINS

REDSPOUT, Jan. 8.—(Special)—Redspout high defeated Elkhorn high quintet 22 to 13 at Redspout Friday evening. Score at end of first quarter was 8 to 0, at end of half 12 to 0. The Elkhorn girls' volleyball team defeated the Redspout 25 to 19.

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DEFENDERS of four basketball championships are these three University of Oregon hoopers shown with their coach, Howard Hobson. They are, left to right, Matt Pavlatinas, John Dick, Ted Sappola. Oregon meets Idaho at the Igloo Monday and Tuesday nights, starting time listed at 8 p. m.

Team Match Winners Take Entire Purse

Ernie Piluso and Herb Parks believe they make up the most potent professional wrestling team in the light-heavyweight division and are willing to wager on this belief against any combination. So, when the Portland Italian and Canadian blonde meet Pete Belcastro and Sergeant Kerneson at the armory next Thursday night the entire main-event purse will be divided between the two members of the winning team—some \$50 worth of that glittering stuff that's just as good as gold.

Although the headline match was signed last Saturday, the details of the battle weren't completed until Monday when Promoter Herb Owen announced the "winners would take all" of the purse offered for the four headline performers.

Team matches are becoming quite common to local grappling fans, but Thursday's match is expected to top anything that has been shown here this season—a match featuring two dynamic scientific matmen against a pair of valiant who have little regard to the ethics of the mat game.

Supporting this Donnybrook will be two strong preliminary matches, according to Owen. The local mat impresario Monday was seeking the best available opponent for Bobby Chick, the former world title-holder who in less than a month has moved into the No. 1 challenging position for the coast light-heavyweight title recently won by Belcastro from Piluso.

The remainder of the card will be announced later in the week.

Cascade Ski Club Wins From Bend's Skyliners

MT. HOOD, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Dick Lewis and Cliff Rodgaard, both of Cascade Ski club, won the junior and senior events, respectively, of the Cascade Ski club-Bend Skyliners meet yesterday. Lewis' time was 1:43.2 in the junior race, Rodgaard's 1:43.3 in the senior.

LINDSAY IMPROVED

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Jim Lindsay, middleweight boxer, put in a sparring session with Billy Conn, light-heavyweight champion, was reported "slightly improved" at Mercy hospital today.

Henry McLemore Bids Farewell To United States Tennis Bums

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—(AP)—That charming vagrant, the tennis bum, won't be with us much longer.

The same tennis officials who made his "remittance man" life possible have suddenly waked up and realized what a wrong they were doing to a group of boys and the sport of tennis.

Up until this year any younger amateur tennis player with talent could make a living out of the game. A big, lanky, lissle living, but a living nevertheless. With expense funds from his own association, and what he could wrangle in the way of board, lodging and appearance money from clubs holding tournaments, he could just drift about the country all year long.

Cottage Grove High Beats Salem Quint

By BOB NELSON

The Cottage Grove quintet added another win to their growing list of victories last Friday night when they trounced the Red Bombers of Salem in the time of 42 to 21 on the Grove high court.

The Grove scoring attack was led by Hooker with 15 points and Lawton with 19. High-point men for Salem were Hardman and Calhoun who divided the honors with eight points each.

George Dugan's and Hooker's work under the basket played a big part in the Lion victory. Newton and Jones carried the burden of the floor work.

Cottage Grove started the scoring and ran up an eight-point margin before the Bombers scored. The game was a thriller from start to finish although the Salem quintet never got closer than four points to the Lions.

Fouls marred the game considerably with a grand total of 27 being called on the two teams. Two players were ousted from the game on fouls.

Summary:
Cottage Grove—42
Salem—21
Hooker 15
Lawton 19
Dugan 10
Newton 8
Jones 8
Hardman 8
Calhoun 8
Hall 3
Stewart 2
Winigden 1

Referee: Ugo Swanson.

Many Major League Holdouts Are Signed

By JUDSON BAILEY

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Like a herd of stampeding wild horses, the holdout squaws over the week-end around slumbering baseball fans in the last contract time is here again.

In the next week or two the documents with the dotted lines will have been mailed to just about every eligible major leaguer, but that chant of "No No" isn't likely to get much of a chorus. For one thing, a lot of players, including several perennial members of the "Bee" trial, already are signed.

Championship clubs are particularly anxious to face the most trouble rounding their players into line, but the Cincinnati Reds at this early date have 14 under contract for 1940 and the New York Yankees, who won't put their papers into the mail till next week aren't worried. That world series bonus made the Bronx Bombers happy.

The first of the Reds to sign up was Third Baseman Bill Werber, who has a pretty practical opinion of his own value, and one of the first was Paul Derringer, the big pitcher who used to be quarrelsome about his figure.

Heafner Clings To Golf Lead

Unfavorable Weather Skyrackets Scores

By ROBERT MYERS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Clayton Heafner and the rain god hold the key to the championship of the 15th annual Los Angeles Open golf tournament.

The Linville, N. C., pro stood at the top of a brilliant array of golfers today going into the final round of the meet, with a 54-hole score of 212, two strokes in front of his nearest foe. But more important to the golfing clan was the weather.

Rain by the bucketful soaked the Los Angeles Country club late yesterday and continued to fall this morning.

Heafner took 73, three over par, finishing before the worst part of the storm set in, and was glad to get it. With his previous rounds of 71-68, his achievement was good enough to hold the leadership.

Two strokes back was Johnny Dawson of Hollywood, low amateur in 1939 and 1933. Three very potent contenders, Mark Fry of Oakland, Calif., Ben Hogan of White Plains, N. Y., and Al Krueger of Beloit, Wis., were but three shots behind the flying Heafner.

Out of the running entirely was Marvin "Bud" Ward of Spokane, National Amateur champion. He missed qualifying for the final round by one stroke. He took 78 to total 230, and the limit was 229.

No-Name League In Three-Way Tie

Winters in Florida, California, Bermuda, Nassau, and almost everywhere else that the sun shines during the cold months. Summers in the east and mid-west, Easthampton, Southampton, Rye, Spring Lake, Seabright, Canada, odd spots in Wisconsin, and for the very good ones, Australia, India, Egypt, and way points.

It was a racket with a racket. Many a boy who got good at tennis drifted into this indolent, pleasurable life without realizing what he was doing to himself and to his future. The life of a tennis bum was so easy to take. The best hotels. The smartest country clubs. Adulation. The prettiest girls. Dancing. Parties.

There was always enough for spending money, and there was not a care for tomorrow. There was always another tournament ahead.

A few years of this and many a boy was unable to put his racket aside and go to work.

The United States Lawn Tennis association made a show of stamping out this real evil in the sport, which was making tennis bums on a wholesale scale of so many young men, several years ago. The association passed a rule forbidding any player to travel outside of his home district on expense account for more than eight weeks during a year.

However, this rule was not enforced and many of the boys played not eight weeks, or eight months, but twelve months a year on expense account. But, it would seem, that finally one old tennis father pinched another old tennis father and said:

"Look! We've got a rule here that might be a good one if we would only enforce it."

So the association sent out warning that the eight-week rule was really a rule, and to show that they meant it halted two of the game's star players, Wayne Sabin and Gene Mako, onto the carpet. At last report, Sabin and Mako were still ineligible for sanctioned U. S. L. T. A. tournaments.

If the U. S. L. T. A. doesn't weaken on the enforcement of the rule it will just about finish off the wandering of the tennis bum.

So, bye bye tennis bum. You were entirely charming but not worth a damn.

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DISTRICT SEVEN

W	L	Pts.	Opp.	Pct.
St. Mary's	1	0	13	1.000
University	0	0	0	.000
Eugene	0	0	0	.000
Springfield	0	0	0	.000
Cottage Grove	0	0	0	.000
Junction City	0	1	18	.050

Games Tuesday—Eugene at Springfield.
Games Friday—University at Junction City. St. Mary's at Cottage Grove.

All six district 7 high school basketball teams will see action this week following St. Mary's high's 23-15 victory over Junction City last week in the opening league contest.

Eugene high will travel to Springfield Tuesday night for a game against Elgin F. Millers. A second-team game will be played at 7 p. m. The Millers, victors in nine of 10 pre-season games, will be given an even chance against the Eugene quintet.

Probable starting lineups will be: Springfield—Koch and McCready, forwards; Pollard, center; Hennebeck and Winkley, guards. Eugene—Marshall and Skirvin, forwards; Hathaway, center; Smith and Frye, guards.

St. Mary's will travel to Mohawk and Junction City will entertain Pleasant Hill in non-league games Tuesday.

Other league games this week will send St. Mary's to Cottage Grove and University high's defending champions to Junction City for Friday night contests.

Calendar

MONDAY
Basketball
Oregon vs. Idaho, Igloo.
Vaughn vs. K. C., St. Mary's.
Larsen vs. Company M, armory.
McKee Bakers at Elmira.

TUESDAY
Basketball
Oregon vs. Idaho, Igloo.
Frost vs. Franklin.
St. Mary's at Mohawk.
Eugene at Springfield.
Pleasant Hill at Junction City.
Vida at Thurston.
Baptist SM vs. NCC, NCC court.
Phalanx vs. Baptist MM, NCC court.

Snow Chases Winter League Golfers at Club

Unfavorable weather conditions, including a snow flurry, kept most Eugene Country club winter-league golfers by the fireplace Sunday as only half of the six scheduled matches were played. The postponed matches will be played next Sunday, weather permitting, according to Wendell Wood, club professional.

Rex Team Leads At Laurelwood

Draper Posts Sub 70 for Best Round

The Rex Theater golf team leads in the Laurelwood golf league Sunday with scores, respectively, 34 and 36. The team is 3-0 in league play.

The Rex team's 34 was a 12-point win against Jewellers. The Rex team's 36 was a 12-point win against Electric Cleaners. 3-0 in league play.

Darrell Draper of the Rex team posted the best score of the day, a sparkling 34. Despite unfavorable conditions, Draper, who defeated Curtis, defeated Draper, 3 to 0.

Results of Sunday matches:

Riverside, Times No. 1: Wilhelm, 34; 2 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 3 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 4 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 5 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 6 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 7 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 8 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 9 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 10 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 11 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 12 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 13 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 14 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 15 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 16 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 17 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 18 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 19 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 20 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 21 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 22 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 23 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 24 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 25 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 26 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 27 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 28 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 29 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 30 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 31 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 32 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 33 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 34 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 35 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 36 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 37 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 38 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 39 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 40 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 41 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 42 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 43 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 44 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 45 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 46 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 47 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 48 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 49 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 50 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 51 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 52 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 53 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 54 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 55 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 56 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 57 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 58 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 59 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 60 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 61 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 62 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 63 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 64 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 65 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 66 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 67 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 68 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 69 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 70 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 71 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 72 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 73 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 74 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 75 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 76 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 77 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 78 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 79 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 80 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 81 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 82 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 83 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 84 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 85 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 86 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 87 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 88 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 89 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 90 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 91 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 92 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 93 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 94 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 95 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 96 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 97 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 98 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 99 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 100 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 101 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 102 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 103 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 104 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34; Webster, 34; 105 vs. 30: Rasmussen, 34;