

# The Firing Line

By PAT FRIZZELL

Hec Edmundson lives and breathes basketball, and he's probably done the grand old game as much good as any man that can be mentioned. Yesterday afternoon, less than three hours before his Huskies went into battle at the Igloo, the genial Washington coach was as calm and collected as if he were preparing for a two-month's rest.

"Our reason for losing to Oregon State Friday and Saturday is simple to explain," smiled Hec as he crossed his legs in a chair in his room in the Eugene hotel and lighted a cigarette. "We didn't score enough points. That's the first rule in the book for winning ball games, and we didn't follow it."

That explanation seemed to fill the bill, so Emerald Managing Editor LeRoy Mattingly and your recuperating correspondent fired further queries. Edmundson is a man who'll sit down and talk by the hour with the man in the street. He not only coaches interesting basketball, the kind you like to watch, but he talks interesting basketball, the kind you like to hear.

"We had no defense against Oregon State," went on the coach who has won seven championships for Washington in nine years. He singled out Art Meryman as an important reason for the Huskies' loss and also praised Mal Harris, the big Beaver sophomore.

"I fought against abolishment of the tip-off for years," said Edmundson. "But it's coming now, and, like it or not, we'll have to accept it."

Hec figures that the only reason the tip wasn't abolished nationally prior to this season is that last year's rules meeting was held in New York. "New York coaches favor the tip-off," he said, "and you know how they are back there."

All the eastern coaches are for the tip, Edmundson said, while the rest of the country is pulling away from it. He pointed out that an unofficial mail poll of coaches throughout the nation last year favored by a 7 to 6 vote, doing away with the jump.

Effect of the no-tip change on the game? Well, according to Hec it means not only higher scores but more even scores. He agreed that it lessened the likelihood of successful last-minute rallies, but he warned that objection to it on the ground that it penalizes the scoring team is valid only if that team has a taller center, one who could take the tip if there was one.

That led to discussion of the new six-foot circle the rule makers have seen fit to stretch around the jumping center.

"The only good I can see in the big circle," said Hec, "is that it keeps the referees from getting bumped. Officials used to take quite a beating." He believes that the large center circle gives a team with a tall center further advantage, for it makes it easier to tip the ball to a teammate and makes it harder to steal the sphere.

The three-second keyhole rule is all right for college teams playing on big floors, in Hec Edmundson's opinion, but he laughed when he considered its effect on offenses on small high school floors. "Unquestionably it helps a zone defense," he said, and the team using a zone on a small floor can almost completely bottle an opposing offense.

"It might be a good idea," Hec said, "to make the rule apply only to the man with the ball, and cut the time to two seconds. A lot can happen in two seconds, you know."

The greatest player Hec Edmundson ever coached? He's had Ralph Cairney, Johnny Fuller, Hal Lee, Bobby Galer, and literally dozens of other top-notch all-coast stars. But it didn't take him long to name one man.

"I think," said Hec, "that Hank Swanson was as good as any player I ever had. He could play any position, and he was good at all of them."

Asked about the best ball player he had ever seen, the Husky mentor chose a dark horse. Townsend of the present University of Michigan team, who played against Hec's gang at Seattle early in the season, was the man. "He's quite a Houdini with the ball," Hec said.

"Give me a tall man," was Edmundson's answer to a query concerning his preference along the lines of altitude. "Tall men are almost always better on defense. Of course, they make take longer to develop. But when I can get 'em, I like the big fellows."

Townsend, the Michigan stylist who so caught Hec's eye, stands 6 feet 9 inches. But Jaloff, a little fellow Edmundson had some years back, stood only 5 feet 3 or 4 inches and he played regularly. "I never thought he was even that tall," reminisced Hec, "but he always claimed that much and I didn't measure him."

Edmundson took his Huskies to the final Olympic tryouts in New York last April, and, as every hoop enthusiast knows, the Puget Sound crew came out ahead of any other college team in the tournament. Hec said that DePaul, first opponent of his outfit back there, rejoiced at drawing the easiest team in the meet when the pairings were announced. But Washington trimmed the Chicago collegians by a healthy margin, and then went on to win third place in the tournament.

"I believe the Tulsa Oilers, who beat us in our second game, were really a few points stronger than the Universals, who won the tournament," said Edmundson. The Oilers, who were very tall, tired the Huskies so in the first half that the lads couldn't keep up the pace.

Washington's showing in that tournament is enough to indicate the way in which Hec Edmundson compares coast basketball with the brand played by college teams in the midwest and east. He thinks the Pacific variety as good as any in the land.

"Stanford hasn't just a one-man team," said Edmundson, asked about high-scoring Hank Luisetti. He went on, however, to praise Luisetti as a wonderful player and a certain all-American. He called Art Stoffen, the big center, the second best man on the Indian squad.

Hec likes his men to sit on the bench and learn things when they are sophomores. He said that most of his all-coast stars have been substitutes when sophomores.

"No, we don't get our basketball players from intramural leagues," Edmundson denied definitely. Such a story has frequently circulated on this campus.

Four of the Washington regulars are Seattle boys, and most of the subs are from around Puget Sound also. "Since I've coached at Washington," said Hec, "about three out of four of my players have come from Seattle high schools."

Edmundson has seen worse weather, he assured. He's been snow-bound three times on hoop trips, and the slush on the ground panics him not in the least.

And Hec carefully made no prophecy on the game, which now was little more than two hours away. "We always like to make a fight of it," he said.

# Webfoots Climb Into Conference Leadership

## Betas Beat Fijis 32-21 In Donut Play

### SAE B's Take Theta Chi B's By 20-9 Score

#### Betas Play Abba Dabba In Semi-Finals Today; Yeomen B Team Takes Pi Kaps 11-1

By RUSS ISELI Beta Theta Pi beat Phi Gamma Delta 32-21 in the first of the intramural league playoffs which began last night on the intramural courts. This victory entitles the Betas to play the Abba Dabbas tonight in the semi-finals. The Abba Dabbas drew a bye and advanced through the quarter-finals without playing a game.

A fast start netted the Betas 4 points before the Fijis could get started, but Bob Findtner and Dick Hutchison found the basket for a field goal apiece and tied the score. Bob Beard put one in for the Betas as the quarter ended 6 to 4 in their favor. A fast second quarter ensued with the lead see-sawing back and forth. The score was tied at 6-6, 8-8, 10-10, but Hutchison put his team back in the lead with a fast cripple as the whistle blew for the half.

The whole Beta team garnered a basket apiece in the third quarter. Steve Anderson, Beta forward, ran his total up to 6 points for the quarter and Bob Beard added a basket to give the Betas a lead of 26 to 15. Scoring was even in the last canto with both teams getting a total of 6 points apiece. Final score was 32-21 for the victorious Betas.

Dick Hutchison and Steve Anderson were easily the outstanding men on the floor, both of them turning in high scoring games featured by great floor work. Anderson was high point man for both teams with 10 points, closely followed by Hutchison with 9.

Summary: Betas (32) Fijis (21) Anderson, 10 F. 4, Maeder Burnett, 6 F. 2, Findtner Moore, 5 C. Pinkstaff Adams, 2 G. Adams Beard, 4 G. 9, Hutchison Lasselle, 5 S. 4, Skinner S. 2, Hoyt S. 2, Mehl

Officials: Holden and Gordon.

SAE Reaches Quarter-finals Sigma Alpha Epsilon won the championship of league 5 and the right to enter the B league quarter-finals, beating Theta Chi 20 to 9 in a fiercely-fought game. This was the third win for the SAEs and the first defeat for the Theta Chis.

Ed O'Reilly put the SAEs out in front with a cripple on a tip-off play as the game started. Vern Hanscom tied the score with a nice one-hand shot from the corner. Bob Arnoldus tipped in a missed foul shot and put SAE back in the lead but Andy Frye dropped a nice cripple to knot the score again. Sam McGaughey potted a cripple as the quarter ended with SAE in the lead 6 to 4. O'Reilly led a scoring attack in the second quarter and was instrumental in putting SAE ahead 14 to 6 at the half.

Theta Chi Trails 18-8 A low-scoring third quarter ensued with Theta Chi trailing 18 to 8 as it ended. Bob DeArmond and O'Reilly dropped in foul shots in the last quarter to end scoring for the SAEs and Hanscom sank a foul shot for the only Theta Chi score, the final being, SAE 20, Theta Chi 9.

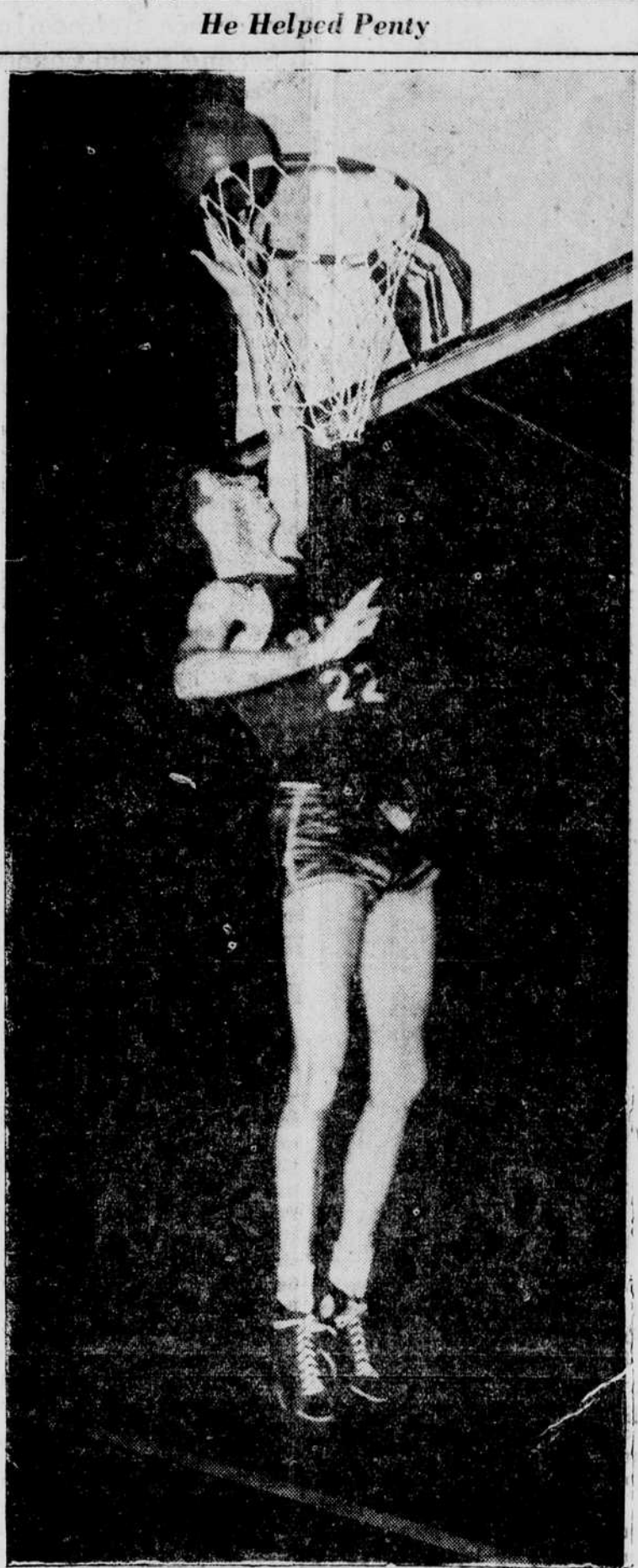
Ed O'Reilly was the outstanding man on the floor and rang up a total of 9 points for high score honors.

Summary: SAE B (20) Theta Chi B (9) O'Reilly, 9 Frye DeArmond, 1 3, Hanscom Arnoldus, 4 Harbert H. Hardisty, 2 Cooley McGaughey, 4 2, Kamph Smith, 2 Minger Clement Jewett Heilig

Officials: Holden and Gordon.

Pi Kappa Alpha B team was beaten 11 to 1 by the Yeomen B team in a game that was called at Get a shake at TAYLOR'S.—adv.

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Urgel (Slim) Wintermute stretched last night as he does in the above picture, and six times he dropped in field goals as Oregon throttled the Huskies. Wintermute scored a total of 13 points.

The three-quarters mark to make time for the A league game to follow.

Harold Faunt made the only Pi Kap score, sinking a foul shot late in the third and last quarter. The Yeomen B's easily dominated the whole game, giving their rivals no chance to score.

Jim Fleck and Bill Stein were high men for the Yeomen with 4 points apiece.

Summary: Yeomen B (11) Pi-Kap B (1) Fleck, 4 Owen Hildebrand, 2 I, Faunt Stein, 4 Pierson Hodes Vannice Whitbeck, 1 Gassman Officials: Holden and Gordon. DU 16, Sammies 6 Delta Upsilon beat Sigma Alpha



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### Quick-Ones

By J. PINK

Said Oregon's "Hobby" Hobson, head man of the first Oregon team to defeat a Husky outfit on the Igloo floor, while busy getting his victorious Ducks to take their after-the-game milk an dshower, "The kids played a good ball game tonight."

Said Washington's Hec Edmundson, coach of the first Husky outfit to lose to an Oregon team on McArthur, busy applying liniment to the broad back of Chuck Wagner, "Congratulations are in order. The Oregon boys played a great game."

From Johnny Lewis, who poured in 18 points and played a bang-up game from every angle, "I was lucky tonight, boy."

Jack Gannon, the Husky top scorer with 13 and the first man to go out on fouls, shot a quick grin and with a smile said, "Oregon has a good ball club, and those fellows played plenty good ball tonight. In my opinion they are much better than Oregon State, who took us last week-end."

"No statement tonight," That was from Bobby Anet, the hard driving sophomore who left the game in the last minute via the personal foul route.

Had to wade into the shower (Please turn to page four)

### Varoff Departs On Eastern Trip

#### Pole Vault Champion Is Slated to Appear on Friday in New York

George Varoff, Oregon's holder of the world pole vault record, left Eugene yesterday for an extended trip east, where he will compete in two track and field meets in Boston and New York.

The Webfoot pole vault champion traveled on train to Portland, and will depart for New York and Madison Square garden today by plane if weather permits.

Varoff, who set his championship mark at 14 feet 6 inches in Boston last year, will be competing against the finest polevaulters in the world.

After competing under Oregon's colors in New York, he will move over to Boston to enter the Boston Gardens track and field meet. He will attend Boston college while there to maintain his scholastic standing.

Officials: Holden and Gordon.

Sigma Nu defaulted to Gamma Hall when they failed to show for their B league game.

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### Hobson's Five Wins From Washington In Igloo Tilt, 48-37

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Washington, 48 A FG FT PE TP Silver, f ..... 1 1 0 4 2 Lewis, f ..... 2 5 8 1 13 Wintermute, c ..... 0 6 1 2 13 Anet, g ..... 5 1 3 4 5 Johansen, g ..... 1 3 2 2 8 Gale, f ..... 0 0 0 0 0 Courtney, g ..... 1 1 0 0 2

SUMMARY						
Oregon, 48	A	FG	FT	PE	TP	
Washington, 37						
Gannon, f	0	6	1	4	13	
Loverich, f	1	1	0	4	2	
Voelker, c	0	3	3	0	9	
Edge, g	2	1	2	3	1	
Wagner, g	5	0	2	2	2	
Lockhart, f	0	0	0	1	0	
Ziegenfuss, f	0	2	0	1	4	
Dorsey, f	1	0	0	1	0	
Paterson, f	0	1	1	4	3	
Werner, c	0	0	0	3	0	
Totals	9	14	9	23	37	

Free throws missed: Silver 1, Gale 3, Lewis 7, Wintermute 3, Anet 1, Johansen 2; Gannon 1, Voelker 3, Wagner 2. Totals—Oregon 17, Washington 6.

Field shots taken: Silver 7, Gale 1, Lewis 15, Wintermute 11, Anet 5, Courtney 1, Johansen 7; Gannon 11, Lockhart 1, Ziegenfuss 4, Loverich 9, Dorsey 3, Paterson 3, Voelker 10, Werner 3, Edge 11, Wagner 12. Totals—Oregon 47, Washington 67.

Half-time score: Oregon 22, Washington 16.

Officials: Ralph Coleman, referee; Archie Buckley, umpire.

of shots on Johansen's foul, but Wintermute took the rebound of his own missed free toss and plopped in a one-hander from the foul mark. It was 28 to 24, with the foul near the midway mark.

Johansen, magnificent all evening, pulled the gem of the entire ball game at this point. He took a pass deep in Oregon territory and set out in a lightning dribble into the scoring zone. He reached the foul line, where the Huskies cornered him, and at that point executed a miracle shot. He pivoted to the right and pushed a pretty left-hander into the netting. It was 30 to 24, and the handwringing was on the wall.

Lewis Fights Back Gannon scored on Wagner's pass for the Huskies, but Johnny Lewis, the old comeback kid himself, sank two shots on Gannon's fourth foul. Edge tallied a pass from Wagner, but Lewis held another gravy toss on Ed Loverich's fourth foul.

With both Gannon and Loverich out and Oregon leading, 33 to 24, the handwringing was on the wall.

Then Dave Silver, who hadn't connected all night, took the rebound of a shot by Wintermute and twisted completely around to score with one of his southpaw specials. It was 26 to 22.

Chuck Wagner dropped in a pair

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