

Officials Blame Coaches for High Number of Fouls Called in Northern Division Hoop Games

By VINCENT GATES

Foul business!
Basketball, once heralded as a game of skill, has become a game of kill.

Take the word of some thousands of spectators of the northern division conference, six coaches, a half-hundred players and about every sports scribe in the northwest for that. They're writing columns about it, the coaches are moaning, the players are lying prostrate on the maple floors and the fans are asking for their money back. What to do!

Asked Referees

Who should know better than referees? We asked Ralph Coleman, Frank Heniges, Bobby Morris and interviewed coaches in the California division all about it. The consensus is this:

1. The northern division calls fouls too close, too often and allows no latitude for "traveling" and held balls.
2. The southern division problem is not so acute—the fouls are not so numerous.
3. The referees can do nothing about it.

We have seen every team in the northern division and every team in the southern division (California). The northern division teams are bound strictly by a literal interpretation of the rules—no body contact, no steps and "hands off" the opponents.

The southern division referees do not call fouls unless the foul

actually interferes with the play, i.e., a "reasonable" interpretation of the rules and depending entirely on the judgment of the officials. For example, if a man fouls an opponent somewhere clear away from the play and the act has nothing to do with the operation of the play the referee lets it go.

Traveling With Ball

Likewise when traveling with the ball. If a player is dribbling the ball and throws a pass while on the run the whistle is not blown for "traveling." The rule book allows a liberal interpretation of this sort, and the southern division officials accept it. The northern division officials follow the "letter of the law" interpretation and call every minute violation of the rules, regardless of its effect on the play.

An example of this occurred in the last Oregon-Washington game in Eugene. The ball was taken out of bounds by Oregon under the south basket and before the whistle was blown to start the play a Washington man collided with a Webfoot player while maneuvering into position.

What Do They?

The play had not actually started, the ball was being held out of bounds, but the foul was called. Why? Because the rule book says "no body contact." In the southern division many body contacts are made on the floor but unless the actual play is affected no violation is called.

What do the referees think about it?

Ralph Coleman, the veteran official from Corvallis, said the referees must act according to the dictates of the coaches who convene at the beginning of the season and definitely declare what course to pursue in officiating.

"Evidently the southern division coaches do that too, and have decided on a more liberal interpretation of the rules in regard to fouls," Coleman said. "If the coaches here want a more open play with loose interpretation it's okay with the officials. We call them the way the coaches tell us."

Frank Heniges, another official, said much the same. He thought fouls should be lessened, but confirmed Coleman's statement that the referees could do nothing about it unless the coaches acted first in the matter.

Archie Buckley said there was danger of the game getting too rough if foul-calling was liberalized.

We mentioned California's interpretation and wondered why the two divisions hadn't gotten together to equalize the officiating procedures of the two conferences. When the California division winner plays in the north for the play-off, the team from the south thinks they are picked on for roughing tactics.

Same Difficulty

Southern California had this difficulty at Oregon State a few years ago, and also at Washington a couple of seasons back—Trojan

players found themselves evicted from the game much sooner than they were accustomed to.

Buckley thought the advantage wasn't with either team, however. When the northern division winner goes south they find themselves roughed up by an unexpected amount of contact that they were used to accepting as violations of the rules.

Coleman said the southern division teams adapted themselves to the northern style of game more readily than the northern teams do when playing in California. He cited the games at Pullman last year when Stanford barely won from the Cougars, though heralded as a far superior team. Referee Heniges, who helped work the series, said the Cougar's success was not because of the rules but because they had a "defensive" team.

Morris Is Literal

Bobby Morris, Seattle czar of the northern officials, has usually been a "literal" referee when it comes to whistle tooting, but the problem may find a solution next month when Morris calls a "foul forum" to attempt an answer to the question of the moment.

The interpretation of the rules has always been at variance between the northern and southern divisions, but this year has seen a sudden increase of foul-calling in the northwest.

Everyone is protesting. The solution may lie in adopting California's interpretation. It may be worth a try. Morris' forum might find the answer.

THE HOT CORNER



By BILL NORENE

Hec Edmundson says that it's the officials, and Slat's Gill says that it is the coaches and players, and somehow or other we are inclined to agree with Oregon State's Gill.

This opinion is based on the performance of Oregon's Laddie Gale on the recent road trip on which the Ducks made a thorough inspection of the Palouse hills.

Now on this road trip Lad was held up to some 28 points by the opposition—how, we don't know—but that is exactly the point.

It seems highly improbable that any group of hoopsters could hold Gale down to a mere seven points per game including foul shots. His shot is one of the hardest to check by orthodox means that there is.

If it can't be checked by orthodox means, there is only one other way to do it, by unorthodox means, and that is what we suspect Idaho and Washington State of doing down here.

As if that wasn't enough, the prize news disseminator of the northern division, Hec Edmundson, comes out beefing about how too many fouls are called just after he loses a close series to our Ducks.

Of course Hec has his sportsmen, but it looks like poor sportsmanship to us to come out crying after a couple of defeats.

Getting back to the road trip, however, Hobby said: "... back of the trouble lies the manner in which the players are taught to play."

Take into consideration that Brendan Barrett is one of the Vandals' chief threats.

Barrett, officially 23, but unofficially probably 27, has played lots of independent ball around

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Sweethearts Edge Sammy Five 15-14; ATOs Enter B Finals

Shimshak Scores Seven Points, Keeps SAMs In Game; Peters Stars for Sigma Chis; Hotelmen Paced by Hays

Battling for the right to meet the ATOs Monday in the finals the Sigma Chis and the Sammys tangled in a close game with the Sigma Chis edging out a win 15 to 14.

It was an uphill battle all through the first half and midway through the third quarter when the Sigma Chis solved the Sammy defensive maneuvers. Scoring two quick baskets, Peters brought the Sigma Chis to within one point of the Sammy lead at the end of the third quarter. From here on the Sigma Chis came into their own and went on to win.

Shimshak Leads

In the first quarter the Sammys drew first blood with Shimshak caging the first two baskets giving the Sammys a four point lead as the quarter ended. It was Shimshak who kept the Sammys ahead as he caged another, but Peters retaliated to give the Sigma Chis their first tally. The Sammys were only able to cage another field goal while Peters potted a couple to bring the count to 9 to 7 at the half.

Faced with a 9 to 7 score as the second period opened the Sigma Chis played 4 minutes before they could dent the Sammy defense. In this last canto Herzog was the only one able to break through with a tally for the Sammys.

Outstanding for the Sigma Chis was Dick Peters who played a very smooth, calm and deliberate game throughout the fray. For the Sammys Shimshak proved to be the necessary spark needed, for in the first half he tallied 6 of the points scored.

Summary:

Sigma Chi, 15	14, Sammys
Peters, 8	2, Herzog
Sederstrom, 5	3, Frager
Hendershott, 2	3, Shevach
Hansen, 2	2, Rotenberg
Burlingame, 2	7, Shimshak
Gridley, 1	1, S
Anderson, 1	1, S
Butler, 1	1, S

ATOs 28, Phi Deltas 18

Wow what a game!
In one of the roughest, scrappiest games of the season, the strong ATO quintet paced by Jack Hay trampled over the Phi Deltas 28 to 18. From the opening whistle until the final whistle the game was a donnybrook with everyone having a foul on him including some of the spectators.

Towards the end of the game the Phi Deltas ran out of men and had to issue a call for recruits. As a matter of fact if the game had gone two or three minutes longer there would have been no one able to play as fouls were being called right and left.

The game started with a bang as on the opening tipoff Hay received the ball and looped one in from the keyhole to give the ATOs first blood in the all-important battle.

The Phi Deltas throughout this first quarter were unable to match strides with the ATOs so as the quarter ended the score was 2 to 0 for the ATOs.

ATOs Hit Ten
In the second frame both teams opened up with the score being knotted several times. In this hectic wild quarter the ATOs banged the hoop for 10 more points while they held the Phi Deltas to 4.

The second half was a repetition of the first with both teams going into it with everything they could give. However, the ATOs proved their superiority and out-ran, out-foxed, and out-scored the fast tiring Phi Deltas to pull ahead and never be within hailing distance of them. The ATO scoring attack in this second period was paced by Hay and Graybeal.

In winning this game the ATOs

Basketeers Make Ready For Vandals

Series Will Decide Northern Division Champions; Silver Takes Quiz

By GEORGE PASERO

With the "make or break" Idaho series set for next Tuesday and Wednesday nights Coach Hobby Hobson herded his Oregon Ducks onto the Igloo mack yesterday afternoon for the first of a series of light workouts in preparation for the Vandal invasion.

In the time before the series next week, Coach Hobson has indicated that he will stress ways and means of penetrating the tight defense of the Vandals.

Three Defeats

Against OSC and Idaho this season, exponents of the "slow 'em down" and "set 'em up" style of play, the Webfoots have won only one of four games.

The Ducks lost to Idaho, 33 to 28 and 35 to 34, and bowed to Oregon State at Corvallis, 36 to 32. Their sole victory from a "slow 'em down" team was gained from Oregon State here, 38 to 32.

Three teams—Idaho, Washington State, and Oregon—are within hailing distance of the northern division hoop tiara with Washington only slightly in arrears. Oregon is in third place, a half game behind the Cougars and Vandals who jointly occupy the top spot.

Idaho Dark Horse

Idaho has been the true dark horse of the northern division race. After dropping three out of their first four games, the Vandals have come back to win eight of their last 10 games to tie for first place in the standings.

One defeat will virtually eliminate Oregon from the flag chase so Hobby Hobson's boys are staking their final hopes on being able to flag down the Vandal special twice in a row.

The same five that saw most of the service on the road trip with the exception of Dave Silver, who was taking an exam, worked on the first string yesterday, are expected to start for the Webfoots. Alternating in Silver's forward berth last night were John Dick and Ted Sarpola.

Gale at Forward

Laddie Gale ran at the other forward with Slim Wintermute at center and Bobby Anet and Wally Johansen at guard. Matt Pavakunas and Ford Mullen, chunky guards, and Ray Jewell also went through their practice paces along with Bob Blenkinsop and Paul Jackson.

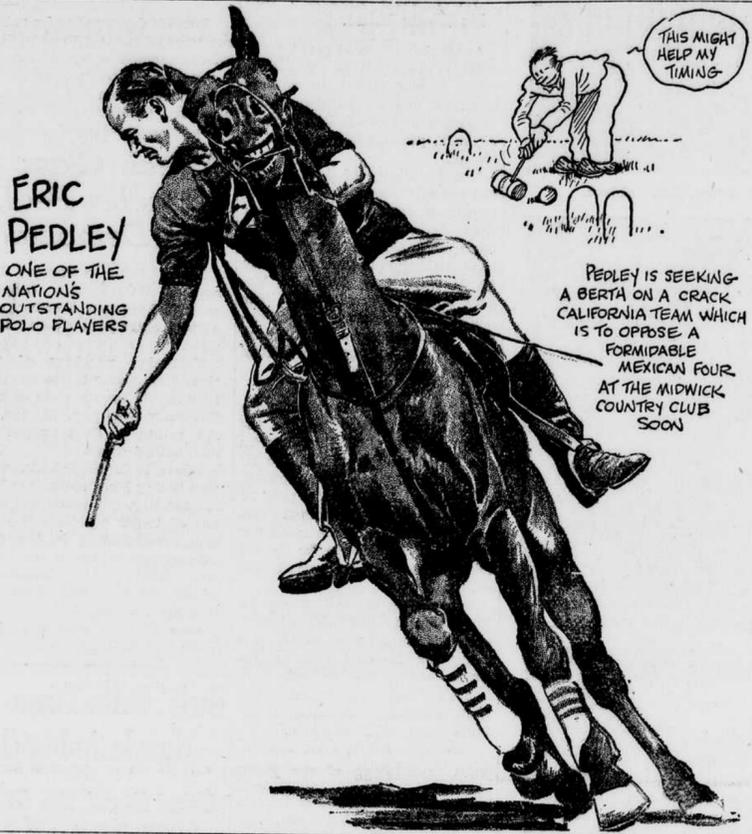
Leading the Idaho attack will be such scoring threats as Steve Belko, diminutive forward from Gary, Indiana; Brendon Barrett, also from Gary, and a flashy ball handler, Captain Don Johnson. Lyle Smith, Bill Kramer, Willis Bohman, and Roland Winter.

All-Campus Victory Won by Winslow

Norman Winslow won the all-campus badminton singles championship yesterday by defeating Bob Fairfield 15-4, 15-3.

The game was played on one of the basketball floors. Fairfield was greatly handicapped by the large floor and high ceiling. He had been used to playing in the small handball courts.

Winslow was never behind and won the games quite easily. He jumped to a lead in the first game and that lead was never overtaken.



Net Ct aces Much Better Says Mentor

Five Vets Returning, Six Junior College Players Have Come North to Play

Although every team in the northern division is much improved, Webfoot tennis chances for another successful season are at present very favorable, according to Paul Washke, veteran tennis mentor.

Five veterans, four outstanding junior college transfers and seven ambitious numeral winners from the frosh are the chief reasons why the Webfoots should enjoy another outstanding season this spring.

Five Men Back

Three of the five lettermen returning this year earned major sport letters last year on the co-championship Duck squad. Lead-line contenders to replace captain John Economus in the No. 1 singles spot will be Larry Crane, No. 2 man on last year's squad, and one

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News Staff To Meet Waterloo at 10 a.m.

The battle is on! News writers vs. sports scribes.

At 10 o'clock this morning the battle royal of basketball climaxed only by the Oregon-Oregon State games will be enacted on the maple boards of the Igloo. The Daily Emerald, not content to enter the field of broadcasting, has again taken up the athletic side of the campus picture with what promises to be the hoop highlight of the year.

Hotshots Here

Complete lineups have been announced. The news staff will pit the following against the sports writers:

Morry the Monsker Henderson; One-Round Mattingly; Sloppy Stan Hobson, the Madras Madman; Homeward Graham; Lewping Lew Evans; Jack Whataman Bryant; Cross-Eye Compton; and Red-Down Greenup.

The sports penmen named the following squad:
John Not-So Bigg(s); Rusty Gates; News-Hawkins; Eel Reber; Dean Gregory Norene; All-Star Pasero (paid-adv.); Bill Van Du-

Oregon State Is Favored to Down Ducks

Bert Meyers, Cathey, Lafferty Are Only First Possibilities for Webfoots

Ducks vs. Beavers this afternoon at Corvallis! And the Beavers are pre-meet favorites to duck the Ducks.

Bert Meyers and Ralph Cathey in the diving are the only Oregon tankmen to hold any marked advantage over Oregon State. Cathey, Oregon's outstanding sophomore diver, nosed out Myers last week and may repeat. Myers has been a stellar diver in the northern division the past two years, with a championship in 1936 to his credit.

Ralph Lafferty shows possibility of duplicating his performance last week when he nosed out Rea of OSC in the breast stroke. Smith and Mallory of Oregon were barely beaten in the wild finish sprint events a week ago. Either the veteran Smith or Mallory, another sophomore, might come out on top in the dashes.

Levy Off Form

Jack Levy, blond speed demon in the middle distances, was somewhat off form in last Saturday's meet, but should give Brownell and Burns of OSC a good battle. Levy has been the Oregon powerhouse up until the Oregon State meet. Despite the fact that he only copped a second and third place against the Beavers, he has paddled off with seven first places in the four meets so far this season.

Both Johnny Stewart in the breast stroke and Lewis Coleman in the backstroke have contributed points so far this season and should place in today's meet. Tom Starbuck failed to finish in the money last week, but will be a threat to the Beaver ace, Art Brugger. Tom Hayashi took a third in the 440 free style, and should repeat.

Probable line-ups:
Medley relay: Ore. (Coleman, Lafferty, Smith), OSC (Vogland, Rea, Koski).
Distance free-styles: Ore.—Levy, Hayashi; OSC—Brownell, Burns, Fisch.
Sprints: Ore.—Smith, Mallory; OSC—Brugger, Hillison, Koski.
Diving: Ore.—Cathey, Meyers; OSC—Edwards, Olson.
Backstroke: Ore.—Coleman.
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Sigma Chi in Finals; Win Over Zeta Hall

Forfeit Proves Costly To Zeta's Chances; Amato Stars

Zeta hall bowed to a determined Sweetheart team, 2-1 in intramural handball yesterday giving the Sigma Chis the right to play the barnmen in the finals.

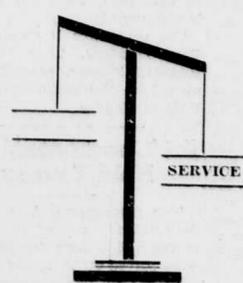
Bob Albi forfeited the first singles match to Ralph Amato of Sigma Chi. He did not show up in time to play. Joe Amato of Zeta defeated George Humphreys, 21-8, 21-15, in the second singles match. Amato showed championship form as he consistently drove hard shots to the wall which Humphreys couldn't handle.

Sigma Chi was far in the lead in the first game of the doubles match and finally won, 21-5. The Sweethearts took the second game, but it was somewhat closer, 21-15. Mel Johnson and Dick Roberts played for the Sweethearts while Marino Innocenti and Gene Truby upheld the losers.

At 4:20 Monday Sigma Chi plays Phi Delta Theta for the intramural handball championship. The Phi Deltas have a slight edge, but will have a tough battle to subdue the Sigma Chis.

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