

Cougars, Ducks Tangle Tonight

DUCK TRACKS

By ELBERT HAWKINS

Let's bow for a few moments in silent tribute to those high-minded moguls of basketball who have kept the game's rules so simple. So simple, that is, in comparison with football.

Five changes for the 1938 season were made by the rules committee of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. But (praises be) they're relatively simple and won't cause the row and speculation which resulted from elimination of the tip-off.

Elimination of the tip-off (except for the start of periods) did one thing definitely. It speeded up the game. So when the rules committee gathered for their last session they saw fit to protect the players by giving them more rest.

Hence the first revision.

1. The number of time outs for collegiate games was increased from four to five.

The second change was also for the benefit of players in this streamlined game. It is a matter of choice for those schools which want to use an old rule (high schools use it today).

2. Optional use of four 10-minute quarters instead of the customary 20-minute halves, with two minute breathers between the first and second, and third and fourth quarters. Only difference is that high schools play eight-minute quarters instead of ten minutes.

Revision No. 3 is a little more complicated. We understand that the Webfoots stepped on a floor against Drake university on their barnstorming tour which was painted because of this. The floor was a walnut color, with white lines, and the keyhole was painted a blueish color for the benefit of players watchng the "three second rule."

3. Exemption of the outer half of the foul circle from provision of the "three second" rule so that a player not in possession of the ball may stay in that territory more than three seconds without penalty.

The last two rule changes are of minor consequence to the casual fan.

4. Prohibition of substitutions immediately after a goal and before the ball is tossed into play from the end zone, unless a team has called time out.

5. Permission for optional extension of the end margin of the court from 2 feet to 4 feet from the face of the backboards.

Possibly that'll give a few loose-jointed shooters like Oregon's "whirling dervish," Ted Sarpola, a chance to turn one extra cartwheel when they dribble under the basket and then "button-hook" back to shoot.

College teams play regular overtime periods, maybe several, to settle their deadlocks—whether one team scores two points or ten. But high schools, so the rule makers decree, decide theirs with "sudden death" overtimes.

In a "sudden death," the first team to score two points—on goal or free throws—wins. If it goes three minutes, one team can win the game by a one-point margin.

Speaking of the "tall firs," here's (Please turn to page six)

Ducklings Open Season Against Commerce High

Igloo Game Begins At 5 o'Clock Today; Play Saturday, Too

By EHLE REBER

Led by lanky Leonard Gard, high scorer of last year's state prep tournament, John Warren's University of Oregon freshman basketball crew gets off to a flying start today at 5 o'clock against Commerce high of Portland at McArthur court.

A second game is scheduled against the Stenogs for tomorrow at 3 o'clock.

Gard is the Eugene lad who walked all over the state scoring record last year by sinking 80 points in four games, topping Earl Sandness' (Hobby's varsity reserve) record by 13 counters.

Another Eugene Boy

Six-foot Ross Kilborn, another home-towner, is picked to start at the other forward, teaming with Gard.

Warren stated last night that the center position was a toss-up between Les Thompson, 6-foot 4-inch, and Elliott Wilson of Alliance, Nebraska. Wilson has shown much improvement in the last few days and may get the starting nod.

Doug Caven, Warren's swivelhipped pigskin carrier, will start at guard. Caven has shown ability at ball handling and guarding at recent drills and promises to be a scoring threat all season.

Don Galbreath, all-stater from Boise, Idaho, will start at the other guard. Galbreath is fast and aggressive.

The Duckling reserve crew will have Gene Brown, Pat Smith, forwards, and Bob Deverell, Burke Austin, and Dick Whitman, guards.

Warren is rather optimistic over the outcome of the season in spite of losing Howard and Kenneth Fox, brother hoop duet from Thurston, Worley Ellis, all-stater from Vancouver, Washington, and "Bud" Alexander, another all-stater from Valley, Washington.

The yearling quintet, minus any "Flying Finns," will have a tough time stopping Harry Stremich and Eddie Hellner, high scoring aces of the Commerce brigade. Another man to watch will be Commerce's Center Shelley.

Ducks Take to Road After WSC Games

Final Appearance Until Tilt With OSC, January 27

Oregon's series with Washington State college Friday and Saturday will mark the last appearance in McArthur court of the Ducks until January 27, when they play Oregon State in Eugene.

Following the WSC tussles, the Ducks take to the road on two separate jaunts. The first will take them to Corvallis January 13, where they will meet Slat's Gill's up-and-coming Beavers.

The second will bring them face to face with the cream of the Inland Empire's hoop squads, Washington State and Idaho. Coach Hobson's crew meets the Cougars at Pullman January 17 and 18, and then moves to Moscow for a two-game series with the Vandals, January 20 and 21.

Silver, Jewell Sole Losses of '38 Team

Only two members of last year's Oregon hoop champions will be missing tonight when the 1939 Ducks open defense of their title against Washington State at McArthur court.

The two are Dave Silver, regular forward, and Ray Jewell, elongated substitute center. Silver, a three-year letterman at the conclusion of his cage career, scored 161 points last year in spite of being hospitalized for a time.

Jewell, a six-foot-seven giant, played three years but was a letterman for only two.

On Friday, January 13, Warren's hopefuls match their prowess with the Astoria town team in a game to be played at Astoria.

On January 20 the first tilt of the four-game series with the Oregon State Robks begins, with the last game ending February 25.

Probable starting lineups:
Commerce Frosh
Stemick F Gard
Brown F Kilborn
Shelley C Thompson
Hellner G Caven
McGee G Galbreath

The life of a single hair on a person's head is estimated to be six to ten years.

Oregonians Will Defend Northwest Crown Against Snarling Cougars Tonight

Champion meets No. 1 contender tonight when Oregon's Ducks begin the defense of their northern division hoop crown at McArthur court against Washington State college's giant Cougars from the Palouse hills in the first of a two-game series.

Game time both tonight and Saturday nights is 8 o'clock.

Ranked as the greatest hoop brigade to come out of Pullman in many a moon, Coach Jack Friel's outfit knocked the lid off the conference season Tuesday and Wednesday nights when they beat back the challenge of Slat's Gill's tough Orangemen, 30 to 19, and 37 to 25.

And now, on the second leg of their Oregon invasion, the Cougar club, manned by its array of big fellows, seeks two wins over Coach Howard Hobson's champs in order to establish itself as the team to beat and return home on top of the standings.

For Incentive
Oregon's Webfoots, for their part, will have an incentive in their attempt to disavow the theory that the transcontinental tour hurt their title chances, when they face the "get-them-while-they're-tired" Cougar club.

Coach Hobby Hobson has not named a definite starting lineup, but indications pointed to a team composed of five senior veterans—Laddie Gale, Bob Hardy, Slim Wintermute, Wally Johansen, and Bob Anet.

Left-handed Bob Hardy worked himself into the starting five on the Ducks' coast-to-coast jaunt and found a niche for himself until he turned his ankle on a late stage of the trip. However, Ted Sarpola and Matt Pavalunas may get the call.
John Dick, husky center; Red McNeeley and Earl Sandness, both sophomores; Ford Mullen, speedy guard, and Don Mabee, clever

sophomore, all may see action in the two struggles.

Washington State, too, will present a veteran combination. John Kosich, 6-foot-4 and 200 pounds; and Bill Chase, 6-foot-3, will start at forwards; Jack Jennings at the pivot position; and Ed Kerpa and classy Al Hooper at the guard posts.

Bud Olson, a sophomore, started the initial OSC game, but Kerpa opened the second and is expected to start the Oregon series.

Paul Lindeman, 6-foot-7 and 223-pound gigantic; Dale Gentry, and Ray Sundquist are first-line Cougar reserves.

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