

Duck Tracks

By LEE FLATBERG

I hold no particular peevishness against Oregon State. They won the Rose Bowl game and that's fine. . . . But ye gods, will they ever quit talking about it. Lon Stiner says, via a column in the Barometer, that he thinks the Beaver fans should forget it and think of basketball. For the purpose of the column we'll believe that. And Martin Chaves has the immortal quote of his about entering the army. "I can die happy now. That's what winning a Rose Bowl game means to a fellow. . . ." Okay Mr. Chaves, you take your Rose Bowl, I'll take about 50 more years of good solid existence.

Chatter About the Beavers

Let's talk some more about the Beavers. They're such interesting people. Remember the old adage, "Anything can happen now"? With that tucked away in a remote crevice of your mind look at this excerpt from Gregory's story of the Beaver's win over Washington. ". . . astonished 3000 howling fans . . . by doing it at the Huskies' own fast break and galloping game."

Anything can be expected when the Beaver basketball team starts running with the opposition. Of course, this doesn't come as too huge a surprise because a glance at their scores would hint that "something's been added." Scores like this, 52-47, 45-53 against the Cougars, and 45-35 against Washington show what we mean.

With the Orange match with the opposition and Oregon State, Anse Cornell, it seems, could sell enough tickets to fill the Igloo clear to the rafters, providing the defense board doesn't kick.

Who's Lew Beck?

Several people ask, "Who's this Lew Beck that's playing for Oregon State?" Factually, he's a sophomore from Pendleton, 5 feet 11, 158 pounds, and listed as a guard.

Specifically, he's one of the Northwest's sophomore finds. If you saw the Ducklings and Rooks' tangle last year you'll remember a short (I doubt if he's 5 feet 11) stocky lad with dark brown hair who played guard for the Rooks and who was a beautiful ball handler. That's Beck.

To date he's scored over 30 points in three games and has played an alert floor game. For a sophomore in his first competition that's doing all right. Jay Graybeal, ex-Oregon footballer, on the campus last year, warned the column to watch out for the boy. Graybeal, a Pendleton boy himself, has seen Beck play in high school and had plenty of respect for him. Beck breaks in a starting lineup that includes four seniors, Paul Valenti, John Mandic, Sam Dement, and Jack Mulder.

Friday Night's Officiating

Does the memory of that foul battle of last Friday still linger in your minds? When "Hee" Edmundson was asked after the game what he thought about the officiating he paused for a minute from putting jackets in their right trunks and said, "Well, I've been coaching basketball for a good many years. I've had teams back in New York, Philadelphia, Podunkville, and everywhere and" . . . and as he talked on I finally saw that he wasn't going to say anything about the refereeing—why should he?—he'd won his game—he was happy.

About Oregon he said, "They're a good team. Hobby will probably think up something to beat us tomorrow night," and he went on with his packing, chewing on that ever-present wad of gum.

As for Hobby, he wasn't wearing the sour expression you would expect on the face of a coach who had just lost such a one-sided game . . . probably hatching up that bear bait that nipped the Huskies the next night. His remark on the officiating was, "It wasn't very consistent," and then questioningly with a grin, "was it?"

Pity the Radio Announcer

The next time you listen to a basketball game over a radio don't berate the announcer in harsh terms. He's got a tough life. Parked in the press box during the Saturday game I spotted for the radio announcers. During a Washington-Oregon game those boys lead a hard time. It goes something like this: "Morris tosses it in for Washington," and before he can get another breath he's shouting, "Dalthrop takes a one-hander from the side." And imagine reading a commercial when the students in the row right in front of you are staring.

To Earl Russell: Get all the yells in you can. They, the announcers, love 'em and will pick most of them up over the air because it gives them a breathing space.

Paying his tuition at University of Cincinnati college of law with 102 silver dollars, a student explained the money came from his sideline as a justice of the peace.

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Oregon-OSC Feud Brewing for Igloo

Orangemen, Ducks Tied For Second

By FRED TREADGOLD

What series in the Northwest seems to attract more fan interest than any other? The Oregon-Oregon State, you will probably answer. Yes, that's about right, for whether the outfits are battling for league leadership or wallowing in the depths of the cellar, it's always a thrilling, bitterly-contested game.

Saturday brings these two outfits together for the 117th time since 1902, and what's more they are at present tied for second place in the northern division hoop chase, each with two wins and two setbacks. There will be just one game at the Igloo, the rest coming February 7, 13, and 14.

Just what does Oregon State have? Six lettermen, several varsity reserves, and a couple of promising sophomores. They have height, experience, speed, and offensive and defensive talents. OSC was picked by many sports experts as the team to beat at the season's outset.

Mandic at Center

The first line which has started the conference games of late for the Staters, is tall with a height

average of 6 feet 2 inches. At center is big John Mandic, a raw-boned aggressive senior who bounces 6 feet 4 and weighs 195. Mandic is the offensive spark for the Beavers and the 171 points he tallied in conference play last year will attest to it. Furthermore, the gangly center was chosen for the past two years on the northern division conference all-star team.

Orange Coach "Slats" Gill has a dependable scorer in Sam Dement at forward. Another senior at 6 feet 4 inches, Dement features a strong backboard game and is good defensively. At the other forward spot Don Hall, an elongated junior, has ousted Jack Mulder, two-year veteran. Speed with improvement in shooting finesse, has tabbed Hall as a constant scoring threat.

Guards Pack Speed

Much of the Orange speed is packed in its guard unit, consisting of two-year veteran Paul Valenti and sophomore Lew Beck. Valenti is a superb set-shot artist, besides being a tough defense man. When he's on, Valenti pumps in the baskets with monotonous regularity.

This Beck boy is the one that folks are talking about. For just his first year of varsity ball, he has shown much promise, especially in shot-accuracy. Against Washington State in the conference opener, Beck poared through 17 shots, and leads the Beaver scorers in league play with 48 points—an

average of 12 per game. Though Beck is small, just 5 feet 11. Backing up these starters are several good reserves. Coach Gill can call on Mulder, George McNutt, speedy one-year letterman from Pasadena, and sophomore Glenn Warren, 6 feet 5, Doug Martin, 6 feet 7, Budd Hoover, 6 feet 4, and Howard Jeffries, 5 feet 11.

OSC Loses Three

Last year, Oregon State wound up in second place with 9 wins and 7 losses. Three of these defeats were attributed to the Duck neighbors to the south. All games were close, and all but one were decided by a single point.

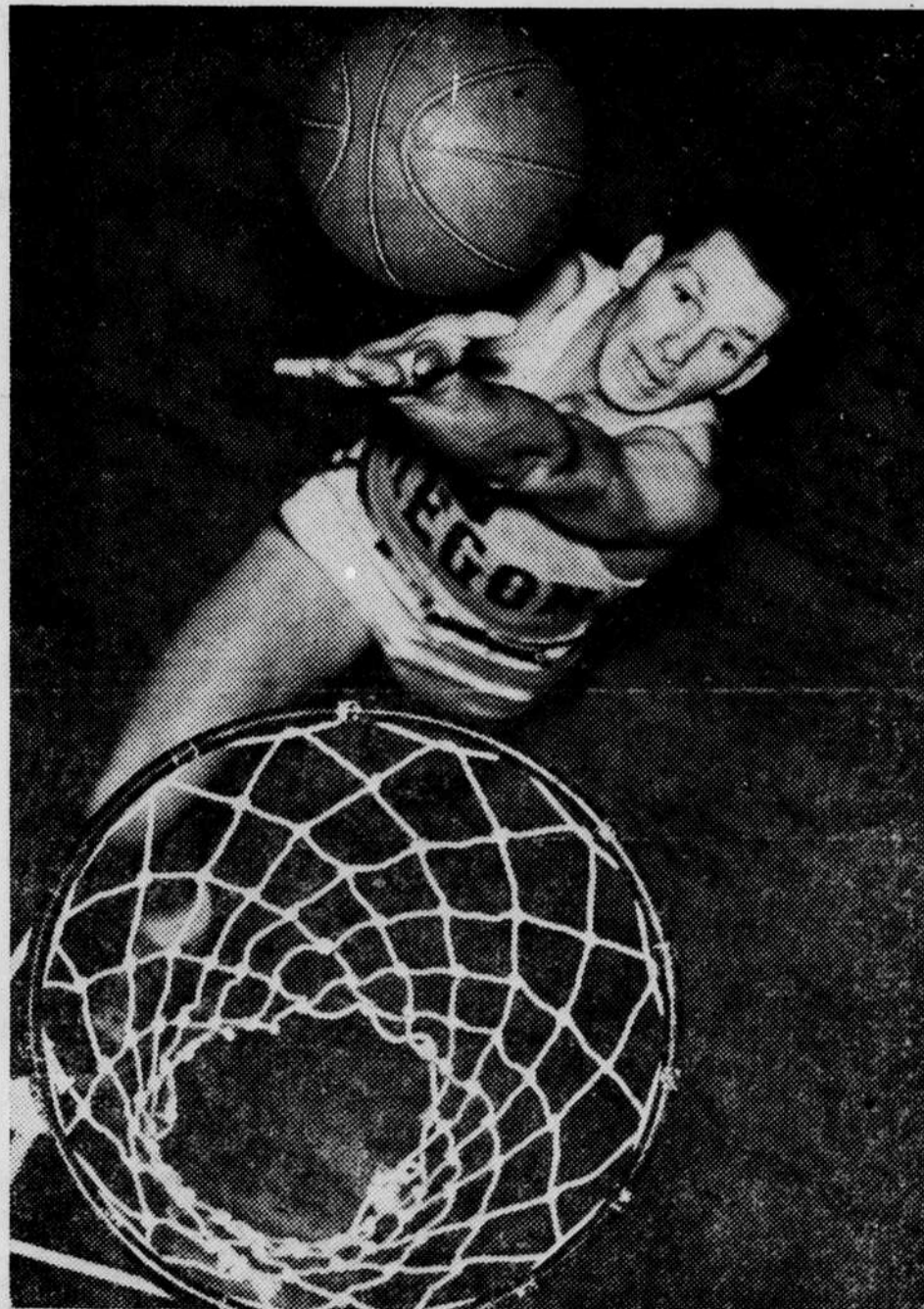
The Ducks copped the first tilt, 41 to 31 at Corvallis when "Wild Bill" Borchert went on a "wild spree" to count up 10 points in the second half. Oregon State had been ahead at the rest period, 14 to 12.

Hank Ripley, of Believe It or Not Ripley fame, came

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One Duck with one worry

Webfoot Forward Warren Taylor awaits the arrival of Slats Gill's Beaver outfit Saturday.



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